



Manteca

General Plan Update

MEMORANDUM

Meeting 3 – November 6, 2017

TO: Manteca General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC)

FROM: Beth Thompson, De Novo Planning Group

SUBJECT: General Plan Conservation, Open Space, and Air Quality Discussion

DATE: November 6, 2017

The November 6th GPAC meeting will focus on the topics of conservation, air quality, and open space. This meeting packet includes specific reading materials related to conservation, air quality, and open space and raises key issues to consider in preparation of the second GPAC meeting.

The Conservation and Open Space Elements are required elements of the General Plan. Jurisdictions within the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District are required to address air quality in their General Plans.

The Conservation Element must address the conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources, including water, forests, soils, rivers and other waters, wildlife, minerals, and natural resources. The Conservation Element must address waters and riparian habitats that may accommodate floodwaters for stormwater management and groundwater recharge. The Open Space Element must address open space for the preservation of natural resources (wildlife and fish habitat, ecologic study areas, and waters, and open space for the managed production of resources (e.g., rangeland, agricultural lands, groundwater recharge, major mineral deposits). The City has addressed these topics in its current General Plan in the Resource Conservation Chapter which combines the open space and conservation requirements.

The Air Quality Element must include a comprehensive set of goals, policies, objectives, and implementation measures to improve air quality through implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, planning for transportation facilities and programs to reduce congestion and vehicle trips, and planning land uses to reduce air pollutant emissions to to minimize exposure to toxic air pollutants.

Public comments received to date are provided for the General Plan Advisory Committee to review via the General Plan Update website at: <https://manteca.generalplan.org/content/public-comments>.

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REQUIRED READING

Prior to the meeting on November 6th, please read the following items:

- Existing Conditions Report, Chapter 5.0 – Conservation and Natural Resources – *please note that the entire Existing Conditions Report is provided in this meeting packet and will serve as a resource for future meetings*
- City of Manteca General Plan 2023 Resource Conservation Element, Chapter 8 – *please note that the General Plan 2023 was provided previously in the Meeting Packet for October 2, 2017*
- City of Manteca General Plan 2023 Air Quality Element, Chapter 10 – *please note that the General Plan 2023 was provided previously in the Meeting Packet for October 2, 2017*

WORK EXERCISE

After reading the materials identified above, please consider the following questions and be prepared to discuss.

Conservation and Open Space

1. In developing a goal and policy framework to address conservation and open space, what top three issues or actions should the City prioritize?
2. In reviewing the existing General Plan goals, policies, and action programs related to conservation and open space:
 - a. Which existing General Plan goals, policies, and action programs best address the concerns you identified?
 - b. Which priorities are not addressed in the existing General Plan?
3. What additional input do you have that the GPAC should consider and discuss?

Air Quality

1. In developing a goal and policy framework to address air quality, what top three issues or actions should the City prioritize?
2. In reviewing the existing General Plan goals, policies, and action programs related to air quality:
 - a. Which existing General Plan goals, policies, and action programs best address the concerns you identified?
 - b. Which priorities are not addressed in the existing General Plan?
3. What additional input do you have that the GPAC should consider and discuss?

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Existing Conditions Report
2. Summary Notes - GPAC Meeting #2, October 2, 2017