

## II. SUMMARY OF GOALS & POLICIES & ACTION PLANS

This chapter consists of a compilation of the goals and policies for the majority of the General Plan Elements, except the Housing Element which is available in a separately bound document:

- Land Use Element
- Open Space, Conservation and Recreation Element
- Circulation Element
- Community Safety Element
- Noise Element
- Public Services and Facilities Element

The goals and policies for each element can also be found in each respective element in Chapter IV, along with information on existing conditions and a discussion of relevant issues leading to the development of General Plan goals and policies.

This chapter also presents the Action Plan for specific elements as required by state law. The Action Plan consists of individual action steps to implement the policies of the General Plan. The Action Plan for the Housing Element (the Housing Element Programs) is found in the Housing Element, which follows a special format required by State law.

The purpose of this chapter is to place all General Plan goals, policies and action steps in one location in the document, making it easy for the reader to find. For more detail on individual General Plan elements, and for General Plan diagrams, the reader should refer to the respective elements in Chapter IV.

All of the goals and policies are intended to be a clear, unequivocal commitment of the City of Rocklin to the objectives stated. The strength of the commitment is expressed through the use of words such as “shall” or “should,” “require” or “encourage.” “Shall” or “require” indicates a strong commitment to action and an unequivocal directive. “Should” or “encourage” expresses a less rigid directive. The use of the words “should” or “encourage” may indicate a need to balance the policy with other complementary or countervailing policies or may indicate a situation that requires cooperative action the part of several governmental or private agencies where the City is not fully in control of the outcome.

### **GOALS AND POLICIES**

#### **LAND USE ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES**

**GENERAL LAND USE GOAL:** To promote orderly and well-planned development that enhances the City of Rocklin.

## **General Land Use Policies**

- LU-1 Promote flexibility and innovation in new development through the use of planned unit developments, development agreements, specific plans, mixed-use projects, and other innovative design and planning techniques.
- LU-2 Encourage a variety of building sites, building types, and land use concepts in Medium High and High Density Residential, commercial, and industrial areas that are located along major streets, rights of way, and highways/freeways.
- LU-3 Apply a mixed-use (residential/commercial or office) land use category or overlay within the Downtown Rocklin Plan area and other appropriate locations in the City of Rocklin.
- LU-4 Utilize techniques that minimize the adverse effects of light and glare on surrounding properties, and incorporate dark sky concepts to the extent practicable.
- LU-5 Encourage residential, commercial, and industrial development projects to be designed in a manner that effectively protects existing oak trees designated to be retained through the development review process.

**GOAL FOR RESIDENTIAL LAND USE:** To designate, protect, and provide sufficient land to meet residential development needs and to preserve and protect existing residential neighborhoods.

## **Policies for Existing Residential Land Use**

- LU-6 Buffer residential areas from land use impacts of adjacent non-residential land uses through the use of landscaping, soundwalls, berms, fencing, open space setbacks, terrain features, greenbelts, building orientation and/or other similar techniques.
- LU-7 Preserve and enhance the quality of existing residential areas by continuing to provide high-quality public services, by rehabilitating useful structures and by removing substandard units.
- LU-8 Continue programs for the prevention of blight, utilizing public and private resources such as code enforcement, neighborhood rehabilitation programs, and Redevelopment Agency actions.
- LU-9 Encourage active involvement by individuals and citizen organizations in maintaining and upgrading existing residential neighborhoods.
- LU-10 Encourage preservation and adaptive reuse of significant historic structures and sites.
- LU-11 Encourage infill residential development that is in keeping with the character and scale of the surrounding neighborhood, while providing a variety of densities and housing types as reflected by the zoning and land use designation of the infill property.

## Policies for New Residential Land Use

- LU-12 Provide a variety of residential land use designations that will meet the future needs of the City.
- LU-13 Review proposals for new residential development for compatibility with the character and scale of nearby neighborhoods, while providing a variety of densities and housing types as reflected by the zoning and land use designation of the infill property.
- LU-14 Buffer residential land uses locating adjacent to non-residential land uses through the use of landscaping, soundwalls, berms, fencing, open space setbacks, terrain features, greenbelts, building orientation, and/or other similar techniques.
- LU-15 Restrict single family residential units proposed to be located adjacent to non-residential land uses to a single story where appropriate.
- LU-16 To the extent feasible, require that new development in areas contiguous to neighboring jurisdictions be compatible with those existing land uses.
- LU-17 Designate residential land according to the following densities:

	<u>Dwelling Units Per Gross Acre</u>
Rural	Less than 1
Low Density	1-3.4
Medium Density	3.5-8.4
Medium High Density	8.5-15.4
High Density	15.5-20
Mixed Use	10.0-40 *

Dwelling units will be rounded to the nearest tenth.

(Land use projects that propose fewer or more units than the designated residential land use density ranges allowed shall be considered inconsistent with the General Plan.)

\* Density in this designation is typically calculated using net acreage. No individual parcel which has a Mixed Use land use designation is required to build a specific ratio of residential to non-residential development. Mixed Use designated parcels may be all residential, all non-residential, or a mix of residential and non-residential uses. However, if residential uses are developed, they must be within the density range assigned to the Mixed Use category as noted above.

- LU-18 Establish residential design standards for planned unit developments, especially for hillsides and other unique areas, to reduce the impact of new development on the existing natural terrain and built environment.

- LU-19 Require projects that are approved on severe slopes (25 percent or greater) to establish grading design guidelines with their development application.
- LU-20 Encourage Medium High and High Density Residential uses to locate near major arterial and/or collector streets.
- LU-21 Maintain development standards unique to Central Rocklin that encourage residential development on infill parcels, including affordable housing, while maintaining compatibility with existing residential land uses.
- LU-22 Encourage neighborhood and community access through design that interconnects streets and pedestrian and bicycle pathways, allowing social interaction; access to schools, neighborhood and community parks and other open space areas; and the efficient movement of service and emergency vehicles.
- LU-23 Prohibit gated roads that would adversely affect vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian circulation, discourage the interconnection of neighborhoods, or hinder access to public facilities and lands.

**NOTE:** IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE GOAL AND POLICIES, THE HOUSING ELEMENT CONTAINS HOUSING GOALS, POLICIES AND ACTIONS TO ASSURE A VARIETY OF HOUSING TYPES, PROVIDE FOR STRUCTURALLY SOUND HOUSING, ENCOURAGE THE PRESERVATION OF EXISTING HOUSING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL INCOME GROUPS, AND ENSURE THAT HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES ARE OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE.

**GOAL FOR MIXED LAND USES:** To create unique pedestrian oriented areas that successfully integrate employment, shopping, housing, social and cultural activities.

### **Policies**

- LU-24 Encourage mixed commercial, office, and residential land uses within the Downtown Rocklin Plan Area and other areas outside of Downtown if appropriate.
- LU-25 Encourage mixed use developments to locate near major arterial and/or collector streets.
- LU-26 Allow a variety of compatible commercial, service and residential uses that will contribute to an active pedestrian environment.
- LU-27 Allow professional offices in mixed use projects to increase employment and daytime activity in those areas.
- LU-28 Allow uses in mixed use projects that will generate activity during evenings, nights and weekends including restaurants, cafes, nightclubs, and theaters, where appropriate.
- LU-29 Allow a variety of housing opportunities within mixed use projects to add activity and vitality within those neighborhoods.

LU-30 Incorporate natural features, public spaces and plazas within mixed use areas to create focal points and areas for gathering.

**GOAL FOR COMMERCIAL LAND USE:** To retain and renew existing commercial land uses and designate sufficient new commercial areas to meet future City needs.

### **Policies**

LU-31 Promote and renew as needed, the Pacific Street, Rocklin Road, Sunset Boulevard, Granite Drive, Lone Tree, Blue Oaks and the Highway 65 corridor business districts in order to provide diversified business opportunities and greater pedestrian orientation.

LU-32 Designate sufficient commercial land to meet the future needs of the City, including sites that will promote pedestrian access from neighborhoods.

LU-33 Ensure that adequate parking and vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian access are included in approved commercial development plans.

LU-34 Encourage pedestrian oriented plazas, walkways, bike trails, bike lanes and street furniture within commercial developments.

LU-35 Maximize internal vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle connections between adjacent commercial developments.

LU-36 Minimize conflicts between new commercial land uses and other land uses, such as residential, park, and recreational uses.

LU-37 Require that commercial land uses be protected from encroachment by residential or other incompatible uses through the use of landscaping, soundwalls, berms, fencing, open space setbacks, terrain features, greenbelts, building orientation and/or other similar techniques.

LU-38 Maintain development standards, including off-site parking provisions, unique to the Downtown Rocklin Plan Area along streets such as Pacific Street from Midas Avenue to Farron Street, Front Street, Rocklin Road and Railroad Avenue.

LU-39 Implement the Downtown Rocklin Plan to address land use mix, design features, parking, pedestrian movement, traffic and circulation, and promotion opportunities to provide a clear and strong economic identity to the core downtown area.

LU-40 Encourage private development of property owned by Union Pacific Railroad adjacent to their right-of-way, unless otherwise needed for public purposes, in accordance with the Downtown Rocklin Plan and Redevelopment Plan.

LU-41 Encourage development of vacant lands and rehabilitation of existing buildings within the Historical District of Rocklin along Front Street between Rocklin Road and Farron Street.

LU-42 Encourage the development of regional shopping facilities within the City of Rocklin.

LU-43 Attract job generating land uses that will provide a variety of employment opportunities for those who live, or are likely to live, in the community or South Placer subregion.

LU-44 Continue programs that promote commercial and professional office uses to locate in Rocklin in areas designated for those purposes.

**GOAL FOR INDUSTRIAL LAND USE:** To designate sufficient land for existing and new industrial uses compatible with the existing community.

### **Policies**

LU-45 Promote and renew the industrial areas along Delmar Avenue, Dominguez Road, Anthony Court and Pacific Street to provide for diversified industrial business opportunities.

LU-46 Require that industrial land uses be protected from encroachment by residential or other incompatible uses through the use of landscaping, soundwalls, berms, fencing, open space setbacks, terrain features, greenbelts, building orientation, and/or other similar techniques.

LU-47 Encourage industrial land uses that are consistent with the character and scale of the existing community and do not pose a hazard.

LU-48 Designate land for industrial uses sufficient to meet future City needs.

LU-49 Review the BP/COM/LI land use designation on a regular basis and make modifications necessary to ensure an appropriate balance between business professional, commercial, and light industrial uses.

**GOAL FOR ROCKLIN GOVERNMENT CENTER AND CIVIC CENTER AREA LAND USE:** To create and maintain a government center adjacent to the Civic Center area of Rocklin to serve the City of Rocklin at its expected buildout population, while maintaining the ambience, character and scale of Central Rocklin.

### **Policies**

LU-50 Implement complimentary design concepts for all buildings, structures, driveways, parking areas, parks and landscaping within the government center area.

- LU-51 Enhance and preserve the special natural features of the Central Rocklin, Downtown Rocklin Plan and Civic Center area to the extent feasible, including oak trees, quarries and rock outcrops.
- LU-52 Ensure that residential infill development in the Civic Center area takes into consideration preservation of unique natural features and historic resources.
- LU-53 Utilize the planned development procedure for new residential projects in the Civic Center area.
- LU-54 Ensure that the spacing, scale, mass, height, exterior materials and architectural design of new residential uses in Central Rocklin complement existing residential structures and the Civic Center Plan.
- LU-55 Ensure that design guidelines for the Downtown Rocklin Plan are compatible with concepts for the Civic Center area.
- LU-56 Encourage pedestrian oriented plazas, walkways, bike trails, bike lanes and street furniture within the Civic Center area and connections to other community areas.

**GOAL FOR LAND OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS:** To retain rural designations for land on the periphery of the City limits but within the planning area, until annexed to the City.

### **Policies**

- LU-57 Urge Placer County to maintain low density rural land use designations and large parcel zoning in areas that have the potential to impact the City.
- LU-58 Discourage residential, commercial, or industrial development at urban densities or intensities in areas on the periphery of the Rocklin planning area, unless public services can be provided and annexation is accomplished to an appropriate city.
- LU-59 Promote commercial and industrial development within the City limits as more efficient, economical, and desirable than development outside the City limits.
- LU-60 Oppose land uses proposed in areas outside the City limits that would be incompatible with existing or planned land uses within the City, or do not serve the best interests of the City of Rocklin.
- LU-61 Coordinate with Placer County and Placer County LAFCO for the annexation of unincorporated developed areas that lie within the City of Rocklin's Sphere of Influence, when such annexation does not place an undue financial burden on the City.

**GOAL FOR LAND USE CONSISTENCY:** To ensure that the legal requirements for General Plan land use consistency are fulfilled.

**Policies**

LU-62 Amend the Zoning Code and other land use regulations as needed to make them consistent with the General Plan.

LU-63 Approve amendments to the Zoning Code and other land use regulations only if the changes are consistent with the General Plan.

LU-64 Continue to develop implementation measures and actions that further the goals and policies of the General Plan.

**GOAL FOR LAND USE COORDINATION:** To continue to discuss and comment on major land use and infrastructure plans and proposals in Rocklin or surrounding jurisdictions with the County and other cities in the South Placer subregion .

**Policies**

LU-65 Continue to participate in the activities of regional entities as deemed appropriate, such as the Highway 65 Joint Powers Authority, the South Placer Regional Transportation Authority (SPRTA), Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA), the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the landfill authority.

LU-66 Consider the effects of land use proposals and decisions on the South Placer subregion jobs/housing balance.

LU-67 Encourage communication between the County and the cities of Roseville, Loomis, Lincoln, and Rocklin to ensure the opportunity to comment on actions having cross-border implications and to address other community interface issues, including land use compatibility, circulation and access, and development standards.

**GOAL FOR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION:** Promote land use strategies that decrease reliance on automobile use, increase the use of alternative modes of transportation, maximize efficiency of services provision and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

**Policies**

LU-68 Adopt and implement land use strategies that utilize existing infrastructure, reduce the need for new roads, utilities and other public works in newly developing areas, and enhance non-automobile transportation.

LU-69 Encourage high-density, mixed-use, infill development and creative use of brownfield and under-utilized properties.



LU-70 Increase densities in core areas to support public transit.

LU-71 Add bicycle facilities to City streets and public spaces.

LU-72 Promote infill, mixed-use, higher density development and the creation of affordable housing in mixed use zones.

LU-73-Identify sites suitable for mixed-use development within existing service areas and establish appropriate site-specific standards to accommodate the mixed uses.

LU-74 Promote greater linkage between land uses and transit, as well as other modes of transportation.

LU-75 Promote development and preservation of neighborhood characteristics that encourage walking and bicycle riding in lieu of automobile-based travel.

## **OPEN SPACE, CONSERVATION AND RECREATION ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES**

**GOAL FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE LAND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES:** To designate, protect, and conserve open space land in a manner that protects natural resources and balances needs for the economic, physical and social development of the City.

### **Policies for the Preservation of Open Space for Natural Resources**

OCR-1 Encourage the protection of open space areas, natural resource areas, hilltops, and hillsides from encroachment or destruction through the use of conservation easements, natural resource buffers, building setbacks or other measures.

OCR-2 Recognize that balancing the need for economic, physical, and social development of the City may lead to some modification of existing open space and natural resource areas during the development process.

OCR-3 Define the actual limits of the conceptual dimensions for open space areas as depicted on the General Plan Land Use Diagram during processing of development projects.

OCR-4 Require that detached single family residential development projects provide some useable yard areas outside all conservation easements or established natural resource buffers.

OCR-5 Utilize the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the primary regulatory tool for identifying and mitigating, where feasible, impacts to open space and natural resources when reviewing proposed development projects.

- OCR-6 Look for opportunities to interconnect open space and natural areas to accommodate wildlife movement and sustain ecosystems and biodiversity.
- OCR-7 Consult with other jurisdictions concerning open space planning programs, including the County’s Placer Legacy program and other similar regional programs, to the extent feasible.
- OCR-8 Encourage public utility companies and agencies to consult with the City prior to undertaking projects that may affect open space and natural resource areas to minimize impacts to these areas.

**GOAL FOR OPEN SPACE USED FOR THE MANAGED PRODUCTION OF RESOURCES:** To designate, protect, and conserve open space utilized for the managed production of resources while maintaining compatibility with neighboring uses and other open space preservation goals.

**Policies for Open Space Used for the Managed Production of Resources**

- OCR-9 Consider allowing mineral extraction, in accordance with the use permit process and Rocklin Municipal Code Chapter 17.65, Surface Mining and Reclamation, on land suitable for such activities until such time as development occurs, as long as such activities are compatible with an urban environment.
- OCR-10 Permit the continued use of open space land for established agricultural activities until such time as development occurs, as long as such activities are compatible within an urban environment.
- OCR-11 Protect the groundwater recharge value of riparian and wetland areas while recognizing that minor modifications to such areas may be a necessary outcome of the development process.

**GOAL FOR OPEN SPACE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION:** Provide sufficient improved and unimproved outdoor recreation sites to meet the needs of the City on a continuing basis and at residential buildout.

**Policies for Open Space for Outdoor Recreation**

- OCR-12 Provide for park and other outdoor recreational needs, both active and passive, through methods including but not limited to: collection of park user fees, dedication of parkland, or a combination of both; rehabilitation of existing park and recreation facilities; requiring the installation of park improvements; and requiring that financial mechanisms be created for long-term park and/or open space operation and maintenance.

- OCR-13 Require dedication of parkland, payment of in lieu fees for parkland, or a combination of both, as a condition of approval in the early stages of the development process, including approval of rezonings, where it is necessary to insure consistency with or implementation of the goals and policies contained in this General Plan.
- OCR-14 Provide developed as well as undeveloped parkland, recognizing that certain unique open space attributes may be best preserved by retaining them in a natural condition.
- OCR-15 Look for opportunities to establish linear parklands and/or open space areas that link open space and outdoor recreation areas, providing passage for pedestrians, bicycles, and wildlife.
- OCR-16 Encourage the location of parks adjacent to open space corridors.
- OCR-17 Encourage developers to dedicate and build parks that are integral to new development in turnkey fashion or other appropriate manner wherever feasible.
- OCR-18 Provide park facilities in a timely manner.
- OCR-19 Utilize locational and size guidelines that will allow the City to maintain a minimum of 5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.
- OCR-20 Co-locate parks with schools whenever feasible, through joint use and development agreements.
- OCR-21 Co-locate parks within or adjacent to storm water detention basins, whenever feasible.
- OCR-22 Require new development to mitigate its impact on park development and maintenance.
- OCR-23 Seek outside funding from local, State and Federal agencies, as well as the private sector, for new park development and rehabilitation of existing park facilities.
- OCR-24 Consider acquisition and development of small areas along creeks at convenient and safe locations for use by the general public.
- OCR-25 Protect designated outdoor recreation sites from incompatible urban development.
- OCR-26 Maintain a Park Repair and Development Fund that receives revenues from a variety of sources.
- OCR-27 Establish Class I bikeways where feasible along public roadways when roadways are adjacent to open space and parkland.
- OCR-28 Integrate, to the extent practical, the City's bike and trails network with trails in adjacent jurisdictions and the region.

OCR-29 Encourage participation by community volunteers in park development, repair and maintenance.

**GOAL FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES:** Provide opportunities for organized recreational activities and programs.

**Policies for Recreation Programs and Facilities**

OCR-30 Provide recreation programs that meet resident needs.

OCR-31 Provide recreation programs that foster financially self-supporting recreational facilities.

OCR-32 Support and cooperate with Rocklin-based volunteer groups and organizations that provide recreation activities to all citizens, particularly young people and senior citizens.

OCR-33 Provide active recreation facilities and related infrastructure within community parks, such as lighted athletic fields, soccer fields, softball diamonds and parking areas.

OCR-34 Provide recreation facilities for neighborhood residential areas in neighborhood parks that include informal turf areas, playgrounds, and passive recreation opportunities.

OCR-35 Seek funding sources for a variety of recreational programs and facilities, including program fees, lease agreements and concessions, State and Federal funds, and the City Americans with Disabilities Act Superfund.

OCR-36 Participate on a regional level (with other local jurisdictions) in hosting sports tournaments and recreational events that promote tourism, whenever feasible.

OCR-37 Encourage joint use of City and school facilities for recreational programs.

OCR-38 Provide additional active recreational opportunities such as community centers, a performing arts center, swimming pools and gymnasiums.

**GOAL FOR THE CONSERVATION, DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES:** Conserve and protect natural resources while permitting their managed use, consistent with City, State and Federal requirements.

**Policies for the Conservation, Development and Utilization of Natural Resources**

OCR-39 Require the protection of wetlands, vernal pools, and rare, threatened and endangered species of both plants and animals through either avoidance of these resources, or implementation of appropriate mitigation measures where avoidance is not feasible, as determined by the City of Rocklin.

- OCR-40 Require compliance with the State and Federal Endangered Species Acts and the Clean Water Act as conditions of development project approval.
- OCR-41 Recognize that onsite protection of natural resources may not always be feasible and that offsite methods, such as use of mitigation banks, may be used.
- OCR-42 Encourage projects to be designed in a manner that protects heritage oak trees and other botanically unique vegetation designated to be retained.
- OCR-43 Mitigate for removal of oak trees and impacts to oak woodlands in accordance with the City of Rocklin's Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance, or for projects located in zones not directly addressed by the Oak Tree Preservation Ordinance mitigation measures, on a project-by-project basis through the planning review and entitlement process.
- OCR-44 Support continued development of an urban forest within the City by incorporating appropriate tree species and implementing proper planting and maintenance practices within public rights-of-way and public and private development projects.
- OCR-45 Encourage development projects to incorporate natural resources such as creeks, steep hillsides, and quarries in restricted ownership by an appropriate entity that provides for the protection of the natural resource and also allows for access by the public, where appropriate.
- OCR-46 Participate as appropriate in a regional approach to the management of drainage basins and flood plains with regional agencies such as the Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.
- OCR-47 Protect the designated City Regulated Floodplain from encroachment by development that would impede flood flows or pose a hazard to occupants.
- OCR-48 Promote, where appropriate, the joint use of creeks for flood control, open space, conservation of natural resources, and limited recreation activities.
- OCR-49 Minimize the degradation of water quality through use of erosion control plans and Best Management Practices.
- OCR-50 Maintain a grading ordinance that minimizes erosion and siltation of creeks and other watercourses.
- OCR-51 Evaluate development along stream channels to ensure that it does not create any of the following effects in a significant manner: reduced stream capacity, increased erosion or deterioration of the channel.
- OCR-52 Consult with other agencies to develop public education programs that will encourage residents to minimize pollutants and sediments reaching receiving waters.

- OCR-53 Encourage measures promoting proper disposal of pollutants to the sanitary sewer or hazardous waste facilities rather than to the storm drainage system.
- OCR-54 Establish and coordinate operations and maintenance procedures for all City departments to assure that water quality objectives are not threatened by City operations and to serve as an example for the community.
- OCR-55 Consider the visual qualities of development projects and project compatibility with surrounding areas, especially when projects are proposed in urbanizing areas abutting rural or semi-rural areas where significant natural resource values exist.
- OCR-56 Encourage energy conservation in new developments.
- OCR-57 Encourage urban design and form that conserves land and other resources.
- OCR-58 Require development projects to incorporate stationary and mobile source control measures recommended by the Placer County Air Pollution Control District and approved by the City for protection of air quality during construction and subsequent operations.
- OCR-59 Continue to consult with the Placer County Air Pollution Control District in the development of stationary and mobile source control measures affecting the City of Rocklin.
- OCR-60 Work with the Placer County Water Agency to ensure that available methods and techniques to conserve potable water supplies are applied in Rocklin.
- OCR-61 Encourage the use of untreated water for landscaping and other similar applications, when a feasible source of untreated water exists.

**GOAL FOR THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF HISTORIC, GEOLOGIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES:** Conserve and protect unique community features such as geologic, historic and culturally significant sites.

- OCR-62 Preserve historically significant resources in place if feasible, or provide mitigation (avoidance, excavation, documentation, curation, data recovery, or other appropriate measures) prior to further disturbance.
- OCR-63 Encourage preservation and incorporation of existing rock quarries, major rock outcroppings and geologically unique areas in future development projects.
- OCR-64 Encourage reuse rather than demolition/replacement of historic structures where feasible.

OCR-65 Preserve significant archaeological resources (including Native American remains) and paleontological resources in place if feasible, or provide mitigation (avoidance, excavation, documentation, curation, data recovery, or other appropriate measures) prior to further disturbance.

## **CIRCULATION ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES**

**GOAL FOR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM:** To create a balanced and coordinated transportation system which utilizes all transportation modes efficiently and promotes sound land use.

### **Policies for Transportation System**

- C-1 Provide for a circulation pattern for regional, community, and neighborhood traffic needs.
- C-2 Coordinate land use and transportation planning to support transit services, NEV facilities and non-motorized transportation.
- C-3 Promote the use of Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV) by providing accommodations (i.e., lane striping and signage) to facilitate the use of these vehicles where feasible within existing and planned rights-of-way.
- C-4 Promote the use of non-motorized transportation by providing a system of bicycle routes and pedestrian ways.
- C-5 Coordinate with public transit providers to meet residents' needs.
- C-6 Encourage non-residential development proposals to incorporate features that promote ridesharing or use of alternative transportation modes.

**GOAL FOR CITY AND REGIONAL STREET SYSTEM:** To provide a safe and well maintained system of streets that meets community needs.

### **Policies for City and Regional Street System**

- C-7 Monitor traffic on City streets to determine improvements needed to maintain an acceptable Level of Service.
- C-8 Update the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and traffic impact fees at least every five years, or as determined necessary with the approval of major new developments or major general plan amendments not considered in the adopted Capital Improvement Program.
- C-9 Provide for an annual inflationary adjustment to the City's traffic impact fee to ensure that the fee is adequate for the future construction of roads.

- C-10 A. Maintain a minimum traffic Level of Service “C” for all signalized intersections during the p.m. peak hour on an average weekday, except in the circumstances described in C-10.B and C. below.
- B. Recognizing that some signalized intersections within the City serve and are impacted by development located in adjacent jurisdictions, and that these impacts are outside the control of the City, a development project which is determined to result in a Level of Service worse than “C” may be approved, if the approving body finds (1) the diminished level of service is an interim situation which will be alleviated by the implementation of planned improvements or (2) based on the specific circumstances described in Section C. below, there are no feasible street improvements that will improve the Level of Service to “C” or better as set forward in the Action Plan for the Circulation Element.
- C. All development in another jurisdiction outside of Rocklin’s control which creates traffic impacts in Rocklin should be required to construct all mitigation necessary in order to maintain a LOS C in Rocklin unless the mitigation is determined to be infeasible by the Rocklin City Council. The standard for determining the feasibility of the mitigation would be whether or not the improvements create unusual economic, legal, social, technological, physical or other similar burdens and considerations.
- C-11 Continue to participate with adjacent jurisdictions toward the completion and improvement of streets that extend into other communities through individual cooperation and/or use of the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA), joint powers authorities, and similar entities.
- C-12 Encourage improvements to the existing Federal Interstate and State highway system, and the addition of new routes that would benefit the City of Rocklin.
- C-13 Consider a variety of funding mechanisms, either independently or with other government agencies, to fund needed regional improvements.
- C-14 Prohibit residential driveways along collector or arterial streets within newly developing residential areas. This policy does not apply to multi-family residential uses, or where past decisions have created existing lots with residential frontages on collector or arterial streets.
- C-15 Reduce the potential for the use of local residential streets as shortcuts for through traffic on streets that are not improved to full City standards.
- C-16 Provide each new elementary school site with a minimum of two full street frontages.
- C-17 Keep truck traffic away from residential areas and streets not structurally designed for truck traffic by designating truck routes.
- C-18 Designate truck routes that can be used for the hauling of hazardous materials.



- C-19 Maintain existing streets in a safe condition and require that new streets be built to City standards.
- C-20 Maintain street design standards for arterials, collectors and local streets.
- C-21 Apply appropriate street design standards for private streets.
- C-22 Interconnect traffic signals and/or consider the use of roundabouts where financially feasible and warranted to provide flexibility in controlling traffic movements at intersections.
- C-23 Require street designs where appropriate to connect neighborhoods. These connections allow for vehicular and pedestrian use and for the efficient movement of service and emergency vehicles.
- C-24 Require landscaping and tree planting along major new streets, properties abutting highways/freeways and along existing streets as appropriate.
- C-25 Minimize the impact of road construction on the natural terrain and the character of existing neighborhoods.
- C-26 Minimize the impact of road construction on creek corridors and related floodplain and riparian areas.
- C-27 Design and phase construction of road improvements to minimize disruption to local residents and traffic, to the extent feasible.
- C-28 Design new street alignments to minimize the number of creek crossings and adverse impacts to existing wildlife habitats.
- C-29 Conduct a comprehensive inventory of the vegetative structure of riparian corridors prior to specific siting of new road alignments and creek crossings. This inventory will be used as a factor in the selection of an alignment which minimizes impacts to mature riparian vegetation, while still meeting the alignment or access and engineering requirements of siting the alignment or crossing.
- C-30 Restore streambed and bank contours as near as possible to pre-project conditions following construction of creek crossings.
- C-31 Design road improvements and new road alignments to avoid or minimize disturbance to identified cultural resources, where feasible.

## **Special Street Improvement Policies**

- C-32 Restrict vehicular access to emergency vehicles only from the Clover Valley Lakes Community Area onto the existing portions of Clover Valley Road and Rawhide Road within the Mission Hills-Clover Valley Community Area to minimize traffic volume increases on Midas Avenue.
- C-33 Seek improvement to existing railroad crossings and construction of new grade separated crossings or undercrossings where appropriate and feasible.
- C-34 Provide for the extension of Dominguez Road over I-80 as a future improvement to relieve the Sierra College Boulevard/I-80 and Rocklin Road/I-80 interchanges and create access to the southeast quadrant of the Sierra College Boulevard/I-80 interchange.
- C-35 Increase traffic capacity at Rocklin Road and I-80, as traffic conditions require, by widening, overcrossings, or other design features, to allow for more efficient traffic movement and pedestrian and bike facilities.
- C-36 Develop a new east/west road connection between State Route 65 and Sierra College Boulevard. The road shall traverse the Northwest Rocklin area, connect to Park Drive in the northern portion of Whitney Oaks, and extend from Park Drive through Clover Valley to intersect with Sierra College Boulevard.
- C-37 Develop a new north/south road connection between Sunset Boulevard and the new east/west road connection described in Policy C-36.
- C-38 Provide primary vehicular access to future development within the Parcel K planning area of the North West Rocklin General Development Plan by at least two points of access. The access points shall consist of one street that intersects with Wyckford Boulevard and another that connects to the extension of Kali Place. These facilities shall be open non-gated public streets.
- C-39 Prohibit extension of Wyckford Boulevard north of Parcel K into the Whitney Ranch / Sunset Ranchos Planning Area.
- C-40 Provide for the connection of Woodside Drive and Ruhkala Road in the Civic Center area.
- C-41 Create a Civic Center street/drive network south of Rocklin Road that provides access to Pacific Street and South Grove Street.
- C-42 Improve and extend Railroad Avenue between Farron Street and Midas Avenue to provide an alternative north/south route to Pacific Street.
- C-43 Minimize the need to sever existing developed parcels for new roads designed to serve the Southeast Rocklin area.

- C-44 Prohibit an easterly extension of Greenbrae Road that would connect with Southside Ranch Road.
- C-45 Extend Monument Springs Drive southerly across Secret Ravine Creek to developing areas south of Greenbrae Road.
- C-46 Sever Aguilar Road at a time specified by the City of Rocklin. The severing shall occur at or near the Aguilar tributary crossing to preclude through traffic.
- C-47 Design road improvements and new alignments to avoid or minimize encroachments into existing yards on Aguilar Road, Greenbrae Road and Foothills Road by minimizing the use of standard curb, gutter and sidewalks, where appropriate.
- C-48 Acknowledge that new taxes, fees, or assessments to finance the severing of Aguilar Road and the Monument Springs Bridge/extension identified in the policies above shall not be levied upon fully developed parcels that cannot be further subdivided.
- C-49 Encourage use of a free span bridge design over Secret Ravine Creek as the environmentally preferred option whenever feasible, to minimize the fragmenting effects of any bridge crossing on riparian habitat. Pre-cast concrete bridge joists should be used, whenever possible, to avoid prolonged construction and reduce construction disturbances in riparian corridors.

**GOAL FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:** To promote a safe and efficient public transit system, utilizing both bus and rail modes, to provide viable non-automotive means of transportation and help reduce traffic congestion.

**Policies for Public Transportation**

- C-50 Work with transit providers to plan, fund and implement additional transit services that are cost-effective and responsive to existing and future transit demand.
- C-51 Promote the use of public transit through development conditions such as requiring park-and-ride lots, bus turnouts and passenger shelters along major streets.
- C-52 Require landscaping and tree planting along railroad right-of-way and along existing streets as appropriate.
- C-53 Support the expansion of intercity rail passenger services, such as the Capitol Corridor, and implementation of regional rail passenger services.
- C-54 Support the study of developing rail passenger services within the Highway 65 corridor.

**GOAL FOR TRAILS, BIKEWAYS, NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES (NEVs) AND PEDESTRIAN WAYS:** To provide a safe, comprehensive and integrated system of trails, bikeways, pedestrian ways and accommodations for NEVs that encourage the use of alternative modes for commuting, recreation and other trips.

### **Policies for Trails, Bikeways, Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEVs) and Pedestrian Ways**

- C-55 Require Class II bike lanes in the design and construction of major new streets and to establish bike lanes on those City streets wide enough to accommodate bicycles safely.
- C-56 Improve bicyclist and pedestrian safety through such methods as signage, lighting, traffic controls, and crosswalks.
- C-57 Maintain the Rocklin Bikeway Diagram and update it as necessary with the approval of major new developments and/or general plan amendments not considered in the adopted Diagram.
- C-58 Consult with adjacent jurisdictions regarding the development of regional bikeway and NEV links.
- C-59 Promote pedestrian convenience and recreational opportunities through development conditions requiring sidewalks, walking paths, or hiking trails connecting various land uses including residential areas, commercial areas, schools, parks, employment centers and open space.
- C-60 Consider NEV routes in the design and construction of major new streets and consider the establishment of NEV routes on existing City streets wide enough to accommodate NEV lanes.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES**

**GOAL FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY:** To minimize danger from hazards and to protect residents and visitors from earthquake, fire, flood, other natural disasters, climate-related hazards, and human-created hazards such as train derailment, industrial accidents, acts of war or terrorism, and accidental release of hazardous materials.

### **General Policies**

- S-1 Require engineering analyses of new development proposals in areas with possible soil instability, flooding, earthquake faults, or other hazards, and require that development in such areas are designed and built to minimize the risk to human health and property damage.
- S-2 Maintain a City Emergency Operations Plan to include the National Incident Management System (N.I.M.S.).

- S-3 Coordinate with local and State Emergency Management agencies using the Standardized Emergency Management System (S.E.M.S.) and National Incident Management System (N.I.M.S.) to facilitate multi-agency emergency response.
- S-4 Review identified evacuation routes and shelter locations for use in case of disasters or emergencies, and as needed revise the Emergency Operations Plan and other emergency planning efforts to ensure that evacuation routes and shelter locations continue to meet community needs.
- S-5 Maintain appropriate standards for minimum road widths and turnarounds.
- S-6 Coordinate with local, regional, state, and federal agencies regarding homeland security, recognizing the City’s role as first responder to local incidents.
- S-7 Ensure that all public services, municipal operations, and critical facilities can continue operating during and after a hazard or emergency event to meet community needs to the greatest extent possible.
- S-8 Conduct public outreach and education efforts to inform people in Rocklin of the hazard risks, vulnerabilities, and threats in the community, and what steps community members should take to reduce their risks. Provide materials and information in languages other than English if requested.
- S-9 Coordinate with utility companies to minimize service interruptions, such as Public Safety Power Shutoffs, before, during, and after hazardous conditions, including options to harden and underground utility lines.
- S-10 Review and as needed update the Community Safety Element and associated emergency management and hazard mitigation plans regularly, at a minimum of every eight years, to incorporate updated science and other relevant information.
- S-11 Ensure that communication systems used by emergency responders and key City staff have sufficient redundancy and resiliency, including, but not limited to, cell phones and other technologies, to meet City needs during and after a hazard event.
- S-12 Ensure that the City uses and enforces the most up-to-date version of the California Building Code with applicable local amendments.
- S-13 Reinforce all City-owned assets and sets of infrastructure at risk of being impacted by current and future hazard risks.

### **Flooding Policies**

- S-14 Coordinate with the Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and other appropriate entities to maintain locally and regionally effective strategies for the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of drainage and flood-control facilities.

- S-15 Maintain and implement the City’s Ordinance regarding “Flood Hazard Areas” (Chapter 15.16 of the Rocklin Municipal Code as of November 2020).
- S-16 Ensure that new development and infrastructure projects do not create or exacerbate flood risks elsewhere in Rocklin or in neighboring communities and that new development does not result in on-site flooding or increase flooding of off-site properties.
- S-17 Require that new development detain on-site drainage such that the rate of runoff flow is maintained at pre-development levels, except where detention is not recommended in plans and policies adopted by the Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (PCFCWCD), and to require coordination with other projects’ master plans to ensure no adverse cumulative effects. In lieu of detention, the City may require retention and/or off-site drainage improvements that are more beneficial to the community’s overall drainage system.
- S-18 Require new development to annex into an existing drainage maintenance district where warranted.
- S-19 Require all new residential development to have the ground floor located above the 100-year flood base elevation.
- S-20 Encourage development to incorporate environmental design features to reduce flood risks with natural drainage as well as groundwater replenishment, such as the use of permeable ground surfaces (e.g., pavers, bricks, permeable concrete, landscaping with water-absorbing plant specimens) in new developments as well as city-owned land uses, as feasible.
- S-21 Locate new public facilities and pieces of infrastructure outside of identified floodplain areas and move existing facilities and infrastructure out of floodplain areas to the greatest extent possible. If facilities and infrastructure cannot be located or moved outside of floodplain areas, the City shall design these structures to protect against flood risks.

### **Hazardous Materials/Contaminated Sites Policies**

- S-22 Require existing and new commercial and industrial uses involving the use, handling, transport, or disposal of hazardous materials within the City to disclose their activities in accordance with local guidelines and the requirements of State law. From among these facilities, identify which of these exist within identified hazard areas. Require new facilities to be appropriately designed, sited, and constructed to minimize damage from a hazard event, and encourage existing facilities to do the same.
- S-23 Require that construction activities cease if contamination is discovered on construction projects until the contamination is reported, and its extent is assessed, delineated, and isolated, as appropriate. Remediation shall occur to the satisfaction of the appropriate responsible agency (such as the Placer County Environmental Health Services, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Department

of Toxic Substances Control, or the City of Rocklin, depending on the type of contamination).

- S-24 Require site-specific hazard investigations to be conducted, if determined to be necessary by the City, to confirm potentially contaminated soils prior to approval of new discretionary development projects.
- S-25 Identify the transportation routes used by vehicles transporting hazardous materials in the city and identify any critical facilities or assets whose access or operability could be compromised by a hazardous materials release event caused by a transportation incident involving hazardous materials.
- S-26 Ensure that any new facilities using, storing, or producing hazardous materials, particularly those located directly adjacent to existing residential or school uses, comply with all applicable handling, safety and disposal regulations.
- S-27 Work with Placer County Environmental Health Division to ensure that businesses prepare, file, and maintain Hazardous Materials Business Plans, as required.
- S-28 Compile and regularly update an inventory of all properties, facilities, or land uses in engaging with hazardous materials in the city, including their location, property owner's contact information, and quantities of hazardous materials on site.
- S-29 Encourage use of on-site green infrastructure to protect and enhance community water quality with landscape design (e.g., berms, grasslands, plantings) to either contain released hazardous materials or to process and/or absorb pollutants from infiltrating the soil or watershed.
- S-30 Require a risk analysis, as appropriate, when reviewing new projects located near bulk hazardous material facilities, bulk petroleum transmission pipelines, and railroad travel routes.

### **Fire Hazard Policies**

- S-31 Require new development and projects proposing land use changes to annex into existing or new Community Facilities Districts for fire prevention/suppression and medical response, or to create other financing mechanisms, as necessary.
- S-32 Require substantially vacant newly annexed areas containing wildland fire potential to bear additional costs associated with contracting to CAL FIRE for fire suppression or provide other means of mitigation approved by the Fire Department until such time as urban services become available.
- S-33 Incorporate fuel modification/fire hazard reduction planning (e.g., weed abatement, open space management plans, firebreaks, planting restrictions) on lands (both public and private) that contain terrain and vegetative features such as grass,

woodlands, and severe slopes. Require fuel modification and fire hazard planning for new developments containing wildland fire potential.

- S-34 Maintain inter-jurisdictional cooperation and coordination, including automatic aid agreements with fire protection/suppression agencies in Placer County.
- S-35 Provide adequate firefighting infrastructure and safety design, including peak-load water supply, safe access routes for emergency vehicles, a minimum of two entry and exit points, or approved equivalent, in all residential communities, and legible street signs during all conditions across the city.
- S-36 Site all new public facilities in areas outside of identified fire hazard severity zones and wildland urban interface or fire threat areas, as feasible.

### **Seismic and Geologic Hazard Policies**

- S-37 Provide for seismic safety and structural integrity in residential, commercial, industrial, and public facilities through Building Code enforcement.
- S-38 Require site-specific geotechnical studies of development proposals in areas subject to landslide potential, erosion, and/or slope instability.

### **Climate-Related Hazard Policies**

- S-39 Collaborate with other cities, unincorporated communities, and special districts in Placer County as well as with Capital Region Climate Readiness Collaborative to develop and implement regional climate change adaptation and resilience initiatives.
- S-40 Use the reported data and findings of applicable local, regional, or state documents or plans pertaining to climate change and climate-related hazards to update the Community Safety Element and other appropriate planning efforts. Such documents or plans may include the California Climate Change Assessment, the California Adaptation Planning Guide, and the Safeguarding California plan.
- S-41 Develop a municipal network of resilience hubs, outside of any areas of elevated hazard risk to the greatest extent possible, that can serve as shelters and resource centers during and after hazard events (e.g., flood inundation, fire hazards, extreme heat days, etc.).
- S-42 Prepare for a reduced, long-term water supply resulting from more frequent and severe drought events.
- S-43 Engage with the Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District as well as the Placer County Department of Public Health to prepare for increased episodes of vector-borne diseases in Rocklin and the surrounding area.
- S-44 Renovate existing city-owned assets and design future facilities to incorporate renewable energy generation systems, battery storage systems, and energy-efficient design and features, as feasible.



- S-45 Encourage new developments and existing property owners to incorporate sustainable, energy-efficient, and environmentally regenerative features into their facilities, landscapes, and structures to reduce energy demands and improve on-site resilience.
- S-46 Work with appropriate entities to ensure that unhoused persons or groups in Rocklin have access to temporary and/or emergency housing, food, and other essential living materials to keep them safe during anticipated hazard events.
- S-47 Ensure that senior populations in Rocklin have access to information to help them improve their homes against certain hazards such as extreme heat or vector-borne diseases that threaten them particularly.
- S-48 Ensure that lower-income households have access to information regarding low-cost programs (e.g., subsidies for National Flood Insurance Program participation, air-conditioning, low-cost healthcare) to improve their homes and/or protect their wellbeing from climate-related hazards.
- S-49 Utilize natural resources and infrastructure to absorb the impacts of climate change, as feasible.

### **Other Hazard Policies**

- S-50 Require quarry safety protection measures prior to the development of any property containing or bordering on an existing quarry. The quarry safety protection measures shall identify public safety hazards associated with quarries and shall specify the protection methods that will be implemented to ensure public safety.
- S-51 Reduce the exposure of sensitive receptors to potential health risks from toxic air contaminants (TACs).

## **NOISE ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES**

**GOAL 1:** To protect City residents from the harmful and annoying effects of exposure to excessive noise.

**GOAL 2:** To protect the economic base of the City by discouraging noise-sensitive land uses from encroaching upon existing or planned noise-producing uses.

**GOAL 3:** To encourage the application of innovative land use planning methodologies in areas of potential noise conflicts.

### **Policies**

- N-1 Determine noise compatibility between land uses, and to provide a basis for developing noise mitigation, an acoustical analysis shall be required as part of the environmental

review process for all noise-sensitive land uses which are proposed in areas exposed to existing or projected exterior noise levels exceeding the level standards contained within this Noise Element.

N-2 Emphasize site planning and project design to achieve the standards of this Noise Element. The use of noise barriers shall be considered a means of achieving the noise standards; however, the construction of aesthetically intrusive wall heights shall be discouraged.

**GOAL 4:** To prevent noise-sensitive land uses from being adversely affected by stationary noise sources.

**Policies**

N-3 Ensure that stationary noise sources do not interfere with sleep by applying an interior hourly maximum noise level design standard of 45 dBA in the enclosed sleeping areas of residences affected by stationary noise sources. This standard assumes doors and windows are closed.

N-4 Restrict development of noise-sensitive land uses where the noise levels due to existing or planned stationary noise sources will exceed the exterior stationary noise level design standards of the Noise Element, unless effective noise mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project.

N-5 Evaluate and mitigate as appropriate, noise created by proposed stationary noise sources so that the exterior stationary noise level design standards of the Noise Element are not exceeded.

N-6 Apply the noise level design standards contained within Table 2-1 of the Noise Element to Policies N-4 and N-5 of the Noise Element.

<b>Table 2-1                      Exterior Noise Level Design Standards for New Projects                      Affected by or Including Stationary Noise Sources</b>		
<b>Noise Level                      Descriptor</b>	<b>Daytime                      (7 a.m. to 10 p.m.)</b>	<b>Nighttime                      (10 p.m. to 7 a.m.)</b>
<b>Hourly L<sub>eq</sub>, dB</b>	<b>55 dBA</b>	<b>45 dBA</b>

The City can impose noise level standards that are more restrictive than those specified above based upon determination of existing low ambient noise levels.

“Fixed” noise sources which are typically of concern include, but are not limited to the following:

HVAC Systems	Cooling Towers/Evaporative Condensers
Pump Stations	Lift Stations
Emergency Generators	Boilers
Steam Valves	Steam Turbines
Generators	Fans
Air Compressors	Heavy Equipment
Conveyor Systems	Transformers
Pile Drivers	Grinders
Drill Rigs	Gas or Diesel Motors
Welders	Cutting Equipment
Outdoor Speakers	Blowers

The types of uses which may typically produce the noise sources described above include but are not limited to: industrial facilities including pump stations, trucking operations, tire shops, auto maintenance shops, metal fabricating shops, shopping centers, drive-up windows, businesses using amplified sound systems, car washes, loading docks, batch plants, bottling and canning plants, recycling centers, electric generating stations, race tracks, landfills, sand and gravel operations, schools, playgrounds, and athletic fields.

NOTE: The point of measurement for noise levels is at a location at least 5 feet inside the property line of the receiving land use and at a point 5 feet above ground level. In the case of lots where the noise-sensitive use has a reasonable outdoor activity area for outdoor enjoyment, the stationary noise source criteria can be applied at a designated outdoor activity area (at the discretion of the Community Development Director).

**GOAL 5:** To prevent noise-sensitive land uses from being adversely affected by transportation noise sources.

*Note: For the purposes of the Noise Element, transportation noise sources are defined as traffic on public roadways and railroad line operations.*

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- N-7 Restrict development of noise-sensitive land uses in areas exposed to existing or projected levels of noise from transportation noise sources that exceed the noise level standards contained within the Noise Element, unless the project design includes effective mitigation that results in noise exposure which meets standards.
- N-8 Evaluate and mitigate as appropriate, noise created by new roadway noise sources (e.g., truck routes and new roadways) not contained within the General Plan, so as not to exceed the noise level standards of the Noise Element.
- N-9 Apply the noise level design criteria contained within Table 2-2 of the Noise Element to Policies N-7 and N-8 of the Noise Element.

<b>Table 2-2 Maximum Allowable Noise Exposure Transportation Noise Sources</b>			
<b>Affected/Receiving Land Use</b>	<b>Outdoor Activity Areas<sup>1</sup> L<sub>dn</sub>/CNEL, dB</b>	<b>Interior Spaces</b>	
		<b>L<sub>dn</sub>/CNEL, dB</b>	<b>L<sub>eq</sub>, dB<sup>2</sup></b>
Residential	60 <sup>3</sup>	45	--
Transient Lodging	65	45	--
Hospitals, Nursing Homes	60 <sup>3</sup>	45	--
Theaters, Auditoriums, Music Halls	--	--	35
Non-Commercial Places of Public Assembly	60 <sup>3</sup>	--	40
Office Buildings	--	--	45
Schools, Libraries, Museums	--	--	45
Playgrounds, Neighborhood Parks	70	--	--

<sup>1</sup> The outdoor activity area is generally considered to be the location where individuals may generally congregate for relaxation, or where individuals may require adequate speech intelligibility. Such places may include patios of residences, picnic facilities, or instructional areas.

Where it is not practical to mitigate exterior noise levels at patio or balconies of apartment complexes, a common area such as a pool or recreation area may be designated as the outdoor activity area.

At the discretion of the City, where no outdoor activity areas are provided or known, only the interior noise level criteria can be applied to the project.

<sup>2</sup> As determined for a typical worst-case hour during periods of use.

<sup>3</sup> Where it is not possible to reduce noise in outdoor activity areas to 60 dB L<sub>dn</sub>/CNEL or less using a practical application of the best-available noise reduction measures, an exterior noise level of up to 65 dB L<sub>dn</sub>/CNEL may be allowed provided that available exterior noise level reduction measures have been implemented and interior noise levels are in compliance with this table.

*Note: Existing dwellings and new single-family dwellings on existing lots are not subject to further City review with respect to compliance with the standards of the Noise Element. As a consequence, such dwellings may be constructed in areas where noise levels exceed the standards of the Noise Element.*

## **PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES**

**GOAL:** To provide high quality public facilities and a full range of public services to all areas and residents of the City, and to ensure that new development does not cause the inefficient use of such facilities and services.

### **General Policies for Public Facilities and Services**

- PF-1 Provide for adequate lead time in the planning of needed expansions of public services and facilities.
- PF-2 Require a study of infrastructure needs, public facility needs and a financing plan for newly annexing areas.
- PF-3 Require that any development that generates the need for public services and facilities, including equipment, pay its proportional share of providing those services and facilities. Participation may include, but is not limited to, the formation of assessment districts, special taxes, payment of fees, payment of the City's Construction Tax, purchase of equipment, and/or the construction and dedication of facilities.
- PF-4 Disapprove development proposals that would negatively impact City-provided public services, unless the negative impact is mitigated.
- PF-5 Require that construction of private development projects be coordinated with the construction of public facilities and services that are needed to serve the project.
- PF-6 Maintain a Capital Improvement Program for public facilities.
- PF-7 Maintain and update a plan for public facilities that includes projected staff needs and building space requirements.
- PF-8 Continue to develop a centralized Government Center in accordance with the Downtown Rocklin Plan, and construct new public buildings and facilities in locations that are convenient to the public and have good access.
- PF-9 Provide for the ongoing operation and maintenance of City services through the use of existing or new Community Facilities Districts, Lighting and Landscaping Districts, Park Development and Maintenance Districts, special taxes and other similar financing mechanisms.
- PF-10 Encourage public/private partnerships, such as joint use of offices, recreational facilities, open space, and the delivery of public services by private sector suppliers.

## **Policies for Law Enforcement, Fire Protection and Emergency Response**

- PF-11 Ensure that new development will not create a significant negative impact on the existing level of police and fire protection services.
- PF-12 Identify certain types of development, such as assisted living facilities and group homes, that may generate higher demand or special needs for emergency services and require developer participation to mitigate the needs/demands.
- PF-13 Analyze the cost of fire protection, police services and emergency medical response for annexations and major project developments and require a funding mechanism to offset any shortfall.
- PF-14 Require that projects be designed with adequate access for emergency services and general circulation. Such design should typically include the provision of multiple points of access.
- PF-15 Require City-approved automated entry access to gated communities for emergency vehicles.
- PF-16 Provide law enforcement resources as necessary to meet community needs.
- PF-17 Provide visible patrol services within the City, including specialized patrol programs for open space areas and trails.
- PF-18 Support community-oriented police services, including strong crime prevention and educational programs, school resource officers, and neighborhood watch programs.
- PF-19 Minimize the potential for criminal activity through development project design review.
- PF-20 Provide fire apparatus access in new development consistent with Rocklin Fire Department requirements, including appropriate access into open space and undeveloped portions of properties.
- PF-21 Provide progressive fire protection resources as necessary to meet community needs.
- PF-22 Require new development and projects proposing land use changes to annex into existing or new Community Facilities Districts for fire prevention/suppression and medical response, or to create other financing mechanisms as necessary.
- PF-23 Require special fire suppression mitigation (such as sprinklering) for any new residential development located more than two road miles from a fire station and for any new commercial development located more than one and one-half road miles from a fire station.
- PF-24 Support public education concerning fire and life safety.

PF-25 Require new development to meet fire flow requirements based on standards codified in the International Fire Code.

### **Policies for Schools**

PF-26 Evaluate all residential development project applications for their impact on school services and facilities. Where an impact is found, the project may be conditioned to the extent and in the manner allowed by law to mitigate the impact, such as requiring payment of school district fees and/or participation in a community facilities district to fund school facilities.

PF-27 Require applications for annexations into the City which are outside of the Rocklin Unified School District to apply for inclusion into the Rocklin Unified School District.

PF-28 Coordinate with school districts serving the City regarding locations for new school sites, and review proposed school sites for General Plan conformity, associated environmental impacts and compatibility with adjacent land uses.

### **Policies for Refuse Collection and Disposal**

PF-29 Require solid waste collection services to ensure the maintenance of health standards.

PF-30 Support public education programs in order to reduce, recycle and reuse solid waste and other materials such as oil, paint, and antifreeze in order to reduce landfill disposal.

PF-31 Encourage new commercial and industrial development to incorporate recycling programs into their construction and operations.

### **Policies for Utilities**

PF-32 Request utility companies to expedite undergrounding of existing above ground utility lines.

PF-33 Require undergrounding of utility lines in new development, except where infeasible for financial and/or operational reasons.

PF-34 Coordinate with utility companies regarding the location of new high voltage transmission lines, seeking undergrounding wherever possible.

PF-35 Minimize the need to trench City streets by requiring the installation of telecommunications conduit in new development and major street reconstructions.

PF-36 Encourage the development of wireless communication systems and facilities and direct cellular antennas to commercial, industrial and publicly owned sites.

- PF-37 Ensure that the City is properly compensated, to the extent allowed by law, by utility and telecommunications companies for the use of City rights-of-way.
- PF-38 Coordinate roadway maintenance and construction projects with utility companies and private developers to minimize pavement cuts in new or resurfaced streets.
- PF-39 Inform utility companies when major new developments and new street projects will occur so that planning for utility extensions can be coordinated.
- PF-40 Coordinate with public and private utility providers to ensure that their facility and service plans meet City needs.
- PF-41 Assist the Placer County Water Agency in implementing water conservation practices.
- PF-42 Promote the use of joint trenches for telecommunication and other dry utility purposes.

**Policies for Storm Drainage**

- PF-43 Require that new development proposals include Drainage Master Plans unless waived by the City Engineer.
- PF-44 Acquire easements to creeks and waterways to allow for maintenance, inspection, and construction of storm drainage facilities.

**Policies for Other Service Providers**

- PF-45 Request Placer County to require any development in the Rocklin Sphere of Influence to be compatible with City public service and facility standards.
- PF-46 Continue to implement joint projects with the Placer County Library System to ensure that library services and facilities serving Rocklin residents are expanded as needed to meet the needs of Rocklin residents.
- PF-47 Work with the Cemetery District as needed to identify opportunities to accommodate new or expanded facilities.

**ROCKLIN CIVIC CENTER PLAN GOALS AND POLICIES**

- Goal 1* Provide opportunities for greater understanding and appreciation of the history of Rocklin.
- Goal 2* Preserve unique outcroppings, as possible, within the nearby public Government Center as addressed in the Rocklin Downtown Plan for public viewing and study.
- Goal 3* Preserve the ambiance and character of the existing residential areas adjacent to the nearby Government Center.



- Goal 4* Provide opportunities for new residential development in keeping with the character and scale of existing residences in the area.
- Goal 5* Revise the Rocklin Civic Center Plan area street network so that it adequately serves the existing area residents, accommodates new growth consistent with the approved plan, and integrates into the City of Rocklin's overall street system.
- Goal 6* Prepare plans for the infrastructure in the area to upgrade existing infrastructure to comply with current standards and to accommodate new growth consistent with the approved plan.

### **Goal 1 Opportunities for Historic Understanding**

- Policy 1* Enhance the identity of the downtown area as a central place in the City by encouraging a complementary development pattern within the overall Rocklin Civic Center Plan area.
- Policy 2* Enhance and preserve the special natural features of the area, as reasonably possible, including unique trees, quarries, and rock crops.
- Policy 3* Establish a strong design character or theme for the area, in concert with the "Downtown Plan".
- Policy 4* The plan for the nearby Government Center will consider opportunities for display and interpretation of historic materials through the use of space in existing or new building as well as outdoor displays.
- Policy 5* Preserve mining artifacts, as possible, by identifying and storing items on public sites and encouraging preservation on private sites and or transfer to public sites.
- Policy 6* Provide visual, written, and mapped linkages between mining, history with other historical aspects of the City such as railroading, trade, and agriculture.

### **Goal 2 Preservation of Quarries**

- Policy 7* Establish guidelines to preserve and protect those unique quarries and rock outcroppings within the Rocklin Civic Center Plan Area and nearby Government Center.

### **Goal 3 Preserve Character of Existing Residential Areas**

- Policy 8* The planned densities within existing undeveloped areas should enable the preservation of those unique quarries, rock outcroppings, and trees as reasonably possible.
- Policy 9* The existing narrow streets within the interior of the area should be used as a basis to design a "rural lane" type of residential street cross-section.
- Policy 10* The street network should be designed to discourage external or through traffic from the core residential areas.

*Policy 11* New residential developments should be in scale with the existing residential uses in the area.

#### **Goal 4 New Residential Developments**

*Policy 12* Establish densities for new residential uses that will allow for economical development and the provision of upgraded public facilities in the form of streets, waterlines, sewer lines, and storm drainage facilities.

*Policy 13* New developments should preserve and incorporate those unique quarries and as possible, any major rock outcroppings.

*Policy 14* The Planned Development procedure of the Rocklin Zoning Ordinance should be used to review and approve residential projects.

*Policy 15* The spacing, scale, mass, height, materials, and architectural design of new residential uses should be compatible with the existing residential structures.

#### **Goal 5 Improve the Street Network**

*Policy 16* Reduce the potential for the use of minor residential streets as shortcuts for through traffic.

*Policy 17* Provide for the continuity of a Woodside Drive-Ruhkala Lane alignment.

*Policy 18* Create a Civic Center street/drive network south of Rocklin Road that provides access to Pacific Street and South Grove.

#### **Goal 6 Plans for Upgrading Infrastructure**

*Policy 19* Prepare plans for the upgrading of the water and sewer lines to serve existing properties, as well as provide capacity for new development.

*Policy 20* Prepare plans to create an adequate storm drainage system for the Rocklin Civic Center Plan area.

*Policy 21* Identify methods of funding new infrastructure with the understanding that residential developers and the City of Rocklin will be sharing the cost of the facilities.

## **HOUSING ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES**

The Housing Element is a comprehensive statement by the City of Rocklin of its current and future housing needs at all income levels. The element, which is required to be updated at specific times in accordance with state law, provides goals, policies and objectives/programs related to the provision of housing at all income levels as well as provisions that are state-mandated. The Housing Element and its associated environmental document were adopted separately and can be obtained at the City of Rocklin Community Development Department, 3970 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, CA 95677.

**ACTION PLANS FOR GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS OTHER THAN HOUSING ARE PUBLISHED SEPARATELY ON THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN WEB PAGE.**

**OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS FOR HOUSING ARE CONTAINED WITHIN THE HOUSING ELEMENT DOCUMENT.**