

**Council Date: July 26, 2011****SUBJECT: 2009-0799 Approval of Resolution to Adopt the Newly Consolidated General Plan****REPORT IN BRIEF**

With the assistance of the General Plan Consolidation Advisory Committee, staff has created a streamlined General Plan that is easy to use, update, and distribute. This consolidation was completed in response to concerns that the size and scope of the General Plan had become too broad and detailed to use and understand. This consolidated General Plan has been refocused on goals and policies that affect the physical development of the City. Goals and policies that are not included in the consolidated General Plan will remain as Council Policy. It is important to note that this effort was not to rewrite the General Plan, but was to reorganize and consolidate existing adopted policies. The intent of the goals and policies is not changed.

The document was made more concise by eliminating redundancies in goals and policies, condensing the narrative and creating an implementation plan to summarize the great majority of the action statements. The new document has multiple online features such as bookmarking, hyperlinking and references to additional resources. The enhanced website provides additional information and features. After substantial public involvement on the part of the Advisory Committee and input at a public outreach meeting, the Planning Commission and staff recommend that City Council adopt the newly consolidated General Plan with two minor modifications (see Recommendation section).

**BACKGROUND**

Most General Plans are used primarily to guide land development decisions. However, in 1980, the City of Sunnyvale expanded the plan to include a more comprehensive approach to City activities such as appearance, the arts, and fiscal planning. By the late 2000's, the City's General Plan contained 22 separate elements, each written and developed in different years. The process of updating and distributing the complete General Plan had become cumbersome. Additionally, these multiple documents are difficult for decision makers and staff to use.

In late 2009, the City Council authorized staff to proceed with a consolidation of the General Plan. An Advisory Committee was created with representatives

from Council and all Boards and Commissions to provide direction for the new General Plan. These recommendations included “measures of success,” the scope of the document, organization, and the “look and feel” of both the printed and web-based versions for the new single-document General Plan. In September 2010 (RTC [10-260](#)) City Council accepted the Advisory Committee recommendations and directed staff to proceed with the consolidation (see <http://generalplan.inSunnyvale.com> for a complete record of the Advisory Committee’s work and recommendations). This document is a result of that effort.

## **EXISTING POLICY**

### **CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE**

#### **GENERAL PLANS**

##### **§65300 Plan required**

Each planning agency shall prepare and the legislative body of each county and city shall adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the county or city, and of any land outside its boundaries which in the planning agency’s judgment bears relation to its planning. Chartered cities shall adopt general plans which contain the mandatory elements specified in Section 65302.

##### **§65351 Public involvement**

During the preparation or amendment of the general plan, the planning agency shall provide opportunities for the involvement of citizens, public agencies, public utility companies, and civic, education, and other community groups, through public hearings and any other means the city or county deems appropriate.

## **DISCUSSION**

The primary task for the consolidation was to condense significant amounts of discussion into key points to set the context for the goals and policies. In addition, goals and policies were reviewed to look for redundancies. The new chapter format brings together goals and policies that were previously kept in separate documents. This grouping highlights the interrelationships between City activities and development.

Due to the consolidation effort, the single document now includes goals and policies that were adopted at different times. This General Plan identifies the date of the original adoption in parenthesis after the goal/policy (i.e. (1995)), as well as the original goal or policy number.

The original text of the 22 sub-elements of the General Plan is still available on the City’s website at <http://generalplan.inSunnyvale.com>. This text will be preserved until the next substantive update of the General Plan is undertaken.

The following is a summary of the actions taken to consolidate the General Plan. For a detailed list of actions, see Attachment C, Detailed Description of the Project.

### **Refocus the General Plan Content**

*Relocate selected Goals, Policies and Actions* – Goals, policies and actions that neither relate to the physical development of the City nor discuss a required subject under California State Law were relocated out of the General Plan to general Council Policy. The content of the General Plan was determined by the Advisory Committee and accepted by City Council at their meeting of September 28, 2010.

Policies located within the Council Policy Manual still have equal policy weight as those under the General Plan. Council Policies and General Plan policies are similar in that they both require Council action to be modified. The process to modify General Plan policies requires three steps: (1) Initiation, (2) Planning Commission review, and (3) City Council action. These steps require more time than the Brown Act time frames that would apply to amending Council Policy. After Council action on this consolidation, staff will proceed with an effort to reorganize the Council Policy manual.

Since the September 26, 2010 RTC, the Advisory Committee and staff have recommended two changes to the content of the General Plan. The first change was to include Wastewater Management Goals B and C in the Environmental Management Chapter. These goals were originally determined to be operational in nature, but upon further analysis, were determined to have a potential impact on wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure. The second change was to move Socio-economic Goals E and G to the Council Policy Manual (see Attachment A for a list of the goals and their topics). These goals address education and health service programs that are not a fundamental function of the City (such as Library or Recreation) and do not directly impact the physical development of the City. Staff also clarified that Socio-economic Goals H, I and J would be located in the Council Policy Manual. The Advisory Committee concurred with these changes, while recommending that language be added to the forthcoming Land Use and Transportation Element policies that support the provision of these types of uses in the City. Staff is currently working with the Horizon 2035 committee on the policy language for land use goals and policies.

### **Condense Data and Analysis**

*Streamline Discussion and Analysis* – The new plan maintains the intent of each element goal and policy but significantly reduces detail from the discussion and analysis, consistent with the Advisory Committee's recommendations. All of the original text from the general plan elements will continue to be available for reference at <http://generalplan.InSunnyvale.com>.

*Reference more Updated Data* – Where possible, links or cross-references have been inserted in the document so readers can find more up to date information. For example, population data or unemployment figures in the Community Vision are from 2006. Links to an updated Community Condition Indicators report were inserted so readers could find current information.

*Insert Updated Data* – In limited cases, old data was replaced with more current data in the body of the document. This was done when the data was not otherwise available through a Community Condition Indicator or would not impact adopted goals and policies. For example, the figure for the number of street trees in the Community Character section was updated from the 1990 amount of 31,900 to the 2010 amount of 37,000. Each instance of updated data is discussed in the detailed project description.

In the course of updating the data for the Urban Runoff section of Environmental Management Chapter, it became clear that the policy was not substantial enough to meet the recent legal requirements of the NPDES permit. Staff is recommending three new policies for the Urban Runoff section. Staff is also recommending two new policies in the Economy section of the Land Use and Transportation Chapter to address recent programs for business development and attraction. For a complete listing of the changes to policy, see Attachment C, Detailed Description of the Project.

### **Streamline Goals and Policies**

*Reorganize the Goals and Policies* – The goals, policies, and actions remaining in the General Plan were categorized according to chapters which are based on several of the Community Vision statements:

Chapter 1 - Introduction – no goals or policies

Chapter 2 - Community Vision

Chapter 3 - Land Use and Transportation

Chapter 4 - Community Character

Chapter 5 - Housing

Chapter 6 - Safety and Noise

Chapter 7 - Environmental Management

*Eliminate Redundancies in Goals and Policies* - Through the categorization process, redundancies in goals or policies were identified and eliminated. For example, if there were two similar goals about promoting a balanced economy, the goals were combined into one comprehensive goal promoting a balanced economy. Each instance when a goal or policy was combined is discussed in the detailed project description.

*Combine Goals or Policies to Simplify Discussion* – In some cases, goals or policies were combined in order to simplify the discussion and reduce the

number of policies. For example, the noise element has three different policies under Goal B regarding aircraft-related noise:

- Support efforts to reduce or mitigate airport noise.
- Support activities that will minimize the noise impacts of Moffett Federal Airfield.
- Support activities that will minimize and/or reduce the noise impacts of San Jose International Airport.
- Encourage activities that limit the noise impacts of helicopters.

To simplify, these policies were condensed into one:

- Support efforts to reduce or mitigate airport noise, including noise impacts of Moffett Federal Airfield, San Jose International Airport and helicopters.

Each instance when a goal or policy was combined is discussed in the detailed project description.

*Evaluate Appropriate Level for Goals and Policies* - Goals and policies were evaluated to see if they are categorized at the correct level, according to the definitions accepted by the City Council.

These definitions are as follows:

- **Goals** are long-range, broad and comprehensive targets. Goals are not necessarily measurable or achievable; rather, they describe a desired end-state community condition.
- **Policies** are focused and specific instructional guidelines. Policies describe context and rationale of desired outcomes. They are created, altered or discarded only by City Council.
- **Actions\*** are specific, proactive steps to achieve goals following the instructional guidelines. Action steps are short range in nature. They are the critical link between long-range planning and current decision-making.

\* See discussion below about actions and implementation plans.

Where appropriate, a goal was re-categorized as a policy, or a policy re-categorized as an action, or an action re-categorized as a policy. This was done to better match the goal, policy or action statement with the accepted definition listed above. A comprehensive list of the changes to policy is available in the detailed description of the project (Attachment C).

*Create Titles for Goals* – To create consistency across a wide variety of goals and make it easier to identify goals, “titles” of 3-5 words were created to precede the original goal wording. The original wording of the goal was not changed unless otherwise noted in the detailed project description.

### **Simplify Actions and Implementation**

*Compile a List of Implementation Plans* – Implementation plans are long-range plans, such as City ordinances, development and design review, specific plans and land use plans, subdivision regulations, impact fees, or other capital improvement projects which carry out the goals and policies of the General Plan.

*Summarize Actions as Implementation Plans* - When actions were deemed too general or long-term to meet the definition above, they were categorized within the Implementation Plan. This plan summarizes many of the over 600 action statements that were previously in place (See Appendix A of the General Plan.)

For example, an action statement in the Community Character Chapter stating: “Maintain the requirements for undergrounding overhead utility wires” is implemented through the zoning code requirements for undergrounding utilities (SMC 19.42.38.090, 095 and 100). This ordinance is listed as an implementation plan for the Community Character Chapter.

In some cases action statements or strategies were preserved as actions. For example, Community Character Action CC-5.2a “Consider studying areas where the street and building setback relationship could be improved.” (Previously Community Design Action Statement C.2.g). This is a specific, proactive step that would need to be completed. A comprehensive list of each action statement/strategy contained in the previous sub-elements and their location is available at <http://generalplan.inSunnyvale.com>.

In recent General Plan Sub-element updates, the term “Action Strategies” was used to refer to staff initiated efforts to implement the General Plan. The Water Resources Sub-element explains that the Action Strategies are *“to inform Council, and the public, regarding the initial operational steps which staff proposes to implement the goals and policies adopted by Council. Staff may create new action strategies, and revise others, without action by City Council.”*

California State law requires that the General Plan include implementation efforts; therefore Council approved language is needed to demonstrate how the plan and policies will be implemented. The “Action” statements in the consolidated General Plan either further refine a policy or serve as Council directives. In order to avoid confusion between “staff actions” that can be routinely updated and “Council directed actions” that are part of the approved General Plan, staff recommends that Council approved items appear as sub-

policies (eliminating the word “Action”); this change will be reflected in the final version of the General Plan.

### **Standardize Format and Numbering System**

*Reformat the Document and Figures* - All text, tables, graphs, charts, and maps were reformatted to a consistent design, renumbered, and in some cases, retitled for consistency and clarity. Goals, policies and actions were renumbered. Unless specifically stated in the attached detailed project description, the data remains unchanged from the original.

*Consistency in Style* – Wording and grammar was reviewed for consistency with the City’s style guide.

### **Create Online Features**

Although paper copies of the General Plan will be available (as required by State law), the plan has been designed to work best online. The online version of this document is available at <http://generalplan.InSunnyvale.com>.

The following features are included:

- **Hyperlinks** - All references to internal City websites were hyperlinked within the document. Where possible, links to resources such as implementation plans were added.
- **Bookmarks** – Were added to the online document to assist in navigation.
- **Maps** – Maps are made available separately as pdfs to assist in more detailed viewing.

### **Simplify Future Revisions and Updates**

Currently the Land Use and Transportation sections are being updated. These amendments will be completed in the style of the consolidated General Plan and all applicable narrative will be included directly in the document. Subsequent individual amendments may also be undertaken in the next several years, including the Noise and Air Quality sections.

In approximately ten years, the City will undertake a comprehensive update of the General Plan, with all departments working together to update the entire document. The comprehensive update will facilitate internal consistency, making the document easier to use and complying with state General Plan guidelines.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

A Negative Declaration has been prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act provisions and City Guidelines. An initial study has determined that the proposed project would not create any significant

environmental impacts as no substantial changes were made to goals or policies (see Attachment D, Negative Declaration).

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Limited full-color printed copies will be made available for the Sunnyvale Library, and for staff, City Council and Planning Commission members who desire a copy. The printing costs are included in the General Plan special project budget. Most members of the public will access the document online, which has no fiscal impact.

**PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public Contact was made through posting of the Planning Commission agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board, on the City's Web site, and the availability of the agenda and report in the Office of the City Clerk.

An informational meeting was held on Thursday, May 26, 2011 in the Council Chambers for the general community, including specific invitations to all Boards and Committee members. A summary of the comments received is included in Attachment E.

The Planning Commission considered this item at their meeting of June 27, 2011. No members of the public spoke on this item.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1. Adopt the Negative Declaration; approve the resolution to adopt the newly consolidated General Plan with minor modifications (as discussed in the recommendation section) and direct staff to proceed with a reorganization of the Council Policy Manual.
2. Adopt the Negative Declaration; approve the resolution to adopt the newly consolidated General Plan with modifications and direct staff to proceed with a reorganization of the Council Policy Manual.
3. Do not adopt the Negative Declaration and direct staff as to where additional information is needed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning Commission considered this item at their meeting of June 27, 2011 (See Attachment G, Planning Commission Minutes). They recommended Alternative 1 with two minor modifications:

1. Inclusion of separate map showing the Neighborhood Planning Areas
2. Adding a link in the Heritage Preservation section to a comprehensive list of the current Heritage Resource Inventory.

Staff concurs with this recommendation.

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**Attachments**

- A. List of General Plan Goals and Future Location
- B. Draft General Plan – available at <http://generalplan.inSunnyvale.com>
- C. Detailed Description of the Project
- D. Negative Declaration
- E. Results of Outreach Including Comments from Boards and Commissions
- F. Resolution to Adopt the General Plan
- G. Planning Commission Minutes of June 27, 2011

# Framework for the Sunnyvale General Plan

## Chapter 1 – Introduction

## Chapter 2 – Community Vision

CV-1 Community Participation and Engagement (*Community Engagement Goal A*)

## Chapter 3 - Land Use and Transportation

### Land Use

LT-1 Coordinated Regional Planning (*LUTE Goal R1*)

LT-2 An Attractive Community (*LUTE Goal C1*)

LT-3 Appropriate Mix of Housing (*LUTE Goal C2*)

LT-4 Quality Neighborhoods and Districts (*LUTE Goal N1*)

### Transportation

LT-5 Effective, Safe, Pleasant and Convenient Transportation (*LUTE Goal C3*)

### Economy

LT-6 Supportive Economic Development Environment (*Solid Waste Goal 3.2G*) (*Socio-Economic Goal B*) and (*LUTE Goal C4*)

LT-7 Balanced Economic Base (*Socio-economic Goal C*)

### Open Space

LT-8 Adequate and Balanced Open Space (*Open Space and Recreation Goal 2.2A*)

LT-9 Regional Approach to Open Space (*Open Space and Recreation Goal 2.2.C*)

## Chapter 4 - Community Character

### Design

CC-1 Distinguished City Image (*Community Design Goal A*), (*Socio Economic Goal A*) and (*Arts Goal E*)

CC-2 Attractive Street Environment (*Community Design Goal B*)

CC-3 Well-Designed Sites and Buildings (*Community Design Goal C*)

CC-4 Accessible and Attractive Public Facilities (*Community Design Goal D*)

### Heritage Preservation

CC-5 Protection of Sunnyvale's Heritage (*Heritage Preservation Goal 6.3A*)

CC-6 Knowledge of Sunnyvale's Heritage (*Heritage Preservation Goal 6.3B*)

### Library

CC-7 Appropriate Library Facilities (*Library Goal D*)

CC-8 Broad and Diverse Library Collection (*Library Goal 6.2A*)

### Arts

CC-9 Appropriate Arts Facilities (*Arts Goal F*)

### Recreation

CC-10 High Quality Recreation Programming (*Open Space and Recreation Goal 2.2.B*)

CC-11 Wide Range of Recreation Programming (*Open Space and Rec. Goal 2.2D*)

CC-12 Maximum Access to Recreation Services, Facilities and Amenities (*Open Space and Rec. Goal 2.2E*)

## Chapter 5 - Housing

HE-1 Adequate Housing (*Housing Goal A*)

HE-2 Enhanced Housing Conditions and Affordability (*Housing Goal B*)

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- HE-3 Minimized Governmental Constraints on Housing (*Housing Goal C*)
- HE-4 Adequate Housing Sites (*Housing Goal D*)
- HE-5 Equal Housing Opportunities (*Housing Goal E*)
- HE-6 Sustainable Neighborhoods (*Housing Goal F*)

### Chapter 6 - Safety and Noise

#### Hazards and Disaster Preparedness and Response

- SN-1 Acceptable Levels of Risk for Natural and Human-Caused Hazards (*Safety Mission A*) and (*Surface Runoff Goal C*)
- SN-2 Effective Disaster Preparedness (*Safety Mission B*) and (*Safety Mission C*)

#### Police, Fire and Emergency Services

- SN-3 Safe and Secure City (*Law Enforcement Goal A*) and (*Law Enforcement Goal B*)
- SN-4 Public Confidence in Police Services (*Law Enforcement Goal C*)
- SN-5 Effective Fire Service Response System (*Fire Services Goal A*)
- SN-6 Effective Emergency Response Capability (*Fire Services Goal B*)
- SN-7 Effective Emergency Communication Services (*Support Services Goal D*)

#### Noise

- SN-8 Compatible Noise Environment (*Noise Goal 3.6A*)
- SN-9 Acceptable Limits of Community Noise (*Noise Goal 3.6B*)
- SN-10 Maintained or Reduced Transportation Noise (*Noise Goal 3.6C*)

### Chapter 7 - Environmental Management

#### Water Supply

- EM-1 Adequate Water Supplies (*Water Resources Goal A*)
- EM-2 Water Conservation (*Water Resources Goal B*)
- EM-3 Reliable and Safe Water Distribution (*Water Resources Goal C*)
- EM-4 Adequate Water Quality (*Water Resources Goal D*)

#### Wastewater

- EM-5 Minimal Pollution and Quantity of Wastewater (*Wastewater Goal 3.3A*)
- EM-6 Effective Wastewater Collection System (*Wastewater Goal 3.3.B*)
- EM-7 Effective Wastewater Treatment (*Wastewater Goal 3.3.C*)

#### Urban Runoff

- EM-8 Protection of Creeks and Bay (*Surface Runoff Goal A*)
- EM-9 Adequate Storm Drain System (*Surface Runoff Goal B*)
- EM-10 Reduced Runoff and Pollutant Discharge (*Surface Runoff Goal D*)

#### Air Quality

- EM-11 Improved Air Quality (*Air Quality Goal A*) (*Air Quality Goal B*) and (*Air Quality Goal C*)

#### Solid Waste

- EM-12 Safe and Healthy Solid Waste Collection (*Solid Waste Goal 3.2A*)
- EM-13 Clean Neighborhoods (*Solid Waste Goal 3.2C*)
- EM-14 Recycling and Source Reduction Programs (*Solid Waste Goal 3.2B*)
- EM-15 Environmentally-Sound Disposal (*Solid Waste Goal 3.2D*)

## Goals for Council Policy Manual

### **Law Enforcement**

- (Law Enforcement Goal D) Conduct Planning and Administration
- (Law Enforcement Goal E) Sustain a Highly Trained Police Services

### **Fire Services**

- (Fire Services Goal C) Reduce the Demand for Fire Suppression
- (Fire Services Goal D) Provide Planning and Administration

### **Support Services**

- (Support Services Goal A) Sustain a Quality Workforce
- (Support Services Goal B) Facilitate Quality Decision Making
- (Support Services Goal C) Enhance Department Operations
- (Support Services Goal E) Meet the Needs of the Department

### **Socio-Economic**

- (Socio-Economic Goal D) Support Efforts to Create Employment for Economically Disadvantaged
- (Socio-Economic Goal E) Support Available and Quality Education
- (Socio-Economic Goal F) Provide Job Training and Employment Services
- (Socio-Economic Goal G) Enhance the Provision of Health and Social Services
- (Socio-Economic Goal H) Identify Pressing Health and Social Needs of the Community
- (Socio-Economic Goal I) Monitor Human Service Needs of the Community
- (Socio-Economic Goal J) Encourage and Support a Network of Human Services

### **Surface Runoff**

- (Surface Runoff Goal E) Consider Alternative Methods of Generating Revenue

### **Solid Waste**

- (Solid Waste Goal 3.2E) Minimize Liability for Wastes
- (Solid Waste Goal 3.2F) Maintain Sound Financial Strategies
- (Solid Waste Goal 3.2H) Manage the Closed Landfill

### **Wastewater Management**

- (Wastewater Management Goal 3.3D) Maintain a Financially-Stable Wastewater Management Fund

### **Library**

- (Library Goal B) Provide Library Services to Help the Community Find Information
- (Library Goal C) Provide Library Programs and Publications
- (Library Goal E) Use New Technology to Deliver Library Services
- (Library Goal F) Foster Collaborative Organizations

## Goals for Council Policy Manual

### **Arts**

- (Arts Goal A) Ensure Financial Viability of Arts Programming
- (Arts Goal B) Promote Physical and Mental Well Being of the Community
- (Arts Goal C) Positively Impact Youth Development
- (Arts Goal D) Maintain Sound Financial Strategies

### **Community Engagement**

- (Community Engagement Goal B) Achieve an Actively Involved Community
- (Community Engagement Goal C) Create a Strong, Positive Community Identity

### **Fiscal**

- (Fiscal Goal I) Make Financial Decisions over a 20-year planning horizons
- (Fiscal Goal II) Operate a Performance Based Budget System
- (Fiscal Goal III) Design and Maintain Capital Improvements to assure Cost Efficiency
- (Fiscal Goal IV) Maintain Sufficient Reserves
- (Fiscal Goal V) Fund programs / Projects which are consistent with General Plan
- (Fiscal Goal VI) Undertake Full Cost Accounting
- (Fiscal Goal VII) Regular Financial and Performance Audits
- (Fiscal Goal VIII) Facilitate Timely Purchase of Needed Goods
- (Fiscal Goal IX) Ensure Proper and Diverse Investments
- (Fiscal Goal X) Prudently Utilize the Issuance of Debt
- (Fiscal Goal XI) Maintain a Diversified and Stable Revenue Base

### **Legislative Management**

- (Legislative Management Goal A) Assess Community Conditions
- (Legislative Management Goal B) Assure that City Policy is Established, Documented and Enacted
- (Legislative Management Goal C) Participate in Intergovernmental Activities
- (Legislative Management Goal D) Maintain a Quality Workforce
- (Legislative Management Goal E) Provide Appropriate Facilities (Legislative
- (Legislative Management Goal F) Enhance Customer Satisfaction
- (Legislative Management Goal G) Provide Legal Services
- (Legislative Management Goal H) Provide Risk Management Programs
- (Legislative Management Goal I) Provide Information Technology Equipment and Services
- (Legislative Management Goal J) Assure Appropriate Use of Franchises

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<http://GeneralPlan.inSunnyvale.com>

Paper copies available at:

- **One-Stop Permit Center** at City Hall, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale
- **Library Reference Desk** at Sunnyvale Library, 665 W. Olive Avenue

*Introduction*

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1. Introduction was reworded and moved to be the introduction for the entire General Plan.
2. The graph showing the PAMS policy organization was removed (out of date).
3. Figure 1-1(Sunnyvale Planning Area Map) is new and was added to show the area covered by goals and policies in the General Plan. This map contains the already established City Boundary and sphere of influence.

*Community Vision*

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1. All end notes in the Vision were incorporated into the body of the discussion.
2. The Community Condition Indicators were removed from the Vision. They will exist as a separate report and are referenced throughout the General Plan. Cross references linking to their location were placed throughout the Community Conditions section.
3. Figure 2-15 (Sunnyvale School District Enrollment) was converted to a bar chart to make it easier to read. The figure for 98-99 was corrected. It originally said 7,022, it should have been 6,022.
4. Figure 2-9 (Retail Sales Tax Analysis) was retitled and reorganized to make it easier to read, with more labels.
5. Figure 2-19 (Balanced Growth Profile) was reformatted to make it easier to read. The typo in the Industrial/Commercial square footage label was corrected to read 297,700 sq. ft. (as opposed to 2.97 M sq. ft.).
6. Citywide Goals were renamed Citywide Vision Goals to distinguish them from the rest of the General Plan goals.
7. Discussion of Community Engagement Goal A (now CV-1) was added to the Values and Vision section.

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*Land Use and Transportation*

1. Land Use information that was updated or changed :
  - Figure 3-1 (General Plan and Zoning Categories) (previously Figure A.1. from LUTE) was updated based on Downtown Specific Plan designations updated in 2003, the Moffett Park Specific Plan adopted in 2004 and the Lakeside Specific Plan adopted in 2005. The public facility designations were also clarified.
  - One policy from the previous Community Design Sub-element was moved to the Transportation Goal because it concerned pedestrian and bicycle pathways: *Policy LT-5.8 Provide a safe and comfortable system of pedestrian and bicycle pathways. (Previously Community Design Policy B.2)*
2. Economic information that was updated or changed:
  - A new write-up of one page was inserted to summarize programs and policies for the Economic Development program. Goals and policies were consolidated from three different elements (LUTE, Socio-Economic, and Solid Waste). See below for a detailed breakdown of changes to policies.
3. Open Space information that was updated or changed :
  - A definition of neighborhood planning areas was added to the narrative.
  - A variety of Open Space maps were consolidated into two: Figure 3-4 (Park and School Field Service and Open Space Gap Areas) and Figure 3-5 (Future Residential Growth Areas).
  - "101 Specific Plans" future growth area was retitled as "Lakeside Specific Plan" in both maps and the Figure 3-5 (Future Residential Growth Areas).
  - Wording on residential growth trends was clarified to be more specific about the residential gap areas indicated on the map and in the table.
  - Figure 3-3 (Levels of Service for Park Types) was added describing various levels of service.
  - Results from the Parks of the Future Study (completed in 2009) were added to the narrative as a follow-up to the Key Initiatives.
  - The five new policies regarding open space that were adopted in 2009 by City Council are now included in the under Goal LT-6 (Adequate and Balanced Open Space).

**Eliminate Redundancy with Other Goals and/or Policies:**

~~Socio-economic Goal B – Supportive Economic Development Environment Economy And Employment: Maintain and establish policies An economic development environment that is supportive of a wide variety of businesses and that promotes a strong economy which provides economic opportunities for all Sunnyvale residents within existing environmental, social, fiscal and land use constraints.~~

~~Land Use and Transportation Goal C4 Sustain a strong local economy that contributes fiscal support for desired city services and provides a mix of jobs and commercial opportunities.~~

~~Solid waste Management Goal G: Contribute to an economic development environment that is supportive of a wide variety of businesses.~~

Three goals and a policy promoting a strong economy were combined into one comprehensive goal (now LT-6)

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<p><i>Socio-Economic Policy 5.1C.3 Maintain an attractive business community.</i></p> <p><i>LUTE Policy C4.3 Consider the needs of business as well as residents when making land use and transportation decisions.</i></p>	
<p>LUTE Policy C4.1 Maintain a diversity of commercial enterprises and industrial uses to sustain and bolster the local economy.</p> <p><i>Socio-economic Policy C.5 Support land use policies that provide a diversified mix of commercial/industrial development.</i></p>	<p>Both policies encouraged maintaining diversified mix of uses. The LUTE policy wording was used (now LT-7.1)</p>
<p>Socio-economic Policy 5.1C.4 Promote business opportunities and business retention in Sunnyvale.</p> <p><i>Socio-economic Policy C.6 Consider development of a strong business retention program.</i></p>	<p>Both policies promote business retention (Now LT-6.2)</p>
<p>Socio-economic Policy 5.1B.4 Participate in regional efforts to respond to transportation and housing problems caused by economic growth in order to improve the quality of life and create a better environment for business to flourish.</p> <p><i>LUTE Policy C.4.2. Balance land use and transportation system carrying capacity necessary to support a vital and robust local economy.</i></p>	<p>Both policies encourage balancing transportation and housing problems. (Now LT-6.3)</p>
<p>LUTE Action C.4.1.4 Create a strong, identifiable central business district that provides regional and citywide shopping opportunities.</p> <p><i>Socio-economic Policy C.1 Support efforts to establish Sunnyvale's downtown area as a strong commercial center for the City.</i></p> <p><i>The Action wording was used as it was deemed clearer, however, it is now been changed to a policy level.</i></p>	<p>Both policies support the downtown (Now LT-7.4)</p>

**Level Change due to Inconsistency with Definitions of Goals and/or Policies, or Actions:**

<p>LUTE Action C4.1.5 Encourage the attraction and retention of businesses that provide a range of job opportunities.</p> <p><i>This is a policy to guide land use decisions.</i></p>	<p>Changed to a Policy (now LT-7.5)</p>
<p>Socio-economic Policy 5.1B.2 Participate in partnerships with local industry/businesses in order to facilitate communication and address mutual concerns.</p> <p><i>This is a specific, concrete step that facilitates the policy of providing existing businesses with opportunities to grow and adopt new industries.</i></p>	<p>Changed to an action (now LT-6.1c)</p>
<p>Socio-economic Policy 5.1B.3 Monitor the effect of City policies on business development and consider the effects on the overall health of business within the City.</p>	<p>Changed to action (now LT-6.1a)</p>

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<p>Socio-economic Policy C.2 Monitor revenues generated by different economic sectors on an ongoing basis.</p> <p><i>This is an ongoing action that the City takes to implement programs and services. Monitoring of data is described in the Implementation Programs section.</i></p>	<p>Changed to an implementation program</p>
<p>LUTE C4.1.3 Promote commercial uses that respond to the current and future retail service needs of the community.</p> <p><i>This statement provides guidance on how to achieve the goals of achieving adequate retail service needs. It is not a short-term, specific, proactive step.</i></p>	<p>Changed to a Policy (now LT-7.3,</p>
<p>LUTE C4.1.5 Encourage the attraction and retention of businesses that provide a range of job opportunities.</p> <p><i>These statements provide guidance on how to achieve the goals of achieving a balanced economic base. They are not short-term, specific, proactive steps.</i></p>	<p>LT-7.4 and LT-7.5)</p>
<p>Encourage creation or installation of pilot programs (such as Bloom Boxes or Voice Over Internet Protocol) for emerging industries in both private and public facilities.</p>	<p>New Policy LT-6.5</p>
<p>Support a seamless development review process (DPIC) and expand the One-Stop Permit Center</p>	<p>New Policy LT-6.6</p>

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4. Information was updated for the following sections:
  - Art – updated some narrative regarding the Master Plan for Public Art.
  - Public Landscaping – the number of street trees was updated from 31,900 to 37,000.
  - Library – wording under CC-7 and CC-8 (previously Library Goals A and D) was added to reflect the recent Library of the Future study.
5. The following changes were made to goals and policies

<p><b>Combined into Other Goals and/or Policies for the Purposes of Streamlining</b></p> <p>Arts Goal E: Create an aesthetically pleasing environment for Sunnyvale through use of functional and decorative art.</p> <p>Community Design Goal A - Promote Sunnyvale's image by maintaining, enhancing and creating physical features which distinguish Sunnyvale from surrounding communities and by preserving historic buildings, special districts and residential neighborhoods which make the City unique.</p> <p><i>New wording of Goal CC-1 Promote Sunnyvale's image by maintaining, enhancing and creating physical features, including functional and decorative art, which distinguish Sunnyvale from surrounding communities and by preserving historic buildings, special districts and residential neighborhoods which make the City unique.</i></p>	<p>Incorporate Into Goal CC-1</p>
<p><b>Eliminate Redundancy with Other Goals and/or Policies:</b></p> <p>Socio-economic Goal A - Demographics and Neighborhoods: Preserve and enhance the physical and social environment and facilitate positive relations and a sense of well-being among all community members, including residents, workers and businesses.</p> <p><i>Community Design Goal A - Promote Sunnyvale's image by maintaining, enhancing and creating physical features, including functional and decorative art, which distinguish Sunnyvale from surrounding communities and by preserving historic buildings, special districts and residential neighborhoods which make the City unique.</i></p> <p><i>Community Engagement Goal C – Create a strong, positive community identity, rich in cultural diversity.</i></p>	<p>Topic covered in Community Design Goal A (Now Goal CC-1) and Community Engagement Goal C (now in Council Policy Manual)</p>

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<p>Socio-economic Policy A.1 Encourage citizen and business participation in City policy decisions and civic affairs and assure that all of the City's residents have equal opportunities to participate.</p> <p><i>Community Engagement Goal A Achieve a community in which all community members are well-informed about local issues, city programs and services.</i></p> <p><i>Community Engagement Goal B Achieve a community in which all community members can be actively involved in shaping the quality of life and participate in local community and government activities.</i></p>	<p>Topic covered in Community Engagement Goal A (Now Goal CC-1) and Goal B (in CPM)</p>
<p>Socio-economic Policy A.2 Strive to assure that all residents have equal access to City services.</p> <p><i>Community Engagement Policy A.1 Assure that all community members have reasonable access to City information, services and programs within budgeted resources.</i></p>	<p>Topic covered in Community Engagement Policy A.1 (Now Policy CV-1.1)</p>
<p>Socio-economic Policy A.3 Ensure an integrated planning approach that considers all elements of the City's General Plan in establishing long- or short-range plans, goals and objectives for the City.</p> <p><i>Legislative Management Goal 7.3A – Assess community conditions and make appropriate changes to long-range, mid-range and short-range plans.</i></p>	<p>Topic covered in Legislative Management Goal 7.3A (now located in the CPM)</p>
<p>Socio-economic Policy A.4 Maintain City facilities and City properties to a high standard of maintenance and promote a positive aesthetic.</p> <p><i>Legislative Management Goal 7.3E – Provide appropriate facilities and equipment in order to ensure that City employees function in a safe, effective manner.</i></p> <p><i>Community Design Goal D – Provide public facilities which are accessible, attractive and add to the enjoyment of the physical environment.</i></p>	<p>Topic covered in Legislative Management Goal 7.3 E (now in CPM) and in Community Design Goal D (now CC -4)</p>

**Level Change due to Inconsistency with Definitions of Goals and/or Policies:**

<p>Community Design Action Statement A.1.b Continue to enhance the visibility, accessibility and use of the San Francisco Bay on the City's northern boundary.</p> <p><i>Not a short-range or specific proactive step.</i></p>	<p>Changed to Policy CC-1.2</p>
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**Policy Classified as an Action Statement:**

The following policies were considered to be too specific or short range to meet the definition of a policy. They have been classified as actions strategies or incorporated into an implementation program, as described below.

*Heritage Preservation*

<p>Heritage Preservation Policy 6.3A.1. Provide information on Sunnyvale's heritage to schools, civic groups, neighborhood organizations, business organizations and other established organizations.</p> <p><i>A specific means to achieve the policy of developing and expanding cooperative working relationships with various organizations (CC-6.1).</i></p>	<p>Classified as Action Strategy CC-6.1a</p>
<p>Heritage Preservation Policy 6.3A.4 Consider development of a comprehensive outreach program to encourage involvement of a broad spectrum of the community in heritage preservation issues and projects.</p> <p><i>A specific proactive step to achieve the policy of developing and expanding cooperative working relationships.</i></p>	<p>Classified as Action Strategy 6.2a</p>
<p>Heritage Preservation Policy 6.3A.5. Provide helpful and efficient customer service to persons interested in heritage resources.</p>	<p>Grouped under Public Education and Outreach Implementation Program</p>
<p>Heritage Preservation Policy 6.3A.6. Keep all informational materials, whether write, visual or graphic, as current as possible.</p>	
<p>Heritage Preservation Policy 6.3A.7. Ensure that appropriate and effective public notification and access are provided for all heritage preservation commission activities and all heritage preservation programs and projects.</p>	
<p>Heritage Preservation Policy 6.3B.2. Provide owners of heritage resource properties with information on the various tax and other financial benefits that may be available to them, and when needed, assist them with applying for these benefits.</p>	<p>Public/Private Partnership Implementation Program</p>
<p>Heritage Preservation Policy 6.3B.6. Whenever a local landmark may have qualities that might make it eligible for a State or National Landmark status, encourage the owner of the landmark to apply for the status and actively assist with the application process.</p>	<p>Public/Private Partnership Implementation Program</p>
<p>Heritage Preservation Policy 6.3B.8. Maintain current information on all State and Federal programs, projects, policies and funding sources which could affect or enhance Sunnyvale's heritage programs.</p>	<p>City Operating Procedures Implementation Program</p>

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Heritage Preservation Policy 6.3B.9. Maintain the heritage preservation ordinance and its regulations and procedures as part of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code, making minor modifications as necessary but keeping its principle functions intact, including the maintenance of the Heritage Preservation Commission's roles and functions.	City Operating Procedures and SMC 19.96 Heritage Preservation Ordinance
Heritage Preservation Policy 6.3B.11. Provide a qualified Heritage Preservation Commission whose members have the skills and expertise needed to perform their roles properly.	SMC 19.96 Heritage Preservation Ordinance  Implementation and City Charter

### Community Design

<p>Community Design Policy C.3 Ensure that site design creates places which are well organized, attractive, efficient and safe.</p> <p>Community Design Policy C.5 Ensure that buildings are appropriate to their context and designed to be compatible with surrounding properties and special districts.</p> <p>Community Design Policy C.4 Encourage quality architectural design which improves the City's identity, inspires creativity and heightens individual as well cultural identity.</p> <p><i>These policies pre-date the adoption of any design guidelines. These policy topics are also covered under Goal CC-3 and Policy CC-3.1. The combination of the goal in place and the adoption of several design guideline documents render these policies redundant.</i></p>	Classified as Implementation Program: Citywide Design Guidelines and other associated design guidelines.
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### Open Space and Recreation

Open Space and Recreation Policy 2.2.E.4. Utilize the Senior Center for senior programming and services exclusively between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays unless special permission is granted by the Director of Parks and Recreation.	Moved to Council Policy – operational in nature.
Open Space and Recreation Policy 2.2.E.5. Utilize the Senior Center Pavilion and Recreation Center Ballroom exclusively for rental use from 6 p.m. Fridays through 8 a.m. Mondays unless special permission is granted by the Director of Parks and Recreation.	Moved to Council Policy – operational in nature.
Open Space and Recreation Policy 2.2.E.6. Require that all participants in Senior Center designated programs and services for seniors be at least 50 years of age, unless	Moved to Council Policy – operational in

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special permission is given by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

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Open Space and Recreation Policy 2.2.E.7. Provide opportunities for non-reserved use of picnic tables at each site within the open space system that has reservable picnic sites.

Moved to Council  
Policy –  
operational in  
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*Housing Element*

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1. The Housing Element will remain as a stand-alone document, located in Appendix E. The goals and policies, along with a section from the introduction, are reproduced in the body of the General Plan. No information was changed.

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Information and/or maps were updated for the following areas:

- a. Figure 6-1 (San Francisco Bay Region Earthquake Probability Map) was updated from the USGS website with a clearer view of the San Francisco Bay. Sunnyvale's location was labeled. Magnitude and probability are the same as previously stated.
- b. Figure 6-2 (FEMA Flood Hazard Map) was updated with the more recent 2009 version. This map is regularly updated by FEMA and is also available on the City's website [www.sunnyvale.ca.gov](http://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov).
- c. Figures 6-4 (2010 Noise Condition Map) and 6-7 (1997 Noise Exposure Map) were originally displayed together onto one map. For ease of reading, this was split into two separate maps. SN- These policies are scheduled for review and update in the next few years.
- d. Updated community conditions were included for Goals SN-3, SN-4, SN-5, and SN-6 (police services, fire services, and emergency response) about current departmental operations and recent state legislation. These do not affect the policies.
- e. Discussion in the Surface Runoff Sub-element Goal C (Ensure flood hazards are recognized) was combined with the discussion of flood hazards in Seismic Safety and Safety Goal A (now Goal SN-1). Basic information about recent capital improvements to the Sunnyvale East and West Channels, Calabazas Creek and levee improvements has been added. These updates and/or additions do not affect the policies.

**Incorporated into Other Goals and/or Policies for the Purposes of Streamlining:**

<p>Safety Mission Goals B: Ensure that the City, its community members, business, industry, faith-based organizations, community organizations and special needs populations are prepared to effectively respond to major emergencies.</p> <p>Safety Mission Goal C: Ensure that the City, its community members, business and industry are prepared to recover from disasters.</p> <p><i>New wording of Goal SN-2 - Effective Disaster Preparedness - Ensure that the city, its community members, business, faith-based organizations, community organizations and special needs populations are prepared to effectively respond and recover from major disasters and emergencies</i></p>	<p>Combined into Goal SN-2</p>
<p>Safety Policy B4: Provide information to public/private schools and day care centers to assist in their planning and preparedness for emergencies and disasters.</p> <p>Safety Policy B5: Provide information and assistance to business and industry to encourage their own planning and preparedness for emergencies and disasters.</p> <p>Safety Policy B6: Provide the community members of Sunnyvale information, encouragement and assistance with emergency planning and preparedness.</p> <p><i>New wording of Policy SN-2.4 Provide information, assistance and encouragement to community members, public/private schools, day care centers, business and industry to assist in their planning and preparedness for emergencies and disasters. (Previously Safety Policies B4, B5 and B6)</i></p>	<p>Combined into Policy SN-2.4</p>

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**Incorporated into Other Goals and/or Policies for the Purposes of Streamlining:**

<p>Noise Policy 3.6B.2 Support efforts to reduce or mitigate airport noise.</p> <p>Noise Policy 3.6B.3 Support activities that will minimize the noise impacts of Moffett Federal Airfield.</p> <p>Noise Policy 3.6B.4 Support activities that will minimize and/or reduce the noise impacts of San Jose International Airport.</p> <p>Noise Policy 3.6B.5 Encourage activities that limit the noise impacts of helicopters.</p> <p><i>New wording of Policy SN-10.2 Support efforts to reduce or mitigate airport noise, including noise impacts of Moffett Federal Airfield, San Jose International Airport, and helicopters. (Previously Noise Policies 3.6B.2, 3, 4, and 5)</i></p>	<p>Combined into Policy SN-10.2</p>
<p>Noise Policy 3.6B.6 Mitigate and avoid the noise impact from trains.</p> <p>Noise Policy 3.6B.7 Monitor and mitigate the noise impacts of light rail facilities.</p> <p><i>New wording of Policy SN-11.4 Mitigate and avoid the noise impacts from trains and light rail facilities.</i></p>	<p>Combined into Policy SN-10.4</p>

**Eliminated due to Redundancy with Other Goals and/or Policies**

<p>Surface Runoff Goal C: Ensure that flood hazards are recognized.</p> <p><i>Seismic Safety and Safety Goal A: Ensure that natural and human-caused hazards are recognized and considered in decisions affecting the community, and that land uses reflect acceptable levels of risk based on identified hazards and occupancy.</i></p>	<p>Topic covered in Safety Goal A (Now Goal SN-1)</p>
<p>Surface Runoff Policy C.2: Prevent flooding to protect life and property.</p> <p><i>Seismic Safety and Safety Policy A.2: Take measures to protect life and property from the effects of a 1% (100 year) flood.</i></p>	<p>Topic Covered in Safety Policy A.2 (Now Policy SN-1.2)</p>

**Level Change due to Inconsistency with Definitions of Goals and/or Policies, or Actions:**

<p>Noise Action Statement 3.6A.2b Apply Title 24 Noise Insulation Requirements to all new single-family detached homes.</p> <p><i>This is a guideline instructing decision-makers on how to address noise requirements. Not a specific short-range step.</i></p>	<p>Upgraded to Policy SN-8.2</p>
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<p>Noise Action Statement 3.6A.2c Attempt to achieve a maximum instantaneous noise level of 50dBA in bedrooms and 55dBA in other areas of residential units exposed to train or aircraft noise, where the exterior Ldn exceeds 55dBA.</p> <p><i>This is a policy on how to address noise requirements. Not a specific short-range step</i></p>	<p>Upgraded to Policy SN-8.3</p>
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**Level Change due to Inconsistency with Definitions of Goals and/or Policies, or Actions:**

<p>Noise Action Statement 3.6A.1c Comply with the "State of California Noise Guidelines for Land Use Planning" (Figure 6-5) for the compatibility of land uses with their noise environments, except where the City determines that there are prevailing circumstances of a unique or special nature.</p> <p><i>This is a guideline instructing decision-makers on how to address noise requirements. Not a specific short-range step.</i></p>	<p>Upgraded to Policy SN-8.5</p>
<p>Noise Action Statement 3.6A.1d Use Figure 6-6 "Significant Noise Impacts from new Development on Existing Land Use" to determine if proposed development results in a "significant noise impact" on existing development.</p> <p><i>This is a guideline instructing decision-makers on how to address noise requirements. Not a specific short-range step.</i></p>	<p>Upgraded to Policy SN-8.6</p>
<p>Noise Action Statement 3.6A.1f Supplement the "State of California Noise Guidelines for Land Use Planning" (Figure 6-5) for residential uses by attempting to achieve an outdoor Ldn of no greater than 60dBA for common recreation areas, backyards, patios, and medium and large-size balconies. These guidelines should not apply where the noise source is a railroad or airport. If the noise source is a railroad, then an Ldn of no greater than 70dBA should be achieved in common recreation areas, backyards, patios, and medium and large balconies. If the noise source is from aircraft, then preventing new residential uses within areas of high Ldn from aircraft noise is recommended.</p> <p><i>This is a guideline instructing decision-makers on how to address noise requirements. Not a specific short-range step.</i></p>	<p>Upgraded to Policy SN-8.7</p>
<p>Noise Action Statement 3.6A.6a Use a combination of barriers, setbacks, site planning and building design techniques to reduce noise impacts, keeping in mind their benefits and shortcomings.</p> <p><i>This is a guideline instructing decision-makers on how to address noise requirements. Not a specific short-range step.</i></p>	<p>Upgraded to Policy SN-8.9</p>

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*Environmental Management*

Information and/or maps were updated for the following areas:

- a. Wastewater - additional discussion of the Water Pollution Control Plant recent Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SIP) and updates to recent legislation regulating plant emissions.
- b. Urban Runoff – Figure 7-8 (Storm Drain System Map) was updated with more current information.
- c. Urban Runoff - discussion was updated with recent legislation and permit requirements. Policies have also been added to reflect the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Discharge Permit requirements (see below for details.)
- d. Solid Waste - additional discussion of the Zero-Waste Policy, recent collection and disposal programs, as well as recent disposal agreements.

**Level Change due to Inconsistency with Definitions of Goals and/or Policies, or Actions:**

<p>Air Quality Goal C: Make A Contribution Towards Improving Regional Air Quality.</p> <p>Air Quality Policy C.1 The City should actively participate in regional air quality planning.</p> <p><i>This is a means towards achieving the Air Quality Goal of improving Sunnyvale's Air Quality (previously Air Quality Goal A, now Goal EM-11) They are similarly worded so they were combined.</i></p>	<p>Combined into Policy EM-11.1</p>
<p>Air Quality Goal B: Reduce air pollution impacts from future development.</p> <p>Air Quality Policy B.1 Utilize land use strategies to reduce air quality impact.</p> <p>Air Quality Policy C.2 Improve opportunities for citizens to live and work in close proximity.</p> <p><i>This goal and two policies say similar things about how to improve air quality using land strategies. They were combined into the following:</i></p> <p><i>Policy EM-11.2 Utilize land use strategies to reduce air quality impact, including opportunities for citizens to live and work in close proximity.</i></p>	<p>Combined into Policy EM-11.2</p>
<p>Solid Waste Policy G.1. Provide solid waste services desired by businesses at competitive rates.</p> <p>Solid Waste Policy A.1. Provide convenient, competitively priced solid waste collection services.</p> <p><i>These two policies are very similar. Policy G.1. was combined into A.1</i></p>	<p>Combined into Policy EM-12.1</p>

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**New Policies Recommended for Compliance with NPDES Permit Requirements.**

<p>Require the incorporation of appropriate stormwater treatment and control measures for industrial and commercial facilities as identified in the stormwater Municipal Regional Permit.</p>	<p>New Policies EM-10.3, 10.4 and 10.5</p>
<p>Support legislation and regulations that will reduce or eliminate pollutants of concern at the source.</p>	
<p>Promote education and outreach efforts to schools, youth, residents, and businesses regarding urban runoff and stormwater pollution prevention actions.</p>	
<p><i>These policies were recommended by the Department of Public Works to ensure compliance with the terms of the NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permit.</i></p>	

## SUMMARY OF NEW POLICIES

The following is a list of new policy. They come from either:

- Action statements that were upgraded to policies because they were instructional guidelines, as opposed to specific, short-range proactive steps.
- New policy that was determined to be needed as a result of recent legislative changes or issues.

Old Number	Wording	New Number
Noise Action Statement 3.6A.1c	Comply with the "Noise and Land Use Compatibility Guidelines" (Table 2) for the compatibility of land uses with their noise environments, except where the City determines that there are prevailing circumstances of a unique or special nature.	Policy SN-8.5
Noise Action Statement 3.6A.1d	Use Table A.1d to determine if proposed development results in a "significant noise impact" on existing development.	Policy SN-8.6
Noise Action Statement 3.6A.1f	Supplement the "Noise and Land Use Compatibility Guidelines" (Table 2) for residential uses by attempting to achieve an outdoor Ldn of no greater than 60dBA for common recreation areas, backyards, patios, and medium and large-size balconies. These guidelines should not apply where the noise source is a railroad or airport. If the noise source is a railroad, then an Ldn of no greater than 70dBA should be achieved in common recreation areas, backyards, patios, and medium and large balconies. If the noise source is from aircraft, then preventing new residential uses within areas of high Ldn from aircraft noise is recommended.	Policy SN-8.7
Noise Action Statement 3.6A.6a	Use a combination of barriers, setbacks, site planning and building design techniques to reduce noise impacts, keeping in mind their benefits and shortcomings.	Policy SN-8.9
Noise Action Statement 3.6A.2b	Apply Title 24 Noise Insulation Requirements to all new single-family detached homes.	Policy SN-8.2
Noise Action Statement 3.6A.2c	Attempt to achieve a maximum instantaneous noise level of 50dBA in bedrooms and 55dBA in other areas of residential units exposed to train or aircraft noise, where the exterior Ldn exceeds 55dBA.	Policy SN-8.3
Community Design Action Statement A.1.b	Continue to enhance the visibility, accessibility and use of the San Francisco Bay on the City's northern boundary.	Policy CC-1.2

LUTE Action C4.1.3	Promote commercial uses that respond to the current and future retail service needs of the community.	Policy LT-7.3
LUTE Action C4.1.5	Encourage the attraction and retention of businesses that provide a range of job opportunities.	<del>Policy LT-7.4 and LT-7.5</del>
New	Encourage creation or installation of pilot programs (such as Bloom Boxes or Voice Over Internet Protocol) for emerging industries in both private and public facilities.	NEW Policy LT-6.5
New	Support a seamless development review process (DPIC) and expand the One-Stop Permit Center.	NEW Policy LT-6.6
New	<p>Require the incorporation of appropriate stormwater treatment and control measures for industrial and commercial facilities as identified in the stormwater Municipal Regional Permit.</p> <p>Support legislation and regulations that will reduce or eliminate pollutants of concern at the source.</p> <p>Promote education and outreach efforts to schools, youth, residents, and businesses regarding urban runoff and stormwater pollution prevention actions.</p> <p>These policies were recommended by the Department of Public Works to ensure compliance with the terms of the NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permit.</p>	Policies EM-10.3, 10.4 and 10.5

## SUMMARY OF POLICIES THAT WERE CATEGORIZED AS ACTIONS OR IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS

The following is a list of policy that is recommended for inclusion as an action or implementation program. These policies are either:

- Long-range implementation plans such as public outreach, data monitoring, or provision of basic City services or
- Specific proactive actions to achieve goals following the instructional guidelines.

Heritage Preservation Policy 6.3A.1.	Provide information on Sunnyvale's heritage to schools, civic groups, neighborhood organizations, business organizations and other established organizations. <i>A specific means to achieve the policy of developing and expanding cooperative working relationships with various organizations (CC-3.1).</i>	Classified as Action Strategy CC-3.1a
Heritage Preservation Policy 6.3A.4	Consider development of a comprehensive outreach program to encourage involvement of a broad spectrum of the community in heritage preservation issues and projects. <i>A specific proactive step to achieve the policy of developing and expanding cooperative working relationships.</i>	Classified as Action Strategy 3.2a
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Heritage Preservation Policy 6.3B.9.	Maintain the heritage preservation ordinance and its regulations and procedures as part of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code, making minor modifications as necessary but keeping its principle functions intact, including the maintenance of the Heritage Preservation Commission's roles and functions.	City Operating Procedures and SMC 19.96 Heritage Preservation Ordinance
Heritage Preservation Policy 6.3B.11.	Provide a qualified Heritage Preservation Commission whose members have the skills and expertise needed to perform their roles properly.	SMC 19.96 Heritage Preservation Ordinance Implementation and City Charter
Community Design Policy C.5.	Ensure that buildings are appropriate to their context and designed to be compatible with surrounding properties and special districts	Design Guidelines Implementation
Community Design Policy C.4	Encourage quality architectural design which improves the City's identity, inspires creativity and heightens individual as well cultural identity.	Design Guidelines Implementation
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Socio-economic Policy C.2	Monitor revenues generated by different economic sectors on an ongoing basis.	Changed to an implementation program

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Lead Agency Name and Address	City of Sunnyvale P.O. Box 3707, Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707
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Project Location	City-Wide
Applicant's Name	City of Sunnyvale
Project Address	456 W. Olive Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707
Zoning	N/A
General Plan	N/A
Other Public Agencies whose approval is required	None

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:

#### CONTENT of GENERAL PLAN

- **Relocate some Goals, Policies and Actions** – Goals, policies and actions that do not relate to the physical development of the City, discuss a required subject under California State Law, were relocated from the General Plan to Council Policy. Policies located under Council Policy still have equal policy weight as those under the General Plan.

#### DATA AND ANALYSIS

- **Streamline Discussion and Analysis** - The new plan has significantly reduced detail from the discussion and analysis, consistent with the Advisory Committee's recommendations. All of the original text from the general plan elements will continue to be available for reference at <http://generalplan.inSunnyvale.com>.
- **Cross Reference more Updated Data** – Where possible, links or cross-references have been inserted in the document so readers can find more up to date information. For example, population data or unemployment figures in the Community Vision are from 2006. Links to an updated Community Condition Indicators report were inserted so readers could find current information.
- **Insert Updated Data** – In limited cases, old data was replaced with more current data in the body of the document. This was done when the data was not otherwise available through a Community Condition Indicator or would not impact adopted goals and policies. For example, the figure for the number of street trees in the Community Character section was updated from the 1990 amount of 31,900 to the 2010 amount of 37,000. Each instance of updated data is discussed in the detailed project description.

## GOALS AND POLICIES

- **Reorganize the Goals and Policies** – The goals, policies, and actions remaining in the General Plan were categorized according to chapters:
  - Chapter 1 - Introduction – *no goals or policies*
  - Chapter 2 - Community Vision
  - Chapter 3 - Land Use and Transportation
  - Chapter 4 - Community Character
  - Chapter 5 - Housing
  - Chapter 6 - Safety and Noise
  - Chapter 7 - Environmental Management.
  
- **Eliminate Redundancies in Goals and Policies** - Through the categorization process, redundancies in goals or policies were identified and eliminated. For example, if there were two similar goals about promoting a balanced economy, the goals were combined into one comprehensive goal promoting a balanced economy. Each instance when a goal or policy was combined is discussed in the detailed project description.
  
- **Combine Goals or Policies to Simplify Discussion** – In some cases, goals or policies were combined in order to simplify the discussion and reduce the number of policies. For example, the noise element has three different policies under Goal B regarding aircraft-related noise:
  - Support efforts to reduce or mitigate airport noise.
  - Support activities that will minimize the noise impacts of Moffett Federal Airfield.
  - Support activities that will minimize and/or reduce the noise impacts of San Jose International Airport.
  - Encourage activities that limit the noise impacts of helicopters.

To simplify, these policies were condensed into one:

Support efforts to reduce or mitigate airport noise, including noise impacts of Moffett Federal Airfield, San Jose International Airport and helicopters.

Each instance when a goal or policy was combined is discussed in the detailed project description.

- **Evaluate Appropriate Level for Goals and Policies** - Goals and policies were evaluated to see if they are categorized at the correct level, according to the definitions accepted by the City Council. These definitions are as follows:

**Goals** are long-range, broad and comprehensive targets. Goals are not necessarily measurable or achievable; rather, they describe a desired end-state community condition.

**Policies** are focused and specific instructional guidelines. Policies describe context and rationale of desired outcomes. They are created, altered or discarded only by City Council.

**Actions** are specific, proactive steps to achieve goals following the instructional guidelines. Action steps are short range in nature. They are the critical link between long-range planning and current decision-making.

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Where appropriate, a goal may be categorized as a policy, or a policy as an action, or an action as a policy. Each of these changes is listed and discussed in the detailed project description.

- **Create Titles for Goals** –To create consistency across a wide variety of goals and make it easier to identify goals, “titles” of 3-5 words were created to precede the original goal wording. The original wording of the goal was not changed unless otherwise noted in the detailed project description.

#### **ACTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION**

- **Compile a List of Implementation Plans** – Implementation plans are long-range plans, such as City ordinances, development and design review, specific plans and land use plans, subdivision regulations, impact fees, or other capital improvement projects which carry out the goals and policies of the General Plan.
- **Summarize Actions as Implementation Plans Where Appropriate** – When actions were deemed too general or long-term to meet the definition above, they were categorized within the Implementation Plan. This plan summarizes many of the over 600 action statements that were previously in place (See Appendix A of the General Plan.)

For example, an action statement in the Community Character Chapter stating: “Maintain the requirements for undergrounding overhead utility wires” would be implemented through the zoning code requirements for undergrounding utilities (SMC 19.42.38.090, 095 and 100). This ordinance is listed as an implementation plan for the Community Character Chapter. The policy above this action statement to “Minimize elements which clutter the roadway and look unattractive” (Previously Community Design Policy B.3) would remain unchanged.

In some cases action statements or strategies were preserved as actions. For example, Community Character Action CC-5.2a “Consider studying areas where the street and building setback relationship could be improved.” (Previously Community Design Action Statement C.2.g). This is a specific, proactive step that would need to be completed. A comprehensive list of each action statement/strategy contained in the previous sub-elements and their location is available at <http://generalplan.inSunnyvale.com>.

#### **REFORMATTING AND RENUMBERING**

- **Reformat the Document and Figures** - All text, tables, graphs, charts, and maps were reformatted to a consistent design, renumbered, and in some cases, retitled for consistency and clarity. The detailed project description contains a table showing old and new figure numbers. Goals, policies and actions were renumbered. Unless specifically stated in the attached detailed project description, the data remains unchanged from the original.
- **Consistency in Style** – Wording and grammar was reviewed for consistency with the City’s style guide.

#### **ONLINE FEATURES**

- **Hyperlinks** - All references to internal City websites were hyperlinked within the document. Where possible, links to resources such as implementation plans were added.
- **Bookmarks** – Were added to the online document to assist in navigation.
- **Maps** – Maps are made available separately as pdfs to assist in more detailed viewing.

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#### EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g. the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g. the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
3. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
4. "Negative Declaration: Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section 17, "Earlier Analysis," may be cross-referenced).
5. Earlier analysis may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c) (3) (d). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  6. *Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.*
  7. *Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.*
  8. *Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project*
9. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g. general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics             | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality       | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality            | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Planning             | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources             | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources     | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils          | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing            |   |

**MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE (see checklist for further information):**

Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?  Yes  No

Mandatory Findings of Significance? Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of the past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?  Yes  No

Mandatory Findings of Significance? Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?  Yes  No

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**DETERMINATION:**

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potential significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect (1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Checklist Preparer: Diana O'Dell

Date: May 2, 2011

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Title: Senior Planner

City of Sunnyvale

Signature:



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Planning					
1. Aesthetics -Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to trees, historic buildings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale General Plan Map, Open Space Sub-element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
2. Aesthetics -Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings including significant adverse visual changes to neighborhood character?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale General Plan Map, Open Space Sub-element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
3. Aesthetics -Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale General Plan Map, Open Space Sub-element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
4. Population and Housing - Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure) in a way that is inconsistent with the Sunnyvale General Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale Land Use and Transportation Element of the General Plan, General Plan Map <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
5. Population and Housing -Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Housing Sub-Element, Land Use and Transportation Element and General Plan Map <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
6. Population and Housing -Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Housing Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
7. Land Use Planning - Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale General Plan Map <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
8. Land Use Planning conflict - With the Sunnyvale General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) area or related specific plan adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale Land Use and Transportation Element, Sunnyvale General Plan, <u>Title 19 (Zoning) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code</u>
9. Transportation and Traffic - Result in inadequate parking capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Parking Requirements (Section 19.46) in the Sunnyvale Municipal Code</u>

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10. For a project located the Moffett Field AICUZ or an airport land use plan, or where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moffett Field AICUZ, Sunnyvale Zoning Map, Sunnyvale General Plan Map <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
11. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There are no private airstrips in or in the vicinity of Sunnyvale
12. For a project within the vicinity of Moffett Federal Airfield, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moffett Field AICUZ, Sunnyvale Zoning Map, Sunnyvale General Plan Map <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
13. Agricultural Resources - Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale Zoning Map <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
14. Noise - Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the Noise Sub-Element, Noise limits in the Sunnyvale Municipal Code, or applicable standards of the California Building Code?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale Noise Sub-element, SMC <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a> 19.42 Noise Ordinance <a href="http://qcode.us/codes/sunnyvale/view.php?topic=19&amp;frames=off">http://qcode.us/codes/sunnyvale/view.php?topic=19&amp;frames=off</a>
15. Noise -Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale Noise Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a> Project Description
16. Noise - A substantial permanent or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale Noise Sub-element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
17. Biological Resources - Have a substantially adverse impact on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Plan Map Project Description
18. Biological Resources -Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Plan Map Project Description

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hydrological interruption, or other means?					
19. Biological Resources -Interfere substantially with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Plan Map Project Description
20. Biological Resources -Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SMC 19.90 Tree Preservation Ordinance Sunnyvale Inventory of Heritage Trees
21. Biological Resources -Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Conservation Community Plan, other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Description
22. Historic and Cultural Resources - Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource or a substantial adverse change in an archeological resource?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale Heritage Preservation Sub-Element, Sunnyvale Inventory or Heritage Resources The United States Secretary of the Interior's "Guidelines for Rehabilitation" Criteria of the National Register of Historic Places
23. Historic and Cultural Resources - Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Description
24. Public Services - Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or expanded public schools, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable performance objectives?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The following public school districts are located in the City of Sunnyvale: Fremont Union High School District, Sunnyvale Elementary School District, Cupertino Union School District and Santa Clara Unified School District. Project Description

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25. Air Quality - Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the BAAQMD air quality plan? How close is the use to a major road, hwy. or freeway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BAAQMD CEQA Guidelines Sunnyvale General Plan Map Sunnyvale Air Quality Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
26. Air Quality - Would the project generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BAAQMD CEQA Guidelines Project Description
27. Air Quality -Would the project conflict with any applicable plan, policy or regulation of any agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BAAQMD CEQA Guidelines Project Description
28. Air Quality -Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BAAQMD CEQA Guidelines Sunnyvale Air Quality Sub-Element Project Description
29. Air Quality -Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BAAQMD CEQA Guidelines Sunnyvale Air Quality Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a> Project Description
30. Air Quality -Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BAAQMD CEQA Guidelines Sunnyvale Air Quality Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
31. Seismic Safety -Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seismic Safety and Safety Sub-Element of the Sunnyvale General Plan <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
32. Seismic Safety - Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seismic Safety and Safety Sub-Element of the Sunnyvale General Plan <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
33. Seismic Safety-Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seismic Safety and Safety Sub-Element of the Sunnyvale General

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					Plan <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
34. Seismic Safety-Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seismic Safety and Safety Sub-Element of the Sunnyvale General Plan <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
<p>Further Discussion if "Less Than Significant" with or without mitigation:</p> <p>Responsible Division: Planning Division                      Completed by: Diana O'Dell                      Date: May 2, 2011</p>					

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Transportation					
35. Exceeds the capacity of the existing circulation system, based on an applicable measure of effectiveness (as designated in a general plan policy, ordinance, etc.), taking into account all modes of transportation including nonmotorized travel and all relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian walkways, bicycle paths, and mass transit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City's Land Use and Transportation Element, Santa Clara County Transportation Plan, and AASHTO: A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets.
36. Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measurements, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Santa Clara County Congestion Management Program and Technical Guidelines (for conducting TIA and LOS thresholds).
37. Results in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in air traffic levels or a change in flight patterns or location that results in substantial safety risks to vehicles, bicycles, or pedestrians?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale General Plan including the Land Use and Transportation Element
38. Substantially increase hazards to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g. farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City and CA Standard Plans & Standard Specifications
39. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit or nonmotorized transportation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale Bicycle Plan, VTA Bicycle Technical Guidelines, and VTA Short Range Transit Plan
40. Affect the multi-modal performance of the highway and/or street and/or rail and/or off road nonmotorized trail transportation facilities, in terms of structural, operational, or perception-based measures of effectiveness (e.g. quality of service for nonmotorized and transit modes)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VTA Community Design and Transportation Manual, and Sunnyvale Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.

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41. Reduce, sever, or eliminate pedestrian or bicycle circulation or access, or preclude future planned and approved bicycle or pedestrian circulation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale Bicycle Plan, Pedestrian and Bicycle Opportunities Studies and associated capital projects.
42. Cause a degradation of the performance or availability of all transit including buses, light or heavy rail for people or goods movement?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VTA Transit Operations Performance Report, VTA Short Range Transit Plan, and Valley Transportation Plan for 2035.
Further Discussion if "Less Than Significant" with or without mitigation: None required.					
Responsible Division: Transportation and Traffic Division Completed by: Diana O'Dell Date: May 2, 2011					

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<b>Building</b>					
43. Hydrology and Water Quality - Place housing within a 100-year floodplain, as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map Effective 5/18/09 <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a> , California Building Code, Title 16 (Building) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code Project Description
44. Hydrology and Water Quality - Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map Effective 5/18/09 <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a> , California Building Code, Title 16 (Building) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code Project Description
45. Hydrology and Water Quality - Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1995 ABAG Dam Inundation Map <a href="http://www.abag.ca.gov">www.abag.ca.gov</a> , California Building Code, Title 16 (Building) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code Project Description
46. Geology and Soils -Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale Municipal Code 12.60, Storm Water Quality Best Sunnyvale Management Practices Guideline Manual Project Description
47. Geology and Soils -Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safety and Seismic Safety Sub-Element, <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a> California Plumbing, Mechanical, and Electrical Codes and Title 16 (Building) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code
48. Geology and Soils -Be located on expansive soil, as defined by the current building code, creating substantial risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	California Plumbing, Mechanical, and Electrical Codes and Title 16 (Building) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code

Further Discussion if "Less Than Significant" with or without mitigation: None required.

Responsible Division: Building Division Completed by: Diana O'Dell

Date: May 2, 2011

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<b>Engineering</b>					
49. Utilities and Service Systems: Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Description Sunnyvale Wastewater Management Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
50. Utilities and Service Systems: Require or result in construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Description Sunnyvale Waste Water Management Sub-Element Water Resources Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
51. Utilities and Service Systems: Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Description Sunnyvale Waste Water Management Sub-Element Water Resources Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
52. Utilities and Service Systems: Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Description Water Resources Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
53. Utilities and Service Systems: Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which services or may serve the project determined that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Description Sunnyvale Wastewater Management Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
54. Utilities and Service Systems: Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale Solid Waste Management Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
55. Hydrology and Water Quality - Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Region 2 Municipal Regional Permit
56. Hydrology and Water Quality - Substantially degrade groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Santa Clara Valley Water District Groundwater Protection Ordinance <a href="http://www.valleywater.org">www.valleywater.org</a>

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pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?					
57. Hydrology and Water Quality - Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project description Water Resources Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
58. Hydrology and Water Quality - Create or contribute runoff which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems in a manner which could create flooding or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RWQCB, Region 2 Municipal Regional Permit, Stormwater Quality BMP Guidance Manual for New and Redevelopment Projects <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
59. Hydrology and Water Quality - Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams <a href="http://www.valleywater.org">www.valleywater.org</a> City of Sunnyvale Stormwater Quality Best Management Practices (BMP) Guidance Manual for New and Redevelopment Projects <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
60. Utilities and Service Systems: Comply with federal, state, and local statues and regulations related to solid waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Solid Waste Management Sub-Element of the Sunnyvale General Plan <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
61. Public Services Infrastructure? Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities, need for new or physically altered government facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Description

Further Discussion if "Less Than Significant" with or without mitigation

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<b>Public Safety</b>					
62. Public Services Police and Fire protection - Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities, need for new or physically altered government facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunnyvale Law Enforcement Sub-Element Sunnyvale Fire Services Sub-Element Safety and Seismic Safety Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
63. Public Services Police and Fire protection - Would the project result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	California Building Code SMC Section 16.52 Fire Code
64. Hazards and Hazardous Materials - Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Description
65. Hazards and Hazardous Materials - Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the likely release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Project Description
66. Hazards and Hazardous Materials - Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Description
67. Hazards and Hazardous Materials - Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Description Hazardous Waste & Substances List (State of California) List of Known Contaminants in Sunnyvale

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68. Hazards and Hazardous Materials - Impair implementation of, or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seismic Safety and Safety Sub-Element of the Sunnyvale General Plan <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a>
Further Discussion if "Less Than Significant" with or without mitigation:.					
Responsible Division: Department of Community Service      Completed by: Diana O'Dell      Date: May 2, 2011					

Community Services					
69. Public Services Parks? Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities, need for new or physically altered government facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open Space & Recreation Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a> Project Description
70. Recreation - Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open Space & Recreation Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a> Project Description
71. Recreation - Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open Space & Recreation Sub-Element <a href="http://www.sunnyvaleplanning.com">www.sunnyvaleplanning.com</a> Project Description
Further Discussion if "Less Than Significant" with or without mitigation: None required.					
Responsible Division: Department of Community Service      Completed by: Diana O'Dell      Date: May 2, 2011					

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST REFERENCE LIST

**Note:**All references are the most recent version as of the date the Initial Study was prepared:

### Maps:

- A. General Plan Map
- B. Zoning Map
- C. City of Sunnyvale Aerial Maps
- D. Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FEMA)
- E. Santa Clara County Assessors Parcel
- F. Utility Maps
- G. Air Installations Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ) Study Map
- H. Noise Sub-Element Appendix A 2010, Noise Conditions Map

### Lists / Inventories:

- A. Sunnyvale Cultural Resources Inventory List
- B. Heritage Landmark Designation List
- C. Santa Clara County Heritage Resource Inventory
- D. Hazardous Waste & Substances Sites List (State of California)
- E. List of Known Contaminants in Sunnyvale
- F. USFWS / CA Dept. F&G Endangered and Threatened Animals of California  
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/pdfs/TEAnimals.pdf>
- G. USFWS / CA Dept. F&G Endangered, Threatened and Rare Plants of California  
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/pdfs/TEPlants.pdf>

### Legislation / Acts / Bills / Resource Agency Codes and Permits:

- A. Subdivision Map Act
- B. San Francisco Bay Region Municipal Regional Stormwater NPDES Permit
- C. Santa Clara County Valley Water District Groundwater Protection Ordinance
- D. The Hazardous Waste and Substance Site List  
[www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Cortese\\_List.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Cortese_List.cfm)
- E. The Leaking Underground Petroleum Storage Tank List  
[www.geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov](http://www.geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov)
- F. The Federal EPA Superfund List  
([www.epa.gov/region9/cleanup/california.html](http://www.epa.gov/region9/cleanup/california.html))
- G. Section 404 of Clean Water Act

### Transportation:

- A. California Department of Transportation Highway Design Manual
- B. California Department of Transportation Traffic Manual
- C. California Department of Transportation Standard Plans & Standard Specifications
- D. Highway Capacity Manual
- E. Institute of Transportation Engineers - Trip Generation Manual & Trip Generation Handbook
- F. Institute of Transportation Engineers - Traffic Engineering Handbook
- G. Institute of Transportation Engineers - Manual of Traffic Engineering Studies
- H. Institute of Transportation Engineers - Transportation Planning Handbook

- I. Institute of Transportation Engineers - Manual of Traffic Signal Design
- J. Institute of Transportation Engineers - Transportation and Land Development
- K. U.S. Dept. of Transportation Federal Highway Administration Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Street and Highways & CA Supplements
- L. California Vehicle Code
- M. Santa Clara County Congestion Management Program and Technical Guidelines
- N. Santa Clara County Transportation Agency Short Range Transit Plan
- O. Santa Clara County Transportation Plan
- P. Traffic Volume Studies, City of Sunnyvale Public Works Department of Traffic Engineering Division
- Q. Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System
- R. Sunnyvale Zoning Ordinance – including Titles 10 & 13
- S. City of Sunnyvale General Plan – land Use and Transportation Element
- T. City of Sunnyvale Bicycle Plan
- U. City of Sunnyvale Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program
- V. Valley Transportation Authority Bicycle Technical Guidelines
- W. Valley Transportation Authority Community Design & Transportation – Manual of Best Practices for Integrating Transportation and Land Use
- X. Santa Clara County Sub-Regional Deficiency Plan
- Y. City of Sunnyvale Deficiency Plan
- Z. AASHTO: A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets

### Public Works:

- A. Standard Specifications and Details of the Department of Public Works
- B. Storm Drain Master Plan
- C. Sanitary Sewer Master Plan
- D. Water Master Plan
- E. Solid Waste Management Plan of Santa Clara County
- F. Geotechnical Investigation Reports
- G. Engineering Division Project Files
- H. Subdivision and Parcel Map Files

### Miscellaneous Agency Plans:

- A. ABAG Projections 2010
- B. Bay Area Clean Air Plan
- C. BAAQMD CEQA Guidelines
- J. Criteria of the National Register of Historic Places

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### **Building Safety:**

- A. California Building Code,
- B. California Energy Code
- C. California Plumbing Code,
- D. California Mechanical Code,
- E. California Electrical Code
- F. California Fire Code
- G. Title 16.52 Sunnyvale Municipal Code
- H. Title 16.53 Sunnyvale Municipal Code
- I. Title 16.54 Sunnyvale Municipal Code
- J. Title 19 California Code of Regulations

### **Guidelines and Best Management Practices**

- A. Storm Water Quality Best Management Practices Guidelines Manual 2007
- B. Sunnyvale Citywide Design Guidelines
- C. Sunnyvale Industrial Guidelines
- D. Sunnyvale Single-Family Design Techniques
- E. Sunnyvale *Eichler* Guidelines
- F. Blueprint for a Clean Bay
- G. SCVWD Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams
- H. The United States Secretary of the Interior 's Guidelines for Rehabilitation
- I. Criteria of the National Register of Historic Places

### **Additional Project References:**

- A. Project Description
- B. Sunnyvale Project Environmental Information Form
- C. Project Development Plans dated 4/14/10
- D. Project Traffic Impact Analysis
- E. Project Noise Study
- F. Project Air Quality Analysis
- G. Field Inspection
- H. Project Site Plan dated 4/14/10
- I. Project construction schedule
- J. Project Draft Storm Water Management Plan
- K. Project Tree Inventory
- L. Project Tree Preservation Plan
- M. Project Green Building Checklist
- N. Project LEED Checklist

**Other:**

Public Outreach as of June 1, 2011

**Outreach (primarily through Email lists):**

- Home page on City website
- Facebook
- KSUN bulletin
- Chamber of Commerce members
- Neighborhood Associations
- Boards and Commissions
- Advisory Committee on Accessibility
- Quarterly Report Article Summer 2011 (upcoming)
- Horizon 2035 Committee
- Leadership Sunnyvale
- Human Relations & Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee
- Sustainability Commission
- Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum Association
- Notice in One-Stop Lobby
- Sunnyvale Community Services
- Council Announcement
- Interested Community Members who have previously attended General Plan Consolidation meetings

**Public Meeting on May 26, 2011 at Council Chambers—Comments/Questions**

- The reduced size of the document and the built-in web features are positive
- It would be helpful to have a link to the State law for General Plans.
- How the Land Use and Transportation information will be incorporated into the new format
- How large can the PDF maps be printed? (Large format can be printed)

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION TO CONSOLIDATE THE GENERAL PLAN AND APPROVING THE GENERAL PLAN AS REVISED AND CONSOLIDATED IN 2011**

WHEREAS, the City of Sunnyvale adopted an integrated General Plan in 1972, and since that time, the General Plan was amended and augmented to be comprised of 22 separate General Plan elements and sub-elements, rendering the General Plan unwieldy and difficult to use; and

WHEREAS, the City has proposed to amend the existing General Plan by consolidating the General Plan into six elements covering the following community planning issues:

- Community Vision
- Land Use and Transportation – Land Use, Transportation, Economy and Open Space
- Community Character – Design, Heritage Preservation, Library, Arts and Recreation
- Housing Element
- Safety and Health – Hazards and Disaster Preparedness and Response, Police and Fire Services, Noise
- Environmental Management – Water Supply, Wastewater Collection and Treatment, Urban Runoff, Air Quality and Solid Waste

WHEREAS, the General Plan Guidelines of the Office of Policy and Research encourage cities to consolidate general plan elements to create efficiencies by combining discussion of related issues and by eliminating redundancies within the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan is the result of a process to consolidate and streamline the General Plan, containing all necessary goal and policy language to provide general plan elements required by state law which is presented in a concise and easy-to-use fashion; and

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan as revised and consolidated in 2011 shall supersede previous amendments to the General Plan unless specifically mentioned within the document; and

WHEREAS, a Negative Declaration has been prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and includes analysis of any comments received during the public review process; and

WHEREAS, public comment was solicited at an informational meeting held on May 26, 2011 in the Council Chambers at which time public input was received; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a noticed public hearing on the adoption of the General Plan on June 27, 2011, after which the Planning Commission recommended to adopt by resolution the General Plan, as revised and consolidated in 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE THAT:

1. The City Council hereby finds on the basis of the whole record that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City Council, and therefore adopts the Negative Declaration.

2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the proposed General Plan, as revised and consolidated in 2011, conforms to the requirements provided for in the statutes of the State of California and the Sunnyvale Municipal Code, that it is a suitable and logical change of the General Plan for the development of the City of Sunnyvale, and that it is in the public interest.

3. The General Plan, as adopted, shall be the General Plan of the City of Sunnyvale, and shall supersede any previously adopted General Plan, any General Plan Element or Sub-Element, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Sunnyvale.

4. The Mayor and City Clerk are directed to affix their signatures to this Resolution to adopt the General Plan, as revised and consolidated in 2011 and to show that the same has been adopted by the City Council.

5. The City Clerk is directed to file a certified copy of the General Plan of the City of Sunnyvale, with the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission of the County of Santa Clara and the planning agency of each city within the County of Santa Clara. The City Clerk is directed further to file a certified copy of the update with the legislative body of each city, the land of which may be included in said plan.

Adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk  
(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
David E. Kahn, City Attorney

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2011**

**2009-0799** - Consolidate the 22 documents of the General Plan into one comprehensive General Plan. This project involves the rewriting and reorganizing of existing text and policies. (Negative Declaration) DO

**Diana O'Dell**, Senior Planner, presented the staff report. She said, to avoid confusion about Council approved actions and staff initiated actions, staff would be eliminating the word "action" from the general plan and the listed action statements would be numbered and considered sub-policies. She said this change would be reflected in the final version of the General Plan. She said the General Plan would be accessible primarily from the website. She said staff recommends adoption of the Consolidated Plan as proposed and the accompanying Negative Declaration. She said this item is scheduled to be considered by the City Council on July 26, 2011.

**Comm. Larsson** discussed with staff the five new policies being added to the General Plan shown in Attachment C, page 17, with staff explaining the new policies and the rationale for adding them.

**Comm. Sulser** said he is a fan of consolidating the General Plan and is amazed how small the final version is. He said in spite of the Plan's smaller size, it has most of what he needs. He said there were two things he would like to have added, which are a map of the Neighborhood Planning Areas, and a Heritage Preservation Resources List. He said overall this is a much more functional document.

**Vice Chair Hendricks** commented about the process that staff and the General Plan Consolidation Advisory Committee went through to consolidate the General Plan. He said that the Plan on the website has search capability, and that this on-line tool is a far better way for users to look for information. He said even the paper copy that is sent to Sacramento is much more readable and that staff did a great job transcribing the information.

**Comm. Hungerford** commented that the Consolidated Plan is a really good tool that can be used as a map to access a huge amount of information. He said the links and the search capabilities within the on-line version allow a user to quickly get to the desired information.

**Chair Travis** opened and closed the public hearing.

**Vice Chair Hendricks** moved for **Alternative 1**, to adopt the Negative Declaration; adopt the newly consolidated General Plan and direct staff to proceed with a reorganization of the Council Policy Manual. **Comm. Hungerford** seconded the motion.

**Vice Chair Hendricks** said he cannot say enough good things about this consolidation. He said that he recommends to City Council to adopt and bring forward this document as a working tool that turns the General Plan into usable information. He said this consolidation could be a good start in looking at how other documents can be made more usable.

**Comm. Hungerford** said that he thought Comm. Sulser's earlier comments were very good and asked staff if the documents Comm. Sulser referred to could be added. Staff said that a Neighborhood Planning Area Map could be added, and recommended that maybe a link or reference to the Heritage Preservation Resources List be added to accommodate future updates of the document. **Comm. Hungerford offered a Friendly Amendment to add to the General Plan a Neighborhood Planning Area Map, and a link or reference to an on-line Heritage Preservation Resources List. The Friendly Amendment was acceptable to the maker.** Comm. Hungerford commented that proceeding with reorganization of the Council's Policy Manual is a wonderful idea.

**Comm. Chang** said he would be supporting the motion. He commented that the goals and policies are very streamlined and that they are followed up with action items. He said this document is a good step-by-step approach.

**Comm. Larsson** said he would be supporting the motion and that he agrees with his colleagues about the structure and organization of the documents. He said he wanted to add kudos regarding the visual layout of the documents as the layout leads the user's eye to the critical points. He said this document is a pleasure to use.

**Trudi Ryan** thanked Planning Commissioners Glenn Hendricks, Chuck Hungerford, Brandon Sulser, and former Planning Commissioner Larry Klein for serving on the advisory committee.

**ACTION:** Vice Chair Hendricks made a motion on 2009-0799 to recommend to City Council to adopt the Negative Declaration, adopt the newly consolidated General Plan and direct staff to proceed with a reorganization of the Council Policy Manual with modifications: to add to the General Plan a Neighborhood Planning Area Map, and a link or reference to an on-line Heritage Preservation Resources List. Comm. Hungerford seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**APPEAL OPTIONS:** This item is scheduled to be considered by City Council at the July 26, 2011 City Council meeting.