

Draft goals and policies from the Land Use, Housing, and Transportation Mobility Elements related to fire service/protection/planning

Element	Draft Goal/Policy
Land Use	Goal LU-3 Annexations and Sphere Development Annexations and development in spheres of influence that improve the provision of public services to incorporated and unincorporated residents and businesses.
Land Use	Policy LU-3.1 Annexation of Unincorporated Areas We support the annexation of unincorporated areas when it will result in a more effective and efficient provision of public services and a net fiscal benefit to the County.
Land Use	Policy LU-4.2 Fire-Adapted Communities We require new development in high or very high fire hazard severity zones to apply fire-resistant design techniques, including fuel modification areas, fire resistant landscaping, and fire-resistant building materials.
Land Use	Policy LU-4.3 Native or Drought-Tolerant Landscaping We require new development, when outside of high and very high fire hazard severity zones, to install and maintain drought-tolerant landscaping and encourage the use of native species.
Land Use	Policy LU-4.4 Natural Topography in the Mountain Region We require new development in the Mountain region to retain natural topography and minimize grading unless it is necessary to reduce exposure to natural hazards.
Land Use	<p>Policy LU-6.1 Residential Amendments that Increase Density in the Desert and Mountain Regions. We discourage policy plan amendments that would permit new development on lots smaller than 2.5 acres in the Desert regions and lots smaller than one-half acre in the Mountain region. We approve general plan amendments that would increase residential density only if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The proposed change is determined to be compatible in accordance with policies LU-2.1, 2.2, 2.3, and 4.5. -Adequate infrastructure and services are available concurrently. -The increase in density would not degrade existing levels of service for fire protection, sheriff, water, or wastewater service in the area.
Housing	Policy H-2.6 Critical Infrastructure We ensure that the efficient provision of critical infrastructure accompanies residential development and the building of complete communities, and ensure that the costs are fairly apportioned to the development community.
Housing	Policy H-3.1 Public Services, Amenities, and Safety We support the provision of adequate and fiscally sustainable public services, infrastructure, open space, non-motorized transportation routes, and public safety for neighborhoods in the unincorporated area.
Housing	Policy H-3.6 Neighborhood Improvements We support comprehensive neighborhood efforts to address housing conditions, property maintenance, infrastructure repair, public safety, landscaping, and other issues affecting the livability of neighborhoods
Housing	Policy M/H-1.1 Site Design We regulate the density, mass, and height of residential development in hillside areas in order to reduce fire hazards, prevent erosion, preserve natural viewsheds, and maintain the forest character of the Mountain Region.
Transportation & Mobility	Goal TM-1 Roadway Capacity Unincorporated areas served by roads with capacity that is adequate for residents, businesses, tourists, and emergency services.
Transportation & Mobility	Policy TM-1.4 Unpaved Roadways The County does not accept new unpaved roads into the County Maintained Road System, and we require all-weather treatment for all new unpaved roads.
Transportation & Mobility	Policy TM-1.8 Emergency Access When considering new roadway improvement proposals for the CIP or RTP, we consider the provision of adequate emergency access routes along with capacity expansion in unincorporated areas. Among access route improvements, we prioritize those that contribute some funding through a local area funding and financing mechanism.