



Memorandum

TO: Steering Committee Members

FROM: Winston Rhodes, AICP, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Draft Community Services & Facilities Element

DATE: November 9, 2009

Attached is the draft Community Services & Facilities Element for your review and discussion prior to completion for study in the Environmental Impact Report. The Community Services & Facilities Subcommittee reviewed an earlier draft on October 23, 2009. This draft reflects input received. This draft also reflects subsequent staff input received after October 23 based on additional discussion among City departments. The Community Services & Facilities Element discusses services and facilities that are operated by the City and other organizations (e.g. schools, library service, and medical services). The Draft Element also provides policy direction on the service objectives for the operation, maintenance and improvement of both City and non-City facilities and services.

The draft Element reflects the potential uncertainty about the future provision of fire service and wastewater service within the City. The document includes the most current information available to describe potential options that are undergoing further study and evaluation outside of the General Plan Update process. These studies could result in potential changes to service delivery and costs during the 20-year General Plan time horizon.

The draft Element recognizes identified service and facility improvements that are needed in the future. These service improvements upgrades to existing facilities and maintenance needs for aging infrastructure necessary to support the current population and future development within the community.

The draft Element provides new policy guidance on the topic of information/communication systems including locally provided public access cable TV, the City's web site, and our fiber optic network. This is a rapidly evolving policy topic but has grown in importance and scope since the 1995 General Plan. More rapid communication and more use of electronic communication to obtain services are realities that are reflected in the draft Element policy direction. In addition, improved communication systems are needed to improve coordination with other Pinole service providers during both emergencies and non-emergencies. This topic is also essential to help the City achieve services efficiencies over time.

Staff is seeking input from the Steering Committee regarding the overall contents of the draft document and any recommended policy changes or other edits/changes needed to refine the attached draft document for further study and environmental analysis.

Attachments:

- A. Draft Community Services & Facilities Element (with changes noted)
- B. Draft Community Services & Facilities Element (clean version without changes shown including draft Figures)