

2023 Annual Planning Survey Questions

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Survey Instructions

The deadline for completing this year's survey is June 30th, 2023.

You may save answers at any time and continue working on the survey in multiple settings. If you would like to share the survey with colleagues in your jurisdiction, you must share the original link from the e-mail received by your jurisdiction, **not** the URL to this specific page.

Questions and feedback may be directed to opr.aps@opr.ca.gov.

We know many demands are made on your time, but we value and encourage your continued participation in this effort. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. We very much appreciate your responses!

Jurisdiction Information

Please provide the following information about your jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction Type

- City or Town
- County

Is your jurisdiction a charter city?

City or Town Name

County (for both cities and counties)

Please select the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for your jurisdiction

Please select the Council of Government (COG) for your jurisdiction

Other regional organization(s) or collaborative network(s)

Agency Information

Please provide the following information about your agency.

Agency Name

Agency Website

Name of planning director or equivalent

Title of planning director or equivalent

Email

Phone

Agency Street Address

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Agency Mailing Address

Same as Above

Street Address or PO Box

City

State

Zip Code

1. General Plan Updates

Please provide the following information about your jurisdiction's General Plan.

1.1 What year did your jurisdiction last update the following required elements?

Land Use

Circulation

Housing

Conservation

Open Space

Noise

Safety

Environmental Justice

Air Quality (San Joaquin Valley only)

1.2 What year does your jurisdiction plan to update the following required elements?

Land Use

Circulation

Housing

Conservation

Open Space

Noise

Safety

Environmental Justice

Air Quality (San Joaquin Valley only)

2. Staff and Technological Assistance

Please provide information regarding staffing capacity at your agency.

2.1 What level of staffing does your agency currently have to address the following planning topics?

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions mitigation

Climate action plan preparation

Climate adaptation and resilience

Racial equity

Health equity

Environmental justice

Housing production

Housing affordability

Applying for Grants

Managing Grants

Response Options:

- *Adequate staff capacity*
- *Some staff (with consultants)*
- *Some staff (and no consultants)*
- *Very limited staff (with consultants)*
- *Very limited staff (and no consultants)*
- *No staff capacity*

2.2 Within the past five years, has your agency received technical assistance from the State to address the following topics?

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions mitigation

Climate action plan preparation

Climate adaptation and resilience

Racial equity

Health equity

Environmental justice

Housing production

Housing affordability

Applying for Grants

Managing Grants

Response Options:

- *Yes*
- *No*
- *Unsure*

2.3 For which of the following topics would your agency like to receive technical assistance from the State? This includes technical assistance from agencies such as OPR, the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). Check all that apply.

- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction
- Climate action plan preparation
- Climate adaptation and resilience
- Racial equity
- Health equity
- Environmental justice
- Housing production
- Housing affordability
- Applying for grants
- Managing grants
- Other (please specify)

3. Regional Planning

3.1 Is your agency aligning the following topics with larger regional plans or efforts (such as regional sustainable community strategies and the regional housing needs assessment)?

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction

Climate adaptation and resilience

Racial equity

Health equity

Environmental justice

Housing production

Housing affordability

Response Options

- *Yes, in alignment*
- *Alignment in progress*
- *No, not connected to regional plans or efforts*

4. Community Engagement, Equity, and Accessibility

4.1 What is your jurisdiction doing to build relationships with and empower residents to meaningfully engage in the planning process? (check all that apply)

- Conducting trainings or educational events
- Hosting a planning academy for residents
- Increasing translational services at planning meetings
- Partnering with community-based organizations to do deeper public engagement
- Working with disadvantaged communities to create/implement an engagement plan
- Working with citizen advisory committees/workgroups on planning topics
- Elevating community-based planning into the formal planning process
- Assessing the effectiveness of engagement efforts using standardized metrics
- Other (please specify)

4.2 How is your jurisdiction integrating equity into the General Plan and other planning processes? (check all that apply)

- Prioritizing meaningful engagement with specific populations (including Black, Indigenous, and People of Color)
- Incorporating an equity lens into all steps of the planning process
- Prioritizing equity trainings to staff
- Using tools and/or data to identify and address race-based disparities in your jurisdiction
- Using local input to identify and address race-based disparities in your jurisdiction
- Centering accessibility
- Adopting a racial equity strategic plan
- Adopting a racial equity resolution
- Other (please specify)

4.3 How is your jurisdiction engaging with tribal governments? (check all that apply)

- Consulting with tribal governments regarding a general plan and/or specific plan amendment
- Developing protocols for consulting with tribal governments in their areas
- Designating specific responsible persons or representatives to conduct engagement with tribal governments
- Incorporating text in the general plan dealing with the preservation of Native American cultural resources
- Utilizing conservation easements to help protect Native American cultural resources
- Meeting regularly with tribal governments, outside of specific requirements for notice and consultation, when adopting or amending a general plan or specific plan
- Other (please specify)

4.4 In your jurisdiction, which of the following documents contain policies to accommodate individuals with access and functional needs (AFN)? (check all that apply)

- General plan
- Local hazard mitigation plan (LHMP)
- Climate action plan
- Climate adaptation plan
- Other (please specify)

4.5 In your jurisdiction, are any of the following documents (General plan, local hazard mitigation plan, climate action plan, climate adaptation plan) available in languages other than English? If so, which ones?

- General plan
- Local hazard mitigation plan (LHMP)
- Climate action plan
- Climate adaptation plan

5. Transportation

5.1 Has your jurisdiction adopted any of the following active transportation plans?

Bicycle master plan

Pedestrian master plan

Combined bicycle/pedestrian master plan

Complete streets plan

Response Options:

- *Completely adopted*
- *Adoption in progress*
- *Adoption planned*
- *Not at this time*
- *Unsure*

5.2 In transportation disadvantaged areas, what projects has your jurisdiction undertaken in the past five years to increase transportation safety? (check all that apply)

- Constructing sidewalks/pedestrian paths
- Constructing bicycle lanes/paths
- Reducing speed limits
- Implementing traffic calming features (e.g. road diets)
- Increasing street lighting
- Adding roadway signage
- Implementing traffic control devices (e.g. traffic signals or stop signs)
- Utilizing data (e.g. collision rates) to identify safety needs in transportation disadvantaged areas
- Other (please specify)

6. Land Use, Housing, and Conservation

6.1 Is your jurisdiction using any of the following tools to promote infill development?
(check all that apply)

- Form-based zoning codes
- Density bonus ordinance that expands on State requirements
- Reduced parking requirements
- Expedited permit processing
- Improvements of infrastructure and/or utilities in infill areas
- Financial incentives for pre-development and/or development costs
- CEQA streamlining tools such as tiering or use of exemptions
- Partnerships with school districts
- Land conservation strategies (including urban growth boundaries)
- Accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance
- Transfer of development rights
- Public land donations for housing development
- Ministerial approval processes
- Other (please specify)

6.2 Does your general plan (or other local strategy) include any of the following policies related to conservation and open space? (check all that apply)

- Policies that prioritize farmland or habitat conservation
- Policies that identify performance measures related to habitat or farmland retention or loss
- Policies that support the creation of green space buffers from potential environmental hazards
- Policies or strategies that support carbon sequestration
- Policies that encourage urban greening in developed areas
- Policies that promote water quality
- Policies that support continuous evaluation of open space availability and needs
- Other (please specify)

7. Climate Adaptation and Resilience

7.1 What data and/or tools is your jurisdiction using to address gaps in climate adaptation and resiliency planning and action? (check all that apply)

- Cal-Adapt
- Cal MyHazards
- State of California Sea Level Rise Guidance
- California Healthy Places Index (CHPI)
- Coastal Storm Monitoring System (CoSMoS)
- Sea the Future
- California Heat Assessment Tool (CHAT)
- California Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (Cal BRACE)
- Adapting to Rising Tides
- Other (please specify)

7.2 What State guidance documents is your jurisdiction using to address gaps in climate adaptation and resiliency planning and action? (check all that apply)

- OPR General Plan Guidelines
- California Adaptation Planning Guide
- California Resilience Plan Alignment Toolkit
- Climate Adaptation Finance and Investment in California
- Critical Infrastructure at Risk: Sea Level Rise Planning Guidance for California's Coastal Zone*
- Adaptation Roadmap
- State Agency Sea Level Rise Action Plan for California
- Other (please specify)

7.3 What plans and documents is your jurisdiction using to integrate climate vulnerability and adaptation in local planning pursuant to SB 379 (2015) and SB 1035 (2018)? (check all that apply)

- General Plan Safety Element
- Climate Action Plan
- Local Coastal Program Plan
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Disaster recovery framework/plan
- One or more impact-specific plans, such as a sea level rise plan, wildfire plan, extreme heat plan, or other plan
- One or more sector-specific plans, such as a transportation, forestry, watershed, or public health adaptation plan
- Other (please specify)

8. Health and Environmental Justice

8.1 Does your General Plan include any of the following policies that explicitly promote health equity and ensure equal opportunity to resources necessary for healthy living? (check all that apply)

- Policies that explicitly promote health equity
- Policies that promote active living
- Policies that promote lifecycle housing or aging-in-place
- Policies that help to mitigate the urban heat island
- Zoning that ensures access to grocery stores and/or fruit and vegetable vendors
- Zoning that encourages local food production (e.g. urban or front/back yard farming and community gardens)
- Other (please specify)

8.2 What tools, metrics, and/or criteria does your jurisdiction use to define underserved or historically marginalized communities (also known as disadvantaged communities (DACs)), and to address racial inequities in those communities? (check all that apply)

- CalEnviroScreen – combined score
- CalEnviroScreen – individual data layers
- Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) income limits
- Local median income
- Statewide median income
- California Tax Credit Allocation Committee/HCD Opportunity Maps
- California Healthy Places Index (CHPI)
- Climate Change and Health Vulnerability Indicators for California (CCHVI)
- Regional Opportunity Index (ROI)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) EJScreen
- Other (please specify)

8.3 Which of the following environmental justice planning activities and General Plan requirements per Gov. Code section 65302(h) (SB 1000, 2016) apply to your jurisdiction? (check all that apply)

- Identifying the locations of disadvantaged communities (DACs)
- Practicing community engagement to address environmental justice in DACs
- Identifying the nature of environmental health burdens, risks, and/or needs in DACs
- Creating an environmental justice element
- Integrating environmental justice throughout the general plan
- Implementing environmental justice policies and/or programs
- Other (please specify)

9. Air Quality and Emission Reduction

9.1 In your jurisdiction, what is the status of each of the following containing strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

Climate action plan

Adaptation plan

Energy action plan

Local hazard mitigation plan

Sustainability plan

GHG emissions inventory

Local coastal program

Codes or ordinances

Vulnerability assessment

Response Options:

- *Completed*
- *In progress*
- *Planned*
- *Not planned*
- *Not applicable*

9.2 Is your jurisdiction adopting any of the following decarbonization strategies? (check all that apply)

- All-electric construction reach codes for residential development
- All-electric construction building standards for commercial uses
- Policies to implement energy efficient retrofits for existing buildings
- Policies to replace energy-intensive appliances and equipment with more efficient systems
- Policies to electrify appliances for space heating
- Policies to electrify water heating
- Policies to electrify cooking appliances
- Policies to electrify clothes-drying appliances
- Deployment of renewable energy production and distribution and energy storage on privately owned land uses
- Deployment of renewable energy production and energy storage directly in new public projects and on existing public facilities
- Other (please specify)

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