



11. Public Services and Utilities Element

Introduction

The Public Services and Utilities Element provides policy guidance to ensure the City provides adequate services and infrastructure to support the needs of residents and businesses.

Authority and Scope

The State of California Government Code Section 65302(b) requires that the General Plan include, “local public utilities and facilities, all correlated with the land use element of the plan.”



Background

Exhibit PSU-1: Public Service Facilities, shows the location of the public service facilities which serve Yorba Linda.

Schools

The City of Yorba Linda is served by the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District in addition to numerous private schools. The District has a student enrollment of over 25,000 students and includes 20 elementary schools, five middle schools, a K-8 school, four comprehensive high schools, one special education school, one continuation high school, a K-12 home school, and an independent study high school.

Fire Protection Services

Fire protection for the City of Yorba Linda is currently provided by the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA). The OCFA is a regional fire service agency that serves 23 cities in Orange County and all unincorporated areas. The OCFA protects over 1,680,000 residents from its 71 fire stations located throughout Orange County. OCFA Reserve Firefighters work 10 stations throughout Orange County. *Table PSU-1: OCFA Fire Stations in Yorba Linda*, lists the three fire stations located in Yorba Linda.



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Table PSU-1
OCFA Fire Stations in Yorba Linda

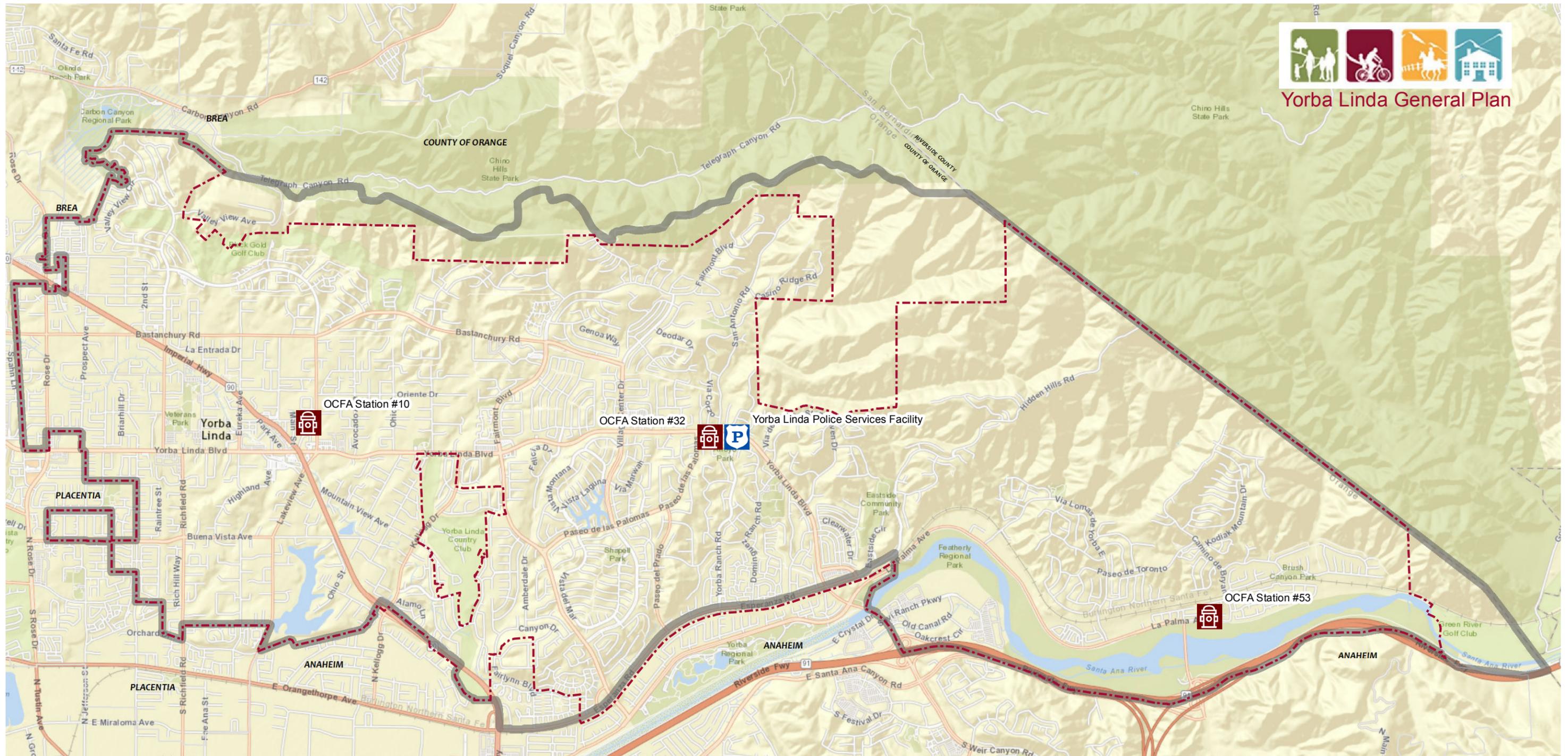
Fire Station	Location	Staffing	Apparatus
Station 53	25415 La Palma Avenue	3 fire captains 3 fire apparatus engineers 3 firefighters	Dozer 2 Engine 353 PAU Engine 53
Station 10	18422 E Lemon Drive	3 fire captains 3 fire apparatus engineers 6 firefighters	Medic Engine 10 Patrol 10
Station 32	20990 Yorba Linda Boulevard	3 fire captains 3 fire apparatus engineers 6 firefighters Reserve firefighters	Medic Engine 32 Patrol 32 Water Tender 32

Police Protection Services

The City of Yorba Linda currently contracts with the Orange County Sheriff's Department for Police Services. The Orange County Sheriff's Department is served by approximately 4,000 sworn and professional staff members and over 800 reserve personnel. For the City, the Sheriff's Department is responsible for providing protection of citizens, the enforcement of laws, apprehension of criminals, and crime prevention. Law enforcement services include patrol, general and special crime investigation, traffic enforcement, collision investigation, parking enforcement, and a crime prevention unit. A Sheriff's lieutenant is designated as the Chief of Police Services and is responsible for the day-to-day operation of law enforcement services in the City.



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-  City Boundary
-  Sphere of Influence
-  OCFA Station
-  Yorba Linda Police Services Facility



Public Service Facilities

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Water System

The City receives water service from both the Yorba Linda Water District (YLWD) and the Golden State Water Company, which is a for-profit agency regulated by the Public Utilities Commission. YLWD is a ratepayer-owned, non-profit agency licensed by the California State Water Resources Control Board. YLWD is allowed to use wells to pump approximately 60-70 percent of demand from the Lower Santa Ana River Groundwater Basin and pays fees to the Orange County Water District. The remaining water demand is purchased from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California through the Municipal Water District of Orange County. Groundwater is pumped from nine active wells located throughout the YLWD and imported water is treated at the Diemer Filtration Plant and is delivered to the YLWD system through four imported water connections.

Development projects are assessed fees for new water provision facilities by the YLWD to ensure that the water infrastructure in Yorba Linda is capable of meeting the demands of domestic and commercial water usage.

Wastewater System

The Yorba Linda Water District (YLWD) maintains the sewer systems within the City. The YLWD owns and maintains nearly 150 miles of various diameter sewer pipes and one sewer lift station. Wastewater collected within the YLWD is delivered to the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) trunk sewer line for treatment and disposal. Wastewater flows by gravity to OCSD's Reclamation Plant No. 1, which is located in the City of Fountain Valley. The plant provides advanced primary and secondary



treatment and supplies secondary-treated water to the Orange County Water District which further treats and distributes the water for various uses, including groundwater recharge, and operation of an ocean water intrusion barrier system. Development projects are assessed fees for new sewer provision facilities by the YLWD.

Storm Drain System

In Yorba Linda, storm drains flow directly to local creeks and rivers, like the Santa Ana River, and eventually into the Pacific Ocean. Maintenance of the City's storm drain system is the responsibility of Yorba Linda's Department of Public Works. In addition to managing the day-to-day maintenance work, Public Works also designs and constructs new storm drain facilities as well as major capital improvements to existing facilities. Two important planning considerations in regards to storm drain



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systems are 1) ensuring adequate capacity to collect and carry storm water; and 2) working to reduce pollutants in storm water.

The 1972 Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) established the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program to regulate the discharge of pollutants from point sources, such as sewage treatment plants and industrial facilities, to the waters of the United States. The City of Yorba Linda participates in the NPDES permit program, which includes public education, regulatory requirements for existing and new development, increased inspections, monitoring, revision, and the adoption of more restrictive development standards.



Public Services and Utilities Element Policy Program

Goal PSU-1

Maintenance and improvement of local school facilities that serve the City.

- Policy PSU-1.1 Work with the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District to properly serve the educational needs of Yorba Linda's school-age children.
- Policy PSU-1.2 Continue efforts to cooperatively resolve service demands for educational facilities.
- Policy PSU-1.3 Continue to monitor the impacts of new development and redevelopment on city-serving schools.

Goal PSU-2

A high level of fire protection services which adequately serves the community.

- Policy PSU-2.1 Ensure that adequate fire facilities and personnel are maintained by the County and contracted by the City to provide adequate service levels.

- Policy PSU-2.2 Work directly with fire protection agencies to annually assess fire protection services and to evaluate the adequacy of facilities and resources serving the City.

- Policy PSU-2.3 Use the development review process to assess the impact of new development on fire protection services and to ensure that increased demand for emergency services will be adequately served.

- Policy PSU-2.4 Ensure that existing and new developments maintain or exceed standards for fire prevention to minimize the risk of fire.

Goal PSU-3

A high level of police protection services which adequately serve the community and provide a sense of safety to residents.

- Policy PSU-3.1 Ensure that sufficient law enforcement facilities and personnel are maintained by the County and contracted by the City to provide adequate service levels.

- Policy PSU-3.2 Work directly with the law enforcement agencies to annually assess crime prevention and law



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- enforcement services and to evaluate the adequacy of facilities and resources serving the City.
- Policy PSU-3.3 Use the development review process to assess the impact of new development on police protection services and to ensure that increased demand for emergency services will be adequately served.

Goal PSU-4

A strong sense of community and opportunities for the continuing education and entertainment of the community.

- Policy PSU-4.1 Continue to provide space for community activities and actively promote City events to the community.
- Policy PSU-4.2 Work with the Yorba Linda Library to ensure adequate facilities for the current and future population.
- Policy PSU-4.3 Support senior programs and services to serve the recreational needs of the City's senior population.

Goal PSU-5

Efficient, high-quality public infrastructure facilities and utility services throughout the City.

- Policy PSU-5.1 Support projects, programs, policies and regulations to ensure that development is appropriate in scale to current and planned infrastructure capabilities.
- Policy PSU-5.2 Work with the Yorba Linda Water District to ensure adequate wastewater facilities for all new developments.
- Policy PSU-5.3 Coordinate development with the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to ensure completion of high-priority facility and infrastructure elements.
- Policy PSU-5.4 Provide storm drainage in accordance with best management practices and all adopted plans. Assess the system's ability to accommodate current and future users and include all necessary improvements in development plans.
- Policy PSU-5.5 Identify and improve areas experiencing localized storm drainage problems for storm drain improvements.
- Policy PSU-5.6 Promote and coordinate efforts with utilities for the undergrounding of existing and new utility distribution lines in accordance with current rules and



regulations of the California
Public Utilities Commission.

Goal PSU-6

An adequate, safe, and reliable water supply.

- Policy PSU-6.1 Support regional and local efforts to ensure that an adequate water supply, including groundwater, remains available.
- Policy PSU-6.2 Support regional and local efforts to promote water efficiency and conservation.
- Policy PSU-6.3 Promote water efficient practices in site and building design for public and private projects.
- Policy PSU-6.4 Work with the Yorba Linda Water District to ensure adequate water supply for all new developments.