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CALIFORNIA

2030 GENERAL PLAN

GOALS & POLICIES



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2.5 Goals and Policies

Climate Change and Global Warming Awareness

Goal SC-1

Supporting and Participating in Global Warming and Climate Change Adaptation analysis and programs.

SC-1.1 Inventory and Monitor GHG Emissions

Inventory and monitor GHG emissions in City operations and in the community consistent with Ventura County Air Pollution Control District and/or State guidelines.

SC-1.2 Support Statewide Global Warming and Climate Change Mitigation

Continue to monitor and support the efforts of the California Air Resources Board and other agencies as they formulate Global Warming and Climate Change adaption and mitigation strategies and programs.

SC-1.3 Develop a Climate Action and Adaption Plan (CAAP) That Supports the Regional SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy

Develop a Climate Action and Adaption Plan that implements requirements adopted by the California Air Resources Board and/or the Ventura County APCD that establishes a GHG emissions qualitative and quantitative threshold of significance, establishes GHG reduction targets, and supports the regional SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy.

SC-1.4 Awareness of Environmental Justice

Advise other agencies regarding and incorporate environmental justice within City planning, policies, programs, projects, and operations.

Sea Level Rise Awareness and Planning

Goal SC-2

Sea level rise is routinely considered relative to coastal areas and other City decisions, as relevant.

SC-2.1 Sea-Level Rise and Updating the Local Coastal Program

Include best-available information regarding possible sea-level rise in the next revision of the Local Coastal Program, which should be initiated within one year of adoption of the 2030 General Plan.

- SC-2.2 *Sea Level Monitoring System***
Consider installation of a sea-level monitoring system that detects small changes to coastal sea level and tidal change.
- SC-2.3 *Sea Level Rise Consideration in Decision-Making***
Ensure that all planning, public works, and related decisions take rising sea level into consideration and take steps to reduce risk of damage or loss of life and property.
- SC-2.4 *Avoidance of Coastal Armoring or Hardening***
Wherever feasible, avoid coastal armoring or hardening in new development or in mitigating current and future risk to existing development.

Energy Generation and Increased Efficiency (Energy Action Plan)

Goal SC-3	Energy efficiency performance standards and generation from renewable sources.
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- SC-3.1 *New Residential Development***
Encourage incorporation of passive and active energy and resources conservation design and devices in new residential development and substantial remodels and/or expansions.
- SC-3.2 *Develop a City Energy Action Plan***
Develop an Energy Action Plan (EAP) that identifies feasible programs that reduce energy consumption within City government facilities and the City vehicle fleets by at least ten percent below 2005 levels.
- SC-3.3 *Develop a Community Energy Action Plan***
Develop a Community Energy Action Plan that identifies feasible programs that reduce private sector and institutional consumption of energy.
- SC-3.4 *Alternative Energy for Public Buildings***
As part of the City and Community EAP's, transition City and other semi-public and large energy users to solar and wind energy sources over a reasonable and feasible time period.
- SC-3.5 *Load Shifting Devices***
As part of the City EAP, consider installing devices on municipal buildings that reduce the power required to operate equipment and for shifting the equipment usage to off-peak hours.

Open Space. Lands in passive and active recreation uses, resource management, flood control management, wetlands, intended for wetlands restoration, and stormwater management facilities and buffer zones separating urban development and other sensitive resources.

Planning Reserve. Areas considered likely to urbanize during the planning period, subject to additional environmental evaluation and the provision of adequate public infrastructure and services. This land use designation would be changed during a subsequent planning process.

Easement. Generally linear land uses for waterways, canals, railroads, storm drains, and similar uses.

Airport Compatible. [Maximum FAR of 0.40:1] Low intensity commercial and industrial uses which are compatible with airport operations and activities in that they do not pose unreasonable hazards to aircraft operations nor do they subject large numbers of persons to hazards from aircraft. Airport compatible uses need not be directly related to or be dependent upon the adjacent airport.

Agriculture. Row and tree crops, grain products, ornamental horticulture (green houses, nurseries, etc.) hydroponic agriculture and the growing of sod.

School. This designation is for campuses of the elementary and secondary public school districts that serve Oxnard. Post-secondary institutional public uses are included under the Public/Semi-Public designation. Private schools may occur in other zone designations.

Public/Semi-Public. Private, quasi-public, and public buildings and facilities owned by the City, County, State, Federal agencies, or other organizations that serve the general public such as a civic center, flood control channels, rail lines, community college, museum, performing arts center, community center, city yard, library, fire station, public school and /or district support facility, private and parochial school, cemetery, or hospital.

Urban Village. Urban Villages are mixed use areas designed to encourage persons to live near their place of employment and/or support services. Urban Villages should occur in the designated areas but may be proposed in other areas as a General, Specific, Coastal, or County Public Works Plan Amendment. The integration of complementary land uses is intended to promote a pedestrian orientation to reduce trips and vehicle miles traveled and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Urban Villages are implemented with a specific plan, a strategic plan similar to the Central Business District Strategic Plan, or by the Ventura County Harbor Public Works Plan.

Height Overlay. All new structures and/or remodels are limited to six stories except in areas designated as Low Density Residential, Low-Medium Density Residential, Mobile Home Park, Airport Compatible, and areas subject to the Ventura County Harbor Public Works Plan which are limited by their respective development standards. All entitlements that

exceed six stories as of the adoption of the 2030 General Plan are exempt from the Height Overlay District unless they propose project modifications that create new development more than six stories, as defined by Chapter 16 of the City Code. Development located within the Height Overlay District may be permitted to exceed six stories by application and/or as part of an Urban Village specific plan or strategic plan. Exceeding six stories includes an impact fee and/or equivalent mitigation as required by the City Council. The granting of additional stories may require environmental review that includes shade and shadow and local wind impact analyses.

GENERAL PLAN / ZONING CONSISTENCY

Zone designations are created within Chapter 16 of the Oxnard City Code and are intended to implement the 2030 General Plan through the zoning ordinance. Table 3-1 shows which zone designations implement the 2030 General Plan land use categories and whether work/live, live/work, and/or Height Overlay are applicable.



Table 3.2: General Plan/Zoning Consistency

General Plan Land Use Designation (non -Coastal Zone)	Zone Designation	Live / Work	Work / Live	Mixed Use	Height Overlay
Residential					
Low	R-1	No	No	No	No
Low-Medium	R-2	No	No	No	No
Medium	R-3	Yes	No	No	Yes
Medium-High	R-4	Yes	No	No	Yes
High	R-5	Yes	No	No	Yes
Mobile Home Park	MH	No	No	No	No
Commercial					
General	C-2, C-M	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Convenience	C-1	Yes	No	No	Yes
Neighborhood	C-2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Community	C-2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Regional	C-2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Central Business District	CBD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Office	CO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Industrial					
Business/Research Park	BRP	No	No	No	Yes
Limited	ML, BRP	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

General Plan Land Use Designation (non -Coastal Zone)	Zone Designation	Live / Work	Work / Live	Mixed Use	Height Overlay
Light	M-1, C-M	No	Yes	No	Yes
Heavy	M-2	No	No	No	No
Central Industrial Area	M-2	No	No	No	Yes
Public Utility/Energy Facility	M-2	No	No	No	Yes
Open Space/Other					
Agriculture	C-R, M-1, M-2	No	Yes	No	No
Open Space	C-R	No	No	No	No
Resource Protection (non-coastal)	C-R	No	No	No	No
Park	C-R	No	No	No	Yes
Planning Reserve	R-P	No	No	No	No
Public/Semi Public	Varies	No	No	No	Yes
Airport Compatible	Varies	No	No	No	No
Urban Village	Specific, Strategic, or Harbor Public Works Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
School	C-R	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Easement	ES	No	No	No	No
Height Overlay District	All zones except R-1, R-2, MH, or as listed herein				

COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS

Oxnard's residential communities and neighborhoods, presented in Figure 3-4, are defined by their common geography and characteristics and are germane to the Neighborhood Services program. Adjacent unincorporated residential communities are included. Four new neighborhoods are created reflecting their actual or anticipated development: Riverpark, Victoria Estates, Wagonwheel, and Southshore. Oxnard Dunes is expanded to include the Northshore development. Future neighborhood designations and/or boundary changes may be made by City Council.

- CD-1.9** ***Commuter Reduction***
 Minimize the commuting distances between residential concentrations and employment centers by encouraging the development of mixed land uses in appropriate areas.
- CD-1.10** ***Jobs-Housing Balance***
 Consider the effects of land use proposals and decisions on efforts to maintain an appropriate jobs-housing balance ratio.
- CD-1.11** ***Recreation Opportunities***
 Promote improved coastal access and enhanced recreation opportunities with access from all areas of the City.
- CD-1.12** ***Avoiding Encroaching the Oxnard Airport***
 Retain land within the airport hazard area as permanent open space as shown on the Land Use Map or otherwise recommended by the County Department of Airports.

General Plan/Zoning Consistency

Goal CD-2	Legal requirements for general plan and zoning consistency are fulfilled.
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- CD-2.1** ***Zoning and General Plan Consistency***
 Amend the zoning code, zoning map, Coastal Land Use Program, and other land use regulations to make them consistent with the adopted and/or subsequently amended 2030 General Plan.

Neighborhood Stabilization and Revitalization

Goal CD-3	A city of stable, safe, attractive, and revitalized neighborhoods with adequate parks, schools, infrastructure, and community identity and pride
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- CD-3.1** ***Neighborhood Preservation***
 Protect existing residential neighborhoods from the encroachment of incompatible activities and land uses as determined through environmental review and/or determination by the Planning Commission.

Urban Design

Goal CD-9

A high quality visual image and perception of the City.

CD-9.1 *Neighborhood Identity*

Recognize, preserve, and improve the visual identity and character of existing neighborhoods. Infill development shall respect historic structures and be of compatible scale and character with historic areas.

CD-9.2 *Revitalization and Redevelopment*

As part of the City's redevelopment programs and planning, promote the revitalization of residential, commercial, and industrial properties that are deteriorated or detract from the visual quality of the City.

CD-9.3 *Gateway Enhancement*

Designate major entryways as gateways into the City. The City shall use landscaping, decorative lighting, signage and/or other streetscape design techniques to enhance the City's identity, sense of place, and provide visual emphasis to the streetscapes into the City.

CD-9.4 *View Corridor Preservation*

Ensure all public and private investments positively contribute to the overall character of the City by minimizing impacts on important view corridors by creating edge treatments along greenbelt areas and a landscaped buffer corridor of at least 30 feet along designated scenic corridors and other major transportation corridors.

CD-9.5 *Unique Character Preservation*

Ensure that new public and private investment maintains the unique coastal and agricultural character of the City.

CD-9.6 *High Rise Development*

Ensure that high-rise buildings are sited and developed so as to mitigate and minimize impacts on adjacent neighborhoods.

Sense of Place

Goal CD-10

Neighborhoods and urban villages with a distinct sense of place.

CD-10.1 *Human-Scale Development*

In the evaluation of development proposals, require urban development on a human scale, by emphasizing the pedestrian experience over the movement and storage of vehicles.

comparable light industrial development. The City of Oxnard will seek reasonable fiscal support from the project that is equivalent to average light industrial uses that have been established in the City of Oxnard.

CD-20.2 Channel Islands Harbor Enhancement

Work with the County of Ventura to enhance the Channel Islands Harbor, ensure an appropriate and compatible, environmentally sensitive, and fiscally sound level of tourist and resident-oriented uses, businesses, attractions, and special events.

Update the Oxnard Local Coastal Program

Goal CD-21	An updated Local Coastal Program that includes the restoration of the Ormond Beach wetlands and consideration of climate change issues.
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CD-21.1 Removal of Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Reference

When the LCP is being updated, remove all references to “Western LNG” and add policies that explicitly oppose LNG facilities in or near the City.

CD-21.2 Modify non-Coastal Dependent Energy Uses

When the LCP is being updated, clarify that non Coastal-dependent energy facilities are not allowed in the Energy Coastal zone with exceptions for renewable energy installations such as solar panels and wind turbines under certain conditions and consistent with the Coastal Act.

CD-21.3 Future Use of Coastal Power Plants

Initiate an update to the Oxnard LCP that has the intent and effect of eventual decommissioning of the SCE Peaker Plant, Mandalay and Ormond Beach power generation facilities by: 1) land use designation change, 2) amortization, 3) revised development standards, 4) transferable development rights and/or other methods. After adoption and Coastal Commission certification of an updated Local Coastal Plan, initiate and implement policy and regulatory actions, and support actions of other relevant agencies that implement the LCP with regard to the future use of the SCE Peaker Plant, Mandalay and Ormond Beach power plants.

CD-21.4 Coastal Zone Land Use Designation Changes

When the LCP is being updated, change land use designations within the Coastal Zone to those included in the 2030 General Plan Land Use Map (Figure 3-1), if and as amended.

Roadway Aesthetics

Goal ER-7	Improved aesthetic quality of major roadways and entrances.
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ER-7.1 Medians and Parkways

Ensure that major arterials include landscaped medians and parkways.

ER-7.2 Design of Sound or Zone Walls

When sound or zone walls are used, ensure that they are visually interesting and well landscaped.

ER-7.3 Design of Transportation Related Structures

Design ramps and flyovers shall include appealing features, designed in concert with surrounding structures where appropriate, and that add to the overall character of the surrounding area, including design features and public art.

Coastal Resources

Goal ER-8	Protected coastal resources as a significant landscape feature to be experienced by residents and visitors.
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ER-8.1 Protect Shoreline



Protect the shoreline and views to and along the Pacific Ocean, recognizing their value as natural and recreational resources.

ER-8.2 New Coastal Development

Design new development along primary access routes to the beach so as to maintain and enhance the scenic quality of such routes.

ER-8.3 Coastal Sand and Habitat Management

Work with property owners and appropriate State and County agencies to manage beach sand distribution and quality while avoiding impacting animal and plant sand habitats.