

# OVERVIEW OF GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS UPDATES

County of Monterey Housing  
and Community Development

Health, Housing and Human  
Services Committee

December 5, 2022

Agenda Item No.5

# ACTION

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# AGENDA

Policy Framework

Housing Element Sixth Cycle Update

Safety Element Update

New Environmental Justice Element

Cohesive Policy Requirements

Community Engagement



# POLICY FRAMEWORK

## **General Plan(s) - Gov. Code §65302**

- **County's "Constitution"**
- **Coastal – 1982 General Plan**
- **Inland – 2010 General Plan**
- **Elements – 8 required plus 3 optional**

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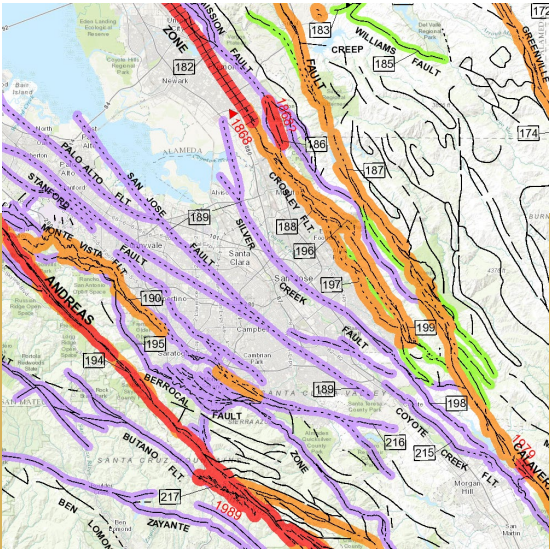
- **Plan to reduce the unique or compounded health risks in disadvantaged communities**



# POLICY FRAMEWORK - EQUITY



FAIR HOUSING



EARTHQUAKES, FLOODS, FIRES

**What are climate change adaptation and climate resilience?**

**Climate change adaptation**  
 The process of adjustment of human and natural systems to expected impacts or effects of climate change.

It includes adapting to short-term weather fluctuations and longer-term changes over decades, and it relates to behaviours, practices, skill sets, natural processes and anticipate short, medium and long-term changes.

**Resilience**  
 The ability of a human or natural system to withstand shocks and to cope with or rebound from them. The term encompasses the capacity of a system to face stressors—socioeconomic, market related, climate related.

**Climate resilience**  
 The capacity of a system to cope with, or recover from, retaining the essential components of the original system.

CLIMATE CHANGE



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BURDENS

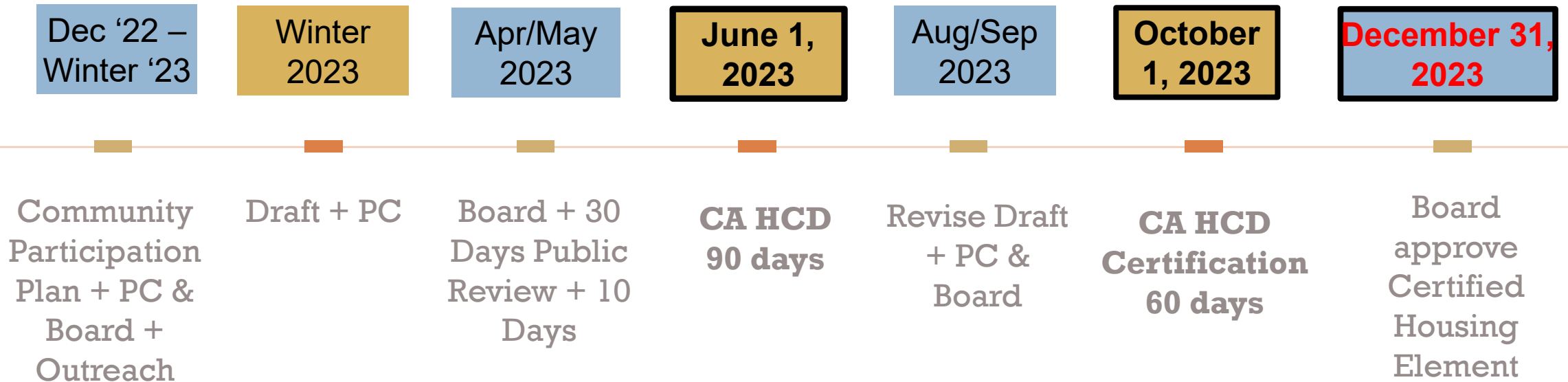


# HOUSING ELEMENT SIXTH CYCLE UPDATE



- Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)
- AB 686 – Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)
- Disparities in Access
- Opportunity Areas
- Patterns over Time

# HOUSING ELEMENT SIXTH CYCLE UPDATE



# SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE



- Identify unreasonable risks and policies for protection from such risks
- Robust analysis, goals, policies, and objectives to:
  - reduce flood hazard and increase flood protection;
  - reduce risk of wildland and urban fires;
  - prepare a vulnerability assessment to climate change impacts; and
  - create adaptation and resilience strategies
- AB 747 and SB 99

# NEW ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT



- Decrease pollution exposure, increase community assets, and improve overall health
- Identify policies and objectives to improve air quality, promote public facilities, food access, safe and sanitary homes, and physical activity
- Promote civic engagement in public decision-making process
- Prioritize improvements and programs in disadvantaged communities

# SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE + NEW ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT

**Winter  
22/23**

Community  
Advisory  
Committee  
+ PC &  
Board

**Spring  
2023**

Community  
Survey &  
Outreach  
+  
Safety  
Committee

**Summer  
2023**

Continued  
Outreach  
*Housing  
Element  
Priority*

**Autumn  
2023**

Drafts  
+  
Environmental Review  
+  
Open House

**Winter  
2024**

Final Drafts to  
PC + Board to  
Adopt

# COHESIVE POLICY REQUIREMENTS



## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE



OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES to promote **safe and sanitary homes** in disadvantaged communities



OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES to **reduce any unique or compounded health risks** in disadvantaged communities



## HOUSING



PROGRAMS to **conserve and improve the condition** of existing affordable housing stock



ANALYSIS of specific sites and zoning identified for housing suitability for **vulnerability to risks** from climate change such as increased flooding or drought-induced fires



## SAFETY

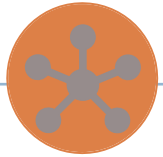


VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT to identify types of assets, resources, and **populations that will be sensitive** to various climate change exposures



IDENTIFICATION of existing and planned development in **known at-risk locations** to designate adequate and feasible infrastructure in these areas.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



## WORKSHOPS

Community Engagement Plan

PC,  
Subcommittees,  
Advisory Groups



## FOCUS GROUPS

Minority  
Resident  
Business/Industry  
Educators  
ESL  
Veterans  
Disabled  
Underserved



## SURVEY

Online



## COMMUNITY-BASED ORG.

Staff Outreach  
  
Network with  
Established  
Groups



## POP-UPS

Deploy staff and  
interactive  
materials at  
strategic  
locations

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