

III. PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES

A. GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES

The Eastern Goleta Valley requires public resources and services to meet the needs of the community, including the provision of water and wastewater services, public safety services, recreational facilities and maintenance, and solid waste management. These public services are provided by different entities, each with different areas of responsibility and each operating basically independent from one another.

Public Service	Responsible Service Agency
Emergency Services and Response	County of Santa Barbara Office of Emergency Services
Fire Protection	County of Santa Barbara Fire Protection Department
Law Enforcement	Santa Barbara County Sheriff
Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space	County of Santa Barbara Community Services Department, Parks Division
Transportation	County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department Caltrans (Highways)
Solid Waste Management	County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department
Wastewater	Goleta Sanitary District
Water	Goleta Water District La Cumbre Mutual Water Company

In addition, the City of Santa Barbara, the City of Goleta and UCSB are adjacent constituencies whose long range plans and goals must be considered in order to provide coordinated regional planning and public service provision, as well as an efficient and sustainable use of resources. Coordinated regional planning ensures services are provided adequately for all existing and planned land uses.

Though these separate agencies operate independently from the County, land use and development decisions have clear linkages to adequate service provision, since the amount, extent, or standard level of service is determined by how many people need the service in the long term. This Plan prioritizes communication between agencies and departments to coordinate long range land use planning with long-term service capacities to ensure land use and development patterns are sustainable within the limits of each provider’s capacity for service.

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Additionally, this Plan recommends specific capital improvements, including multimodal transportation improvements, green infrastructure, and additional recreational facilities to serve existing and future populations. Improvements may include, but are not limited to:

- Solar-powered Low Impact Development (LID) buildings and parking lots
- Cogeneration energy facilities
- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Open space dedication and urban forestry
- Recycled and recyclable building materials
- Non-toxic building materials
- Bioswales and water/rain gardens

This Plan and policy framework recognize the interrelationship of land use and development to independent service districts and County departments to ensure that development in Eastern Goleta Valley is planned with sufficient facilities and services to provide for public health and safety.

Land Use and Development Policies and Implementation Strategies

GOAL #3. THE COMMUNITY IS SAFE WITH EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICES AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF EXISTING AND FUTURE RESIDENTS.

OBJECTIVE SF-EGV-1: Provide public services and facilities to adequately serve the community.

Policy SF-EGV-1.1: The County shall ensure that required public services and facilities to meet the needs of development are constructed and operational concurrently with, or in advance of, the construction and operation of development.

Program SF-EGV-1A: The County Capital Improvements Program shall be monitored, reviewed, and updated annually consistent with this Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan. Upon adoption of this Community Plan, P&D shall coordinate with the responsible service agency or department to identify projects for inclusion in the County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Program SF-EGV 1B: The County shall continue to evaluate projected service and infrastructure costs within Eastern Goleta Valley to determine how best to fund the implementation of public services and infrastructure improvements identified in this Plan.

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Policy SF-EGV-1.2: The County shall encourage developers to use innovative measures to mitigate the public service impacts from their developments in addition to standard in-lieu fees, including, but not limited, to payment of development impact fees; direct public service facility improvements; creation of public service facility benefit assessment districts etc.

OBJECTIVE SF-EGV-2: Ensure that land use, development, and operational decisions of adjacent entities and districts do not diminish or undermine the viability of the public services and facilities of Eastern Goleta Valley.

Policy SF-EGV-2.1: In the interest of coordinated regional planning, the County shall continue to monitor and consider the planning, development and operations activities of adjacent entities to ensure that impacts to County public services and facilities are mitigated to the greatest extent feasible.

Policy SF-EGV-2.2: The County should strive to ensure adjacent jurisdictions fully mitigate their public service and facility impacts, including the City of Goleta, City of Santa Barbara, and UCSB.

Policy SF-EGV-2.3: The County shall continue to review regional projects to evaluate public service and facility impacts to Eastern Goleta Valley.

OBJECTIVE SF-EGV-3: Increase the utility, efficiency and sustainability of County public services and facilities in Eastern Goleta Valley.

Policy SF-EGV-3.1: The County shall support the use of technologies, materials, designs, and/or innovations in the development of new or improved public facilities that increase the sustainability of Eastern Goleta Valley.

DevStd SF-EGV-3A: *Whenever feasible, new or improved County facilities in Eastern Goleta Valley shall incorporate low-impact development standards (LIDs) for site design, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, certification for green building, and/or other programmatic design approaches to increase the facilities' resource efficiency and utility, and minimize their environmental impact (see also, Section II.A: Planning Area Boundaries and Permitted Uses).*

Policy SF-EGV-3.2: County Departments should work cooperatively to utilize public lands as efficiently and appropriately as possible by identifying opportunities to achieve their objectives with joint solutions,

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particularly related to safety, resources, recreation, and transportation.

Action SF-EGV-3A: The County shall develop a master facilities and services plan for the County Administration Campus on Calle Real to transform the property to better serve as a civic/community facility with public amenities and a cohesive and efficient public administration campus to coordinate a variety of public agencies and public activities.

The master plan should:

- ❖ *Enhance the utility, circulation, resource efficiency, and sustainability of the public properties and facilities consistent with this Plan.*
- ❖ *Identify opportunities and constraints for parks, trails and trailheads, a community center, environmental restoration, public safety enhancements, urban agriculture/community gardens, start-up or educational farms, and green infrastructure.*
- ❖ *Identify opportunities for sustainable transportation solutions and commuter facilities, such as solar parking or 'park and ride' lots, electric vehicle and bicycle charging stations, etc.*
- ❖ *Identify amenities and services needed by employees and visitors.*
- ❖ *Incorporate public outreach and input.*

OBJECTIVE SF-EGV-4: Promote green infrastructure.

Policy SF-EGV-4.1: Green infrastructure shall be encouraged to increase the sustainability of Eastern Goleta Valley. Green infrastructure is defined as strategically planned and managed networks of protected spaces, which collectively conserve ecosystem values and functions and provide beneficial ecological services to human and wildlife populations. Green infrastructure may include passive trails or non-motorized bike paths, open spaces, urban forests, streetscape installations and plantings, or farmlands.

Policy SF-EGV-4.2: Opportunities to integrate green infrastructure in the design, construction, and operations of public facilities shall be considered.