

## MEMORANDUM

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**RE:** Project Status Update #2

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This memo provides a summary of recent events and work completed on the Siskiyou County General Plan Update.

### **Existing Conditions Background Report**

The Project Team has been working diligently to draft the 2050 General Plan Existing Conditions Background Report. The Background Report provides a comprehensive summary of current trends and conditions in Siskiyou County. The Report provides a detailed description of a range of topics and decision-makers, residents, and public agencies with context for the draft 2050 General Plan policies. The Background Report also serves as the Environmental Setting section of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Plan Update. The Siskiyou County 2050 General Plan Background Report includes the following chapters:

- Introduction
- Population, Employment, and Housing
- Economic and Market Analysis
- Circulation and Transportation
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure
- Safety and Hazards (including Geology, Noise, and Air Quality)
- Hydrology and Water Quality

The Project Team has drafted each chapter of the Background Report and is working with County Planning Department staff and the Technical Advisory Committee to prepare the Public Review Draft Background Report. The Public Review Draft Background Report is scheduled for release in Spring 2023 and will be made available for public review and comment for a minimum of 30 days. The Project Team will send notifications via this email list (as well as the County website and social media) when the Background Report is published.

### **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting #2**

The County's General Plan Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) consists of members from County departments and qualified individuals from agencies as appointed by the Planning Director. The purpose of the TAC is to provide technical input and review of administrative draft documents throughout the General

Plan Update. The consultant team and County staff will facilitate TAC meetings during four Phases in the Update process, including the Existing Conditions Background Report (current phase); Vision and Guiding Principles; General Plan; and Draft Environmental Impact Report.

The County facilitated TAC Meeting #1 in November 2023 to introduce the General Plan to TAC members and review the Project schedule and TAC responsibilities. TAC Meeting #2 is currently scheduled to be held the week of March 25, 2024. Meeting #2 will provide an opportunity for County staff and consultants to discuss the purpose and scope of the Background Report and to assign Background Report chapters to TAC members based on their area of expertise. Comments from TAC members will be taken and responded to prior to release of the Public Review Draft Background Report.

**Next Steps: Community Vision and Guiding Principles**

Following the completion of *Task 2: Background Report*, the County will begin *Task 3: Community Vision and Guiding Principles*.

A General Plan vision statement and guiding principles are designed to reflect what community members value most about their community and the shared aspirations of what they envision their community being in the future. The vision statement will be inspirational and set the key values and aspirations for the General Plan guiding principles. The guiding principles will provide more specific guidance for development of the General Plan goals, policies, and implementation strategies. Task 3 will begin with a community workshop series to solicit input from residents regarding assets, issues, opportunities, and vision for both their communities and the county. The meetings will include informational posters, interactive exercises, and surveys or polls, to encourage input. Input received at the workshops will help to shape both the community and countywide Vision and Guiding Principles and General Plan land use policies.

Following the workshops, the County will facilitate TAC Meeting #3 and a study session with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to review public input and received direction on the Draft Vision and Guiding Principles.