

SUTTER COUNTY GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

PUBLIC SERVICES

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Goal X.X Protect citizens and property from criminal activity and deter the incidence of crime. (Modified 3.F)

Policy X.X-1 Law Enforcement Services and Facilities. Ensure the provision of appropriate law enforcement services and facilities to protect existing and future citizens and businesses. (Modified 3.F-1)

Policy X.X-2 Response Times. Strive to achieve and maintain appropriate response times for all priority level calls to support high quality law enforcement services. (New)

Policy X.X-3 Funding for New Development. Require new development to provide the revenue and fiscal resources necessary to fund sufficient law enforcement services and facilities with no adverse fiscal effects to the County or decline in current law enforcement service levels. (New)

Policy X.X-4 Timing of Services. Ensure that the construction of law enforcement facilities, staffing, and delivery of services keeps pace with new development and growth. (New)

Policy X.X-5 Development Review. Include the Sherriff's Department in the review of new private and public development projects to ensure that public safety and crime prevention concerns are addressed. (New)

Policy X.X-6 Community-Based Efforts. Encourage community-based crime prevention efforts and pursue regular communication with neighborhood, school, and civic organizations. (Modified 3.F-2)

FIRE PROTECTION

Fire Services

Goal X.1 Protect life and property from the risk of fire, and provide for coordinated emergency medical services. (Modified 3.G, 7.D)

Policy X.1-1 Coordinated Operations. Coordinate operations between County Service Areas, independent Fire Protection Districts, and neighboring fire service agencies to ensure optimum fire protection and efficient use of all fire suppression resources. (Modified 3.G-1)

Policy X.1-2 Standardization of Operations. Promote standardization of operations among fire protection agencies. (Modified 3.G-3)

Policy X.1-3 Agency Consolidation. Encourage the consolidation of fire protection agencies when it enhances the efficient provision of fire protection services. (New)

Policy X.1-4 Fire Services and Facilities. Ensure the provision of high quality fire protection services and facilities to protect existing and future citizens and businesses. (Modified 3.G-3)

Policy X.1-5 New Fire Stations. Ensure that new fire stations are located strategically throughout the County to provide optimal response times to all areas. (New)

Policy X.1-6 Funding for New Development. Require new development to provide the revenue and fiscal resources necessary to fund sufficient fire protection services and facilities with no adverse fiscal effects to the County or decline in current fire protection service levels. (New)

Policy X.1-7 Will-Serve Letters. Require that a will-serve letter be secured from the appropriate fire agency confirming the ability to provide fire services to new development. (New)

Policy X.1-8 Timing of Services. Ensure that the construction of fire facilities, staffing, and delivery of services keeps pace with new development and growth. (New)

Policy X.1-9 Development Review. Include the appropriate fire agency in the review of new private and public development plans to ensure compliance with state and other adopted fire safety standards and that fire protection and prevention concerns are addressed. (Modified 3.G-2, 7.D-1)

Policy X.1-10 Adequate Fire Flows. Incorporate fire flow requirements into new development design consistent with the California Fire Code and other applicable requirements based on County fire prevention standards. (New; GP Requirement)

Policy X.1-11 Community Based Efforts. Encourage community participation and public education programs related to fire prevention and safety, and emergency response and preparedness. (Modified 3.G-4)

Wildland Fire Hazard

Goal X.2 Minimize the risk to life and property resulting from wildland fire hazards. (Modified 7.D)

Policy X.2-1 Development Limitation: Limit development in areas of extreme, very high, and high wildfire risk. (New)

Policy X.2-2 Defensible Space. Require new and/or existing development to establish adequate defensible space by providing clearance around structures, and using fire-resistant landscaping and roofing materials. (New)

Policy X.2-3 Private Properties. Require private property owners to remove excessive/overgrown vegetation and rubbish to prevent and minimize fire risks. (New)

Implementation Program 1 for Policy X.2-2 and X.2-3:

Educate residents on the risks and requirements of living in wildland fire hazard areas, which are primarily surrounding the Sutter Buttes and areas adjacent to the County's rivers and levees.

Policy X.2-4 Wildfire Management Plan. Require new large-scale development projects (i.e. Specific Plans, Rural Planned Communities) to prepare and implement a County-approved wildfire management plan incorporating fire protection measures for developing properties adjacent to undeveloped lands. The wildfire management plan shall be consistent with any adopted Countywide plan and/or regulations in effect at the time of the project's approval. (New)

SCHOOLS

Goal X.X Provide for the educational needs of current and future Sutter County residents. (Modified 3.H)

Policy X.X-1 Cooperative Effort. Work cooperatively with local school districts and the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools to address ongoing issues, including school capacities, overcrowding, facility needs, funding, and raising the quality of public education. (Modified 3.H-1)

Policy X.X-2 Funding for New Development. Support local school district efforts to mitigate the impacts of new development on school services, consistent with state law. (Modified 3.H-3; EIR MM)

Policy X.X-3 Timing of Services. Require new development to coordinate with local school districts to ensure new facilities are available concurrent with the need for those services. Where feasible, new facilities should be located within the communities that they serve. (New)

Policy X.X-4 Joint-Use Development. Work cooperatively with local school districts to plan for the joint-use of school, park, and other public use facilities. (Modified 3.H-6)

Policy X.X-5 Development Review. Include the appropriate school districts in the review of new residential development projects in order to address potential school impacts and needs. (New)

Policy X.X-6 Higher Education. Support the development and expansion of vocational, technical, and higher education facilities. (New)

Policy X.X-7 Educated Work Force. Encourage schools and colleges to provide educational programs relevant to the needs of the local economy to support a technically sophisticated work force able to attract new industries and employment opportunities. (Modified 3.H-5)

LIBRARIES

Goal X.X Provide public library services and facilities that enhance Sutter County's quality of life and create a civic environment with opportunities for self-learning, educational, recreational, and cultural enrichment. (New)

Policy X.X-1 Library Services and Facilities. Ensure adequate public library services and facilities are maintained for all residents. Adequate services and facilities include full-service libraries with trained staff, and collections, programs, and computer access for residents of all ages. (New; EIR MM)

Implementation Program 1 for Policy X.X-1:

Provide for the following in the design and operations of library facilities:

- Library collection materials in a variety of formats to address the needs and interests of all residents.
- Library space and support programs (such as adult and family literacy programs) specifically designed to meet the needs of specific age groups, including pre-school and elementary school age children, pre-teens, teens, and adults.
- Integrated technology such as public computers, internet and wireless access throughout library programming and staff areas to meet the needs of all library customers and to support efficient staff operations. (New)
- Variety of tables, seating and lighting arrangements, for the comfort and convenience of customers who come to the library to read and study, or use the library as "community place".
- Variety of shelving convenient for customers of all ages, and conducive to presenting and marketing resources for maximum use.
- Library hours that are convenient to the public.
- Ease of access by the general public.
- Consideration of providing facilities on one level with one main entrance, whenever feasible.
- Efficient and cost effective staffing and operations.

Policy X.X-2 Facility and Service Standards. Maintain current performance levels for program attendance and visits per capita, and adopt target standards for new library facilities and services. (New)

Implementation Program 2 for Policy X.X-2:

Apply the following target standards for full service libraries consistent with the state library statistics statewide mean for public library circulation. Work toward these standards for existing libraries, and require them for new library development: (New)

Square Feet Per Capita	0.50
Collection Items Per Capita	2.15
Reader Seats Per 1,000	4.00

Technology Stations Per 1,000	1.00
Circulation Per Capita	5.80
Program Attendance Per Capita	0.92
Visits Per Capita	10.43

Policy X.X-3 Facility Access. Provide convenient public access for all residents to library services by locating libraries in areas easily accessible to pedestrians, public transit, and other modes of transportation and where adequate parking facilities are available. (New)

Implementation Program 3 for Policy X.X-3:

Revise Zoning Code to require new library facilities to provide parking at a rate of 5 parking spaces per 1,000 feet of building space. (New)

Policy X.X-4 Co-Location. Consider locating libraries with other high-use facilities such as civic centers, parks, restaurants, coffee shops, schools, and business districts. (New)

Policy X.X-5 Funding. Target a level of library expenditure commensurate with statewide average expenditures for public libraries to maintain/improve existing facilities. (New)

Policy X.X-6 Services to Cities. Coordinate with the cities of Yuba City and Live Oak to support and enhance existing library services to those jurisdictions. (New)

Implementation Program 4 for Policy X.X-6:

Work with the cities of Yuba City and Live Oak to create a Memorandum of Understanding to adequately fund library services and facilities located in those incorporated areas. (New)

Policy X.X-7 Funding for New Development. Require new development to provide the revenue and fiscal resources necessary to fund sufficient library services and facilities with no adverse fiscal effects to the County or decline in current library service levels. (New)

Policy X.X-8 Timing of Services. Ensure that the construction of library facilities and services keep pace with new development and growth. (New)

Policy X.X-9 Development Review. Include the County Library in the review of new residential development projects to ensure that library concerns are addressed. (New)

PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks

Goal X.1 Ensure that adequate park, recreation, and open space lands and programs are provided to meet the diverse needs of Sutter County's residents. (Modified 5.A)

Policy X.1-1 Park Facilities. Support the development of new parks and recreational facilities, and the maintenance and enhancement of existing parks and recreational facilities, to provide for a variety of active and passive recreational needs. (Modified 5.A-1)

Policy X.1-2 Countywide Parks and Open Space Standard. Strive to achieve and maintain a standard of 10 acres per 1,000 residents of park and open space lands within the County. Development of park land within the Sutter Pointe Specific Plan area shall comply with the standards set forth in the Sutter Pointe Specific Plan. (Modified 5.A-2; EIR MM)

Policy X.1-3 Parks and Open Space Standard for New Large-Scale Development. Require new large-scale development projects (i.e., Specific Plans, Rural Planned Communities) to provide 10 acres per 1,000 residents of active and passive parks and open space lands. New large-scale development projects shall prepare and implement a County approved Parks and Open Space Master Plan. (New)

Implementation Program 1 for Policy X.1-3:

Require that the Parks and Open Space Master Plan, at a minimum, provides guidance for compliance with the parks and open space land standard; specifies the appropriate mix of active and passive park facility, open space lands, and recreation program needs; identifies and establishes a mechanism/entity to operate, construct, and maintain all parks, open space, recreation, and trail facilities; and defines sufficient funding programs.

Policy X.1-4 Funding for New Development. Require new development to provide the revenue and fiscal resources necessary to fund sufficient parks and recreation services and facilities with no adverse fiscal effects to the County or decline in current parks and recreation service levels. (New)

Policy X.1-5 Timing of Services. Ensure that the construction of parks and recreational facilities keeps pace with new development and growth. (New)

Policy X.1-6 Access. Locate new parks and recreation facilities within walking and bicycling distance of residential areas. (New)

Policy X.1-7 Conservation. Incorporate energy efficiency and water conservation, including the potential use of recycled water, in park design, development, and operations. (New)

Policy X.1-8 Coordination with Cities. Work cooperatively with the cities of Yuba City

and Live Oak to provide funding for, and development of, additional parks and recreational facilities. (New)

Policy X.1-9 Sutter Buttes Recreation. Collaborate with the Middle Mountain Foundation to provide information on the recreational and educational opportunities available to Sutter County residents within the Sutter Buttes. (New)

Policy X.1-10 River Recreation. Support the development of public recreational amenities that enhance public access to and use of the Sacramento, Feather, and Bear River corridors including launch ramps, marinas, camping facilities, picnic areas, vista points, interpretive centers, and commercial recreation and services. (New)

Recreational Trails

Goal X.2 Support creation of an interconnected multi-use trail system that enhances Sutter County's recreational opportunities. (New)

Policy X.2-1 Multi-Use Trails. Support the development of a network of safe, interconnected multi-use trails that link activity and resource areas, and connect with regional trail systems. (New)

Policy X.2-2 New Development. Require new large-scale development projects (i.e. Specific Plans, Rural Planned Communities) to provide multi-use recreational paths and connections as appropriate. (New)

Policy X.2-3 River Trails. Support opportunities to create multi-use trails along the Sacramento, Feather, and Bear Rivers, including enhancement of the Feather River Parkway, through collaboration with the cities of Yuba City and Live Oak. (New)

Policy X.2-4 Trail Opportunities. Encourage the development of abandoned rights-of-way, levee tops, utility easements, and waterways for new multi-use trails. (New)

Implementation Program 2 for Policies X.2-1 to X.2-4:

The County shall adopt and implement a revised Bikeway Master Plan.

Civic and Cultural Facilities

Goal X.3 Enhance and protect local customs and culture. (Modified Goal 5.C)

Policy X.3-1 Celebrate Cultural Diversity. Partner with arts and cultural organizations to celebrate the County's cultural diversity. (New)

Policy X.3-2 Need for Civic Facilities. Explore the need for, and support the future establishment of, community centers, meeting venues, and conference facilities within the County. (New)