GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION SECTION

Although the General Plan is a policy document, serving as the foundation for County Ordinances and expenditures, it also includes a number of “Action Items” that are intended to indicate how the County will implement goals and policies within the body of the Plan.

Action Items are included in all elements of the General Plan except the Housing Element, which includes its own, separate implementation plan and quantified objectives. In general, Action Items are scattered throughout each of the other Elements, appearing immediately after the corresponding policy. The Conservation Element takes a somewhat different approach, grouping the Action Items by subject matter within the Element.

This Implementation Section of the General Plan repeats the Action Items from each of the seven elements and both assigns them a relative priority and indicates who will be responsible for their implementation.

Although some of the Action Items include explicit references to particular dates or years in the future as their target dates for completion, most are not nearly that specific.

Therefore, for each of the Action Items listed below, you will see parenthetical references to either a particular year or one of the letters A, B, or C, with each letter referring to a relative priority for implementation. More specifically, the letter A implies that the Action Item will be implemented in the relatively short-term (most likely, 1 to 5 years). The letter B similarly implies a somewhat longer-term implementation, perhaps 5 to 10 years. An Action Item accompanied by the letter C indicates a longer-term implementation schedule, keeping in mind that the planning horizon for this document is the Year 2030.

In other cases, the reader may notice the use of the term “ongoing” which refers to actions already being undertaken by the County or those that are expected to continue on either a periodic or perpetual basis.

The party or parties that are primarily responsible for implementing each Action Item, whether a specific County department or, in some cases, an outside agency, are also indicated where applicable. (Please see legend below to interpret acronyms.)

The reader should keep some caveats in mind regarding the implementation schedule. One is that many of these actions will require both human and financial resources to implement, thus making them difficult to definitively schedule, given the annual nature of the budgetary process and changing priorities over the years. A second caveat to keep in mind is that it is often difficult to clearly state the duration of tasks; therefore, estimated starting dates are presented for Action Items rather than completion dates. A third caveat is that, in some instances, the selection of Priority Level (A, B, or C) reflects the level of complexity and the level of effort required to implement an Action Item rather than the importance of the action itself.

AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND LAND USE ELEMENT

Action Item AG/LU-2.1: Amend County Code to reflect the definition of “agriculture” as set forth within this Plan, assuring that wineries and other production facilities remain as conditional uses except as provided for in Policy AG/LU-16, and that marketing activities and other accessory uses except as provided for remain incidental and subordinate to the main use. (A; CDPD)
Action Item AG/LU-7.1: Work with interested stakeholders to undertake an evaluation of new voluntary approaches to protecting agriculture, including implementation of a “Super Williamson Act” program, a conservation easement program or other permanent protections, and programs promoting the economic viability of agriculture. (Ongoing; CDPD; stakeholders)

Action Item AG/LU-10.1: Maintain a data base of all wineries including their production capacity, marketing events and other characteristics that could influence analysis of cumulative effects or the winery’s effect on neighbors. (A; CDPD)

Action Item AG/LU-15.5.1: The County will prepare and adopt guidelines and regulations to assist in the determination of the appropriate type and scope of agricultural buffer areas needed in circumstances that warrant the creation of such buffer. (A; CDPD)

Action Item AG/LU-16.1: Consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance defining “small wineries,” a “small quantity of wine,” “small marketing events,” and “mostly grown on site,” and establishing a streamlined permitting process for small wineries which retains the requirement for a use permit when the winery is in proximity to urban areas. (A; CDPD)

Action Item AG/LU-30.1: Prepare an ordinance permitting second units in areas designated Agricultural Resource when the units do not conflict with agricultural uses or Williamson Act contracts, and consider whether their use as affordable and/or workforce rental housing can be ensured. (Concurrent with 2008-09 Housing Element Update; CDPD/CIA)

Action Item AG/LU-30.2: Develop a Workforce Housing Ordinance, including revisions to the current Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, to define workforce housing and establish additional workforce and inclusionary housing requirements for all multi-family housing proposals consisting of eight or more units constructed in the unincorporated County. Such an ordinance could also require on-site workforce housing in place of in-lieu fees for any large commercial or institutional projects constructed outside of areas where housing would be inconsistent with the applicable airport land use compatibility plan. (Concurrent with 2008-09 Housing Element Update; CDPD/CIA).

Action Item AG/LU-33.1: Adopt local guidelines or zoning code definitions to clarify the distinction between single-family residences and commercial short-term guest accommodations, specifying the uses and ownership or rental arrangements associated with each. Also, analyze the prevalence of extremely large residences, and determine whether single family residences above a certain size should require environmental analysis. (A; CDPD)

Action Item AG/LU-43.1: Consider amendments to the Zoning Code to allow additional commercial, residential, and mixed uses in the areas currently zoned for commercial use in the Spanish Flat, Moskowite Corner, and southern Pope Creek areas in order to complement recreation activities at Lake Berryessa. (B; CDPD)

Action Item AG/LU-45.1: Review and revise sections of the Napa County Code that provide the list of land uses permitted on existing commercially zoned parcels to encourage neighborhood-serving commercial uses and new limited accessory dwellings where appropriate. (B; CDPD)
Action Item AG/LU-48.1: Review zoning code requirements for Home Occupation permits, and update those requirements to provide greater flexibility in situations where there will be no off-site impacts. For example, consider situations in which the use of legal, accessory structures could be permitted, or where home occupations could employ workers other than a single owner/proprietor. (B; CDPD)

Action Item AG/LU-49.1: Refer General Plan land use changes, proposed rezonings, and proposed developments in Airport Approach Zones to the Napa County Airport Land Use Commission for review and comment. (Ongoing; CDPD)

Action Item AG/LU-54.5.1: Develop a definition of ‘formula businesses’ and amend County Code to ensure compatibility with ordinances related to this issue in Calistoga and St. Helena. (B; CDPD)

Action Item AG/LU-94.1: Prior to approving non-industrial development, the County shall adopt development standards for the Pacific Coast/Boca and Napa Pipe sites which shall include, but may not be limited to, buffering and visual screening from existing industrial uses and Syar Quarry, design features that include physical buffers (e.g., vegetation, landscape features, or walls in unique circumstances), building placement and orientation in a manner that physically separates these sites from incompatible operations of adjacent uses (e.g., truck traffic, odors, stationary noise sources), and implementation of other measures to address noise and vibration. Standards for the Napa Pipe site shall ensure conformance with the Napa County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. (A; CDPD)

Action Item AG/LU-107.1: Undertake revisions to the zoning ordinance (County Code Title 18), simplifying and reorganizing to the extent feasible so that members of the public, applicants, planners, and decision-makers can more easily access information and understand code requirements. (C; CDPD)

Action Item AG/LU-114.1: Undertake a systematic planning effort to review and adjust the boundaries of areas designated Urban Residential and Rural Residential on the Land Use Map, with the objective of preserving agricultural uses and eliminating areas zoned and used for agriculture from these designations. The planning process shall prioritize review of areas that are not contiguous to incorporated cities and town, and shall consider the following factors at a minimum: the development potential of each area based on zoning; infrastructure and services availability; community character; physical constraints such as topography; and the desires of potentially affected property owners within each area. The County shall not support requests for rezoning from agricultural to non-agricultural zoning districts in these areas until the review and adjustment of area boundaries is complete. (A; CDPD)

Action Item AG/LU-119.1: Complete the Review Following Census called for in Section (3) of Policy AG/LU-119 during each update to the Housing Element required by state law. (Concurrent with 2008-09 Housing Element Update; CDPD; CIA)

Action Item AG/LU-125.1: Consider amendments to the Zoning Code that would reduce the number of zoning districts in which new churches and religious institutions may be located and provide siting criteria as part of the use permit process. (B; CDPD)

CIRCULATION ELEMENT

Action Item CIR-10.1: County staff shall participate in the periodic updates of the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency’s Strategic Transportation Plan (STP), and use that forum for consideration and development of innovative strategies related to the movement of people and services without increasing the use of private vehicles. The County shall seek input from experts in sustainability,
smart growth, and land use planning in developing potential new strategies. (Ongoing; CDPD; Public Works; NCTPA)

**Action Item CIR-11.1:** The County shall adopt, periodically review, and revise as appropriate specific road and street standards for County roads. These standards shall include overall right-of-way widths, pavement widths, lane and shoulder widths, and other design details. The County’s roadway standards shall be developed in consultation with the County Fire Marshal, County Public Works, and others to ensure adequate widths for safety and emergency access and evacuation. (Ongoing; CDPD; PW; CalFire)

**Action Item CIR-13.1:** Work with the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency and other agencies to fund and implement the improvements listed in Policy CIR-13. (Ongoing; PW; NCTPA)

**Action Item CIR-16.1:** Work with the Napa County Transportation Authority, adjacent counties, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the California Department of Transportation to monitor traffic volumes and congestion on the roadway system in Napa County. (Ongoing; PW; NCTPA)

**Action Item CIR-19.1:** In cooperation with the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency, develop a countywide traffic impact fee to address cumulative (i.e., not project-specific) impacts associated with new employment. Fees shall be used to pay for the cost of network improvements listed in Policy CIR-13 as well as other transportation improvements such as transit. (A; PW; CDPD; NCTPA; Cities of American Canyon; Calistoga; Napa and St. Helena; Town of Yountville)

**Action Item CIR-22.1:** The County shall work with the incorporated cities and town, the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency, and Caltrans to develop a coordinated approach to roadway design to enhance driver and pedestrian safety, particularly for children and senior citizens. (Ongoing; PW, CDPD, NCTPA, all jurisdictions referenced)

**Action Item CIR-26.1:** The County will work with the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency to conduct regular reviews of public transit use and opportunities for its expansion in Napa County. (Ongoing; PW; NCTPA)

**Action Item CIR-26.2:** The County shall establish targets for interim years to enable the County to monitor progress towards its objective of reducing the percentage of work trips that are by private single occupation vehicles by 50%. (Ongoing; PW; CDPD; NCTPA – as part of its Strategic Transportation Plan Update)

**Action Item CIR-28.1:** Work with major employers and the Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency to offer incentives for carpooling and the use of cost-efficient ground transportation alternatives to the private automobile. (A; PW; NCTPA; CIA; Workforce Investment Board)

**Action Item CIR-28.2:** Adopt hours of operation/schedules for County meetings (e.g., Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors) which are coordinated with public transit availability in order to make it easier for residents to use transit when doing business with the County. The County shall encourage schools and other public agencies to do the same. (Ongoing; PW; CDPD; NCTPA)

**Action Item CIR-32.1:** Update the County Zoning Code to include requirements and standards related to carpooling, bicycling, and transit amenities in development projects. (A; CDPD)
COMMUNITY CHARACTER ELEMENT

Action Item CC-3.1: Examine the County’s sign ordinance and determine whether changes are needed to strike an appropriate balance between sign size and legibility. (C; CDPD)

Action Item CC-10.1: Undertake a regular review of the viewshed protection program to ensure its effectiveness and consider adding protections for views from Lake Berryessa to the program. (Ongoing; CDPD)

Action Item CC-19.1: In partnership with interested historic preservation organizations, seek funding to undertake a comprehensive inventory of the County’s significant cultural and historic resources using the highest standard of professional practices. (Ongoing; CDPD; Stakeholders)

Action Item CC-19.2: Consider amendments to the County zoning and building codes to improve the procedures and standards for property owner-initiated designation of County Landmarks, to provide for the preservation and appropriate rehabilitation of significant resources, and to incorporate incentives for historic preservation. (A; CDPD)

Action Item CC-23.1: In areas identified in the Baseline Data Report (BDR) as having a significant potential for containing significant archaeological resources, require completion of an archival study and, if warranted by the archival study, a detailed on-site survey or other work as part of the environmental review process for discretionary projects. (Ongoing; CDPD)

Action Item CC-23.2: Impose the following conditions on all discretionary projects in areas which do not have a significant potential for containing archaeological or paleontological resources:

- “The Planning Department shall be notified immediately if any prehistoric, archaeologic, or paleontologic artifact is uncovered during construction. All construction must stop and an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior’s Professional Qualifications Standards in prehistoric or historical archaeology shall be retained to evaluate the finds and recommend appropriate action.”

- “All construction must stop if any human remains are uncovered, and the County Coroner must be notified according to Section 7050.5 of California’s Health and Safety Code. If the remains are determined to be Native American, the procedures outlined in CEQA Section 15064.5 (d) and (e) shall be followed.”

( Ongoing; CDPD)

Action Item CC-28.1: Amend the Zoning Ordinance to provide a discretionary process such as a use permit by which property owners may seek approval consistent with Policy CC-28 calling for an additional incentive for historic preservation. The process shall preclude reuse of existing buildings which have lost their historical integrity and prohibit new uses that are incompatible with the existing historic building or that require inappropriate new construction. (A; CDPD)

Action Item CC-32.1: The County shall review and update as necessary its public works standards for street lighting to require the installation of fixtures which reduce the upward or sideways spillover of light consistent with the requirements of state law. (Ongoing; PW)
Action Item CC-45.1: The County shall use avigation easements, disclosure statements, and other appropriate measures to ensure that residents and businesses within any airport influence area are informed of the presence of the airport and its potential for creating current and future noise. (Ongoing; PW (Airport); CDPD)

Action Item CC-53.1: Work with the BAAQMD to disseminate information regarding regulations, monitoring, and enforcement for noxious odors. (Ongoing; PW; CDPD; DEM)

CONSERVATION ELEMENT

Action Item CON NR-1: Amend the Conservation Regulations to offer incentives such as a streamlined review process for new vineyard development and other projects that incorporate environmentally sustainable practices that avoid or mitigate significant environmental impacts. (A; CDPD)

Action Item CON NR-2: The County shall seek grant funding and other support and establish a fisheries monitoring program(s) consistent with the efforts of the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy of Napa County in order to track the current condition of special-status fisheries and associated habitats in the County’s watersheds. Programs will include tracking the effectiveness of BMPs, mitigation measures and ongoing restoration efforts for individual projects in the watersheds and the implementation of corrective actions for identified water quality issues that are identified as adversely impacting fisheries. Monitoring programs shall be conducted in coordination with the State and Regional Water Boards, California Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service to the extent necessary. (Ongoing; CDPD; WICC)

Action Item CON NR-3: The County shall amend its Local Procedures for Implementing CEQA to require gravel removal projects to result in no net adverse effects to stream temperature, bed attributes, or habitat necessary for native fisheries health. This may include restoration and improvement of impacted habitat areas (e.g., gravel areas and pools and woody debris areas). (B; CDPD)

Action Item CON NR-4: The County shall adopt an ordinance that prohibits construction activities within the channel of any waterway identified to contain existing or potential spawning habitat for special-status fish species during limited time periods of spawning activities. (A; CDPD)

Action Item CON NR-5: The County shall maintain and update the Biological Resources and Fisheries chapters of the BDR as necessary to provide the most current data and mapping. Updates shall be provided online and made available for review at the Conservation, Development and Planning Department. The following specific data sets and maps shall be updated as needed:

a) The County’s Biological Database [through the use of the California Department of Fish and Game’s California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) and information from the California Native Plant Society (CNPS)], including the addition of biological data to expand and improve the accuracy of the database and its usefulness to the public;

b) Databases and mapping of sensitive biotic communities and habitats of limited distribution;

c) Databases and mapping of oak woodlands and related sensitive biotic communities;

d) Databases and mapping of riparian woodlands and related sensitive biotic communities;

e) Databases and mapping of sloughs and tidal mudflats and related sensitive biotic communities.

(As needed; CDPD)
**Action Item CON NR-6:** The County shall adopt protocols to be followed, including a methodology for analyzing the need for buffers, and establish setbacks where discretionary projects are proposed on parcels that may contain sensitive biotic communities or habitats/communities of limited distribution or sensitive natural communities. (A; CDPD)

**Action Item CON NR-7:** The County shall adopt a voluntary Oak Woodland Management Plan to identify and mitigate significant direct and indirect impacts to oak woodlands. Mitigation may be accomplished through a combination of the following measures:

- a) Conservation easement and land dedication for habitat preservation;
- b) Payment of in-lieu fees;
- c) Replacement planting of appropriate size, species, area, and ratio.

(B; CDPD)

**Action Item CON WR-1:** Develop basin-level watershed management plans for each of the three major watersheds in Napa County (Napa River, Putah Creek, and Suisun Creek). Support each basin-level plan with focused sub-basin (drainage-level) or evaluation area-level implementation strategies, specifically adapted and scaled to address identified water resource problems and restoration opportunities. Plan development and implementation shall utilize a flexible watershed approach to manage water resource quality and quantity. The watershed planning process should be an iterative, holistic, and collaborative approach, identifying specific drainage areas or watersheds, eliciting stakeholder involvement, and developing management actions supported by sound science that can be easily implemented. (B; CDPD; stakeholders)

**Action Item CON WR-2:** [Reserved]

**Action Item CON WR-3:** Update the Conservation Regulations to establish an appropriate protective buffer (e.g., a special protection zone) in areas that drain toward any intake structure associated with the County’s sensitive domestic water supply drainages, requiring specific development and performance measures to protect water quality and balance property owners’ ability to use their land, and stipulating that discretionary projects must be located outside of the project buffer where this is feasible. (A; CDPD)

**Action Item CON WR-4:** Implement countywide watershed monitoring program to assess the health of the County’s watersheds and track the effectiveness of management activities and related restoration efforts. Information from the monitoring program should be used to inform the development of basin-level watershed management plans as well as focused sub-basin (drainage-level) implementation strategies intended to address targeted water resource problems and facilitate restoration opportunities. Over time, the monitoring data will be used to develop overall watershed health indicators, and as a basis of employing adaptive watershed management planning. (B; CDPD; WICC)

**Action Item CON WR-5:** Identify, map, and disseminate information on groundwater recharge areas to the extent feasible, and provide educational materials and resource information on ways of reducing and limiting the development of non-pervious surfaces in those areas. (A; PW/Flood Control; CDPD)

**Action Item CON WR-6:** Establish and disseminate standards for well pump testing and include as a condition of discretionary projects. (A; DEM; PW; CDPD)

**Action Item CON WR-7:** The County, in cooperation with local municipalities and districts, shall perform surface water and groundwater resources studies and analyses, and work towards the development and
implementation of an integrated water resources management plan (IRWMP) that covers the entirety of Napa County and addresses local and state water resource goals, including the identification of surface water protection and restoration projects, establishment of countywide groundwater management objectives and programs for the purpose of meeting those objectives, funding and implementation. (B; CDPD; PW; DEM; FCWCD)

**Action Item CON WR-8:** The County shall monitor groundwater and interrelated surface water resources, using County-owned monitoring wells and stream and precipitation gauges, data obtained from private property owners on a voluntary basis, data obtained via conditions of approval associated with discretionary projects, data from the State Department of Water Resources, other agencies and organizations. Monitoring data shall be used to determine baseline water quality conditions, track groundwater levels, and identify where problems may exist. Where there is a demonstrated need for additional management actions to address groundwater problems, the County shall work collaboratively with property owners and other stakeholders to prepare a plan for managing groundwater supplies pursuant to State Water Code Sections 10750-10755.4 or other applicable legal authorities. [Implements Policy 57 and 64]. (Ongoing; PW; DEM; CDPD)

**Action Item CON WR-9:** The County shall adopt a Water-Efficient Landscape Ordinance for multi-family residential, industrial, and commercial developments regarding the use of water-efficient landscaping consistent with AB 325. (A; CDPD; PW)

**Action Item CON WR-9.5:** The County shall work with the SWRCB, DWR, DPH, CalEPA, and applicable County and City agencies to seek and secure funding sources for the County to develop and expand its groundwater monitoring and assessment and undertake community-based planning efforts aimed at developing necessary management programs and enhancements. (Ongoing; CDPD; CIA; CEO)

**Action Item CON CPSP-1:** The County shall develop a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory measuring baseline levels of GHGs emitted by County operations through the use of electricity, natural gas, fossil fuels in fleet vehicles and County staff commute trips, and establish reduction targets. (Ongoing; PW)

**Action Item CON CPSP-2:** The County shall conduct a GHG emission inventory analysis of all major emission sources in the County by the year 2008 in a manner consistent with Assembly Bill 32, and then seek reductions such that emissions are equivalent to year 1990 levels by the year 2020. Development of a reduction plan shall include consideration of a “green building” ordinance and other mechanisms that are shown to be effective at reducing emissions. (2008; PW; DEM; CDPD)

**Action Item CON CPSP-3:** The County shall conduct an audit within the next five years of County facilities to evaluate energy use, the effectiveness of water conservation measures, production of GHGs, use of recycled and renewable products and indoor air quality to develop recommendations for performance improvement or mitigation. The County shall update the audit periodically and review progress towards implementation of its recommendations. (A; PW)

**Action Item CON CPSP-4:** The County shall map Napa County’s biomass, wind, geothermal, solar photovoltaic, solar thermal, biofuel, landfill gas, and other potential renewable energy sources and partner with other organizations and industry to disseminate information about the potential for local energy generation. (B; PW; CDPD; DEM)
Action Item CON CPSP-5: The County shall quantify increases in locally generated energy between 2000 and 2010, and establish annual numeric targets for local production of “clean” (i.e., minimal GHG production) energy by renewable sources, including solar, wind, biofuels, waste, and geothermal. (2010; PW; CDPD; DEM)

Action Item CON CPSP-6: The County shall periodically review and update the County Code to be consistent with requirements of CARB and the BAAQMD. (Ongoing; PW; CDPD; DEM)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

Action Item E-13.1: The County Board of Supervisors will be provided with periodic updates on the state of the County’s economy, in order to more effectively utilize County resources to promote countywide economic health. (Ongoing; CIA; WIB)

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

Action Item ROS-1.1: In cooperation with other public agencies and, in particular with the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, maintain a comprehensive inventory of public lands, including their existing and potential resource and recreational values. (Ongoing; POS District)

Action Item ROS-1.2: Modify the Zoning Ordinance as necessary to reflect the policies included in this Element and provide the appropriate level of review of proposed improvements and activities. (A; CDPD; POS)

Action Item ROS-12.1: In partnership with the Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District, establish numeric objectives for increased off-street trails and acreage of dedicated open space accessible to the public. (A; POS; PW; CDPD)

Action Item ROS-2.1: Support the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District in developing, and updating at appropriate intervals, a new park and recreation master plan that identifies priorities, implementation strategies, and funding needs. (A; POS; PW; CDPD)

Action Item ROS-2.2: Support sufficient and stable funding for the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District. (Ongoing; POS)

Action Item ROS-2.3: Investigate and, where feasible, transfer the ownership and/or operation of existing County park facilities to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District. (Ongoing; PW; POS)

Action Item ROS-2.4: Support the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District in obtaining state, federal, and foundation grants, using methods such as preparing and adopting local plans and policies which may be required by various grant programs, and providing required local matching funds. (Ongoing; POS)

SAFETY ELEMENT

Action Item SAF-2.1: Participate in local, regional, and state education programs regarding fire, flood, and geologic hazards. (B; CDPD; PW; FC&WCD)

Action Item SAF-8.1: The County’s seismic fault maps shall be reviewed regularly to ensure that they reflect the latest information available. (B; CDPD; PW)
**Action Item SAF-8.2:** Updated maps should be made available to the public at County offices, on the County’s Web site, and through other appropriate channels. (Ongoing; CDPD; CalFire; Emergency Services staff; ITS)

**Action Item SAF-16.1:** Develop site criteria and construction standards for development in high fire hazard areas, and adopt standards to restrict urbanizing these areas as defined in the AG/LU-27 unless adequate fire services are provided. (Ongoing; CDPD; CalFire)

**Action Item SAF-16.2:** Continue to implement “Napa Firewise” through information and education programs, community outreach, and fuel modification. (Ongoing; CalFire; CDPD)

**Action Item SAF-19.1:** The County will work with CalFire to develop improved methods of fire planning and firefighting for use in Napa County. (A; CalFire; Emergency Services staff)

**Action Item SAF-31.1:** The County shall require written confirmation from applicable local, regional, state, and federal agencies that known contaminated sites have been deemed remediated to a level appropriate for land uses proposed prior to the County approving site development or provide an approved remediation plan that demonstrates how contamination will be remediated prior to site occupancy. This documentation will specify the extent of development allowed on the remediated site as well as any special conditions and/or restrictions on future land uses. (Ongoing; DEM; PW; CDPD)

**Action Item SAF-38.1:** Provide staffing and other resources as necessary to regularly update and implement the Napa Operational Area Hazard Mitigation Plan (NOAHMP). Consider new information regarding climate change and the expected severity and/or frequency of weather events in updates to the NOAHMP. (Ongoing; Emergency Services staff)

**CONCLUSION**

Implementation of any policy document like a General Plan will take careful consideration over many years. In addition to supporting the pursuit of Action Items listed above, County decision-makers will implement this plan each time they adopt an ordinance or authorize a capital expenditure. When taking these actions, County decision-makers must affirmatively find them to be consistent with the General Plan. In this way, the General Plan will be implemented by a series of incremental decisions informed by its goals and policies.

Like the “Precautionary Principle” (see Public Comment Letter Number 3, from the Napa County Green Party in the Final Environmental Impact Report) whereby there is a careful assessment of potential consequences and alternatives preceding every action, individual decisions will be scrutinized for their potential impacts and their consistency with this Plan.

In addition, the Plan itself is likely to require changes over time and careful monitoring. By adopting an “adaptive management” approach, the Plan assumes that as technological advances occur and as conditions on the ground change, the County’s policy framework should change accordingly. Thus, General Plan amendments—while never a simple or common occurrence—should be expected from time to time.
LEGEND:

**County Departments:**

CDPD = Conservation, Development and Planning Department

PW = Public Works

DEM = Environmental Management

CIA = Community & Intergovernmental Affairs

CEO = County Executive Office

**Affiliated Public Entities:**

CalFire = Fire Department

NCTPA = Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency

WICC = Watershed Information & Conservancy Center

POS = Parks and Open Space District

FCWCD = Flood Control and Water Conservation District

WIB = Workforce Investment Board
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