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**Introduction**

The County’s General Plan has been the blueprint for the future physical, economic, and social development of the County since its adoption in December 1994. The General Plan is required by the State of California to protect resources, plan an orderly distribution of land uses and apply fair and equitable regulations for new development. The General Plan provides policies for planning land uses and development in the unincorporated area and establishes a vision for the protection and management of its resources including agriculture; and natural resources such as air, water, and plant and animal habitats. As mandated by the State, the Plan is required to address eight elements’ that are Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, Safety, Environmental Justice, and Air Quality. This report reviews the activities that took place to implement the County’s 1994 General Plan between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019. This report fulfills a state requirement to measure progress in implementing the General Plan.

**The County General Plan**

The County’s General has been organized into two volumes – Book A & Book B. Book A focuses on countywide issues and polices, addressing the different elements that include both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County, while Book B focuses on issues and polices impacting the unincorporated County area. The state mandated elements are organized into different chapters under five parts distributed between the two books. The County General Plan prescribes a regional growth management strategy that advocates compact urban development and the prioritization for urban unincorporated area within a Cities Urban Service Areas (USA) to be annexed. New development in the USAs must conform with the corresponding City’s General Plan and are subject to annexation.

Since its adoption in 1994, several new elements and major amendments to the General Plan, have been adopted. Table 1 listed all the amendments and element updates to the County’s General Plan.

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Implementation actions between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019
Listed below are actions taken by the County of Santa Clara towards implementation of the General Plan between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019.

The County General Plan contains broader categories as chapters wherein each of the required elements is contained within these chapters. Table 2 provides a list of actions taken, organized by the General Plan chapters, (or element update sections), with the relevant policy number identified for each action. The pages numbers and relevant Book is listed in the headed for each section. Certain chapters, particularly related to county-wide development and Economic Well-being have not been populated as many of the projects and programs under the other elements and chapters would be duplicated.

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Table 2. Implementation Action Taken between January 1 and December 31, 2019.

Growth and Development Chapter, Book A & B

Multiple policies listed under the following sections cover the policies listed under this chapter.

MANAGE URBAN EXPANSION (Book A – Pages B-5 – B-15)
- Annexation of 25 parcels from Urban Service Areas to the City of Los Gatos. Policies C-DG-7 through C-GD-9

Economic Well Being Chapter Book A & B

Multiple policies listed under the following sections cover the policies listed under this chapter.

Health Element Independent Document

HEALTH CONDITIONS, EQUITY, AND ACCESS (Pages 5 -16)
- Public Health has established initiatives under the Healthy Aging Program, initiated in Jan 2019. Projects focused on older adults include Safe Routes for Seniors, Falls Prevention Taskforce, older women’s health and financial wellbeing, social isolation among immigrant communities review and recommendations. Policy HE-A.5
- In progress - data collection, action planning and community engagement related to older women’s financial literacy. Policy HE-A.13
- History and lingering impact of residential housing discrimination presentations - Futuro de Alum Rock Project. Policy HE -A.18
- Public Health and the County are active participants in the Government Alliance on Race and Health Equity (GARE) cohorts and promoting participation of cities (e.g. San Jose). Policy HE -A.19
- Funding received through the Healthy Brain Initiative for 2020-2022 - includes support for caregivers of those living with Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias. Policy HE-A.25
- Healthy Aging Program promotes falls prevention education, caregiver support and programs to reduce social isolation. Additionally, SCC Fire sits on the Falls Prevention of SCC Steering Committee and plays an active role in sharing information with first responders. Policy HE-A.33

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH (Pages 17 -25)
- Reference HE-A.5. Public Health has established initiatives under the Healthy Aging Program,
initiated in Jan 2019. Projects focused on older adults include addressing social isolation among immigrant communities. Policy HE-B.7
- In progress - data collection, action planning and community engagement related to older women’s financial literacy. Policy HE-A.13
- The Public Health Department’s Tobacco-Free Communities program has engaged County Departments and cities to increase adoption and enforcement of policies to reduce density of tobacco retailers across the County, and to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke in public places. These efforts continued in cities across the County in 2019. Policies HE-B.18 through HE-B.26

LAND USE AND URBAN DESIGN (Pages 26 - 33)
- Public Health has met informally and formally with cities in the process of updating their general plans in 2019, and presented to city stakeholders, to promote consideration of health policies in general plans. Policy HE-C.5.
- The County Public Health Department informed and participated in a countywide alliance (the Food Systems Alliance) to research and report on best practices in conserving agricultural lands, specifically for small-scale farming (the Small Farms, Big Potential Report). Policy HE-C.6.

ACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION (Pages 34 - 40)
- Cities across the County have been adopting Complete Streets plans (independent of efforts of the County), but the Public Health Department has also been actively promoting the implementation of Complete Streets policies through its Healthy Cities Program. Policy HE-D.1
- Public Health and other County Departments supported efforts by the City of San Jose to update its Vision Zero plan (and plans to calm traffic and reduce conflict between pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles). Policy HE-D.5
- In 2019 the Public Health Department continued partnership with the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition to engage with local city staff and policymakers, representing jurisdictions across the County, in promoting bike safety and infrastructure improvements through "infrastructure rides." Policy HE-D.8
- The Public Health Department worked with schools and community partners to assess the barriers to utilizing active transportation. Policy HE-D.9
- The Public Health Department and Office of Supervisor Wasserman co-coordinate the Traffic Safe Communities Network, which continues to meet in an effort to prevent traffic-related injuries and fatalities. Policy HE-D.10
- Public Health worked to promote way-finding signage in South County, at city parks, and signage is currently being installed. Policy HE-D.13
- The Public Health Department educated and provided encouragement to youth through Safe Routes to School programs in partnership with schools. Policy HE-D.14
- Support West Valley RYDE pilot, comment on VTA next network changes, provide recommendations for volunteer drive programs and provide input on San Jose Vision Zero through the Area Agency on Aging Transportation Committee. Policy HE-D.21
- Fleet and Facilities initiated a TDM study in 2019, results to be presented to BOS in 2020. Policy HE-D.22

RECREATION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (Pages 41 - 46)
- Public Health worked with Santa Clara County Parks to advocate for park information to be posted and available in multiple languages, including in park guides, on the County Parks webpage, and in programming. Policy HE-E.7
- The Tobacco-Free Communities Program worked with cities across the County to adopt and implement policies to prohibit the use of tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, in parks and recreational areas, as well as other outdoor public spaces. Policy HE-E.9
The Public Health Department promoted use of parks by underserved communities and people with health issues through the Parks Rx Program, and the Let’s All Go to the Park Initiative in South County. *Policy HE-E.13*

The Public Health Department’s CalFresh Healthy Living Program provided physical activity and nutrition education to students, teachers, parents, and school staff. *Policy HE-E.14*

### HEALTHY EATING, FOOD ACCESS, AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS (Pages 47 - 53)

- The County Public Health Department informed and participated in a countywide alliance (the Food Systems Alliance) to research and report on best practices in conserving agricultural lands, specifically for small-scale farming (e.g., the Small Farms, Big Potential Report). *Policies HE-F.1 through HE-F.9*
- The Public Health Department encourages cities to support community garden programs as a way to provide food access to low-income and underserved neighborhoods. *Policy HE-F.10*
- Public Health promoted the use of Double Up Food Bucks, Market Match, and the Nutrition Pantry Program, to support healthy food access. *Policy HE-F.12*
- CalFresh Healthy Living promoted healthier food options and assessed local food establishments to encourage healthier food environments. *Policy HE-F.13*
- The Public Health Department collaborated with the Cut the Sugar Coalition, Child Nutrition Action Partners, Food Systems Alliance, to support access to healthy food and beverages. *Policy HE-F.14*
- Public Health and other County departments promoted use of CalFresh, food banks, and other food assistance. *Policy HE-F.16*
- The County and Healthy Cities Program offered resources to cities in support of the adoption of healthy food and beverage procurement standards. *Policy HE-F.20*
- The Public Health Department’s CalFresh Healthy Living program provided nutrition and physical activity education to community partners and schools, helped schools to implement smart lunchrooms, and worked with schools to increase consumption of healthy foods and decrease food waste. *Policy HE-F.21*
- The Public Health Department’s CalFresh Healthy Living program provided support to schools in implementing their wellness policies and to support efforts to provide more nutritious food offerings. *Policy HE-F.22*

### AIR QUALITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE (Pages 54 - 64)

- Fleet and Facilities is in the process of upgrading the County’s fleet of vehicles, and installing charging stations at County facilities, as part of its commitment to being "diesel-free by 2033." *Policy HE-G.3*
- The County Public Health Department encourages cities to adopt more rigorous Transportation Demand Management policies through its Healthy Cities Program, and also supports participation in "Bike to Work Day" events among County employees. *Policy HE-G.5*
- The Office of Sustainability promotes energy efficiency in its work in collaboration with the Bay Area Regional Energy Network. *Policy HE-G.10*
- Public Health encouraged cities to adopt and update climate action plans in 2019 through its Healthy Cities Program. *Policy HE-G.23*
- Public Health Preparedness worked with other County departments, PG&E, and other state agencies to prepare for Public Safety Power Shutoffs. *Policy HE-G.27*
- The Office of Supportive Housing has expanded access to housing in partnership with cities and agencies across the region. *Policy HE-G.29*

### HEALTHY HOUSING (Pages 65 - 69)

- The Tobacco-Free Communities Program worked with cities across the County to support their efforts to adopt and implement comprehensive smoke-free multiunit housing policies. *Policy HE-GH.3*
- The Office of Supportive Housing has expanded access to housing in partnership with cities and agencies across the region. *Policies HE-H.13 through HE-H.15*
## VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND SAFETY (Pages 70 - 75)

The Public Health Department’s Violence Prevention Program continued efforts to promote healthy relationships, reduce domestic violence, and to empower communities and address racial and health inequities. *Policies HE-I.1 through HE-I.21*

### Housing Element *Independent Document*

**PLAN FOR A BALANCED HOUSING SUPPLY (Pages 31 - 34)**

- Under the County Surplus Land Program, the County decided to retain the property at 2500 Senter Rd and lease it back to Charities Housing for the development of up to 160 units of permanent supportive housing. Charities Housing started construction in December 2017, and construction is expected to be completed by February 15, 2020. *Policies HG-1 through HG-3*
- Santa Clara County Housing Authority (SCCHA) funded the development of Laurel Grove Apartments, with a total of 82 units (with 81 affordable units, 20 of which will be Permanent Supportive Housing units), was completed in 2019. This project is located in San Jose. *Policies HG-1 through HG-3*
- Santa Clara County Housing Authority (SCCHA) funded the development of Park Avenue Senior Apartments, in San Jose, is under construction. *Policies HG-1 through HG-3*

**PROMOTE COOPERATION & COLLABORATION ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (Pages 35 - 37)**

- Under the CDBG Public Infrastructure Improvements/Public Benefits program one CIP project was completed in Los Gatos (the Bachman Park Project for $200,321.74). *Policies HG-4 and HG-5*

**PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME HOUSING (Pages 38 - 39)**

- Under the Housing Trust Silicon Valley Program, 14 first-time homebuyers received down payment assistance loans to purchase or preserve their home. 2,518 prospective homebuyers attended homebuyer workshops. *Policy HG-6*

**REMOVE UNNECESSARY BARRIERS TO HOUSING (Pages 40 - 41)**

- Staff began work on codifying less restrictions on the requirements for ADU’s including allowing them on all lots, streamlining their processing and reduction of development standards, in accordance with State Law Section 65852.2 & 65852.22. Adoption of new ADU regulations were adopted Board of Supervisors (BOS) in March 2020. *Policies HG-8 and HG-9*
- Staff worked on adopting the removal of owner occupancy deed restrictions for ADU’s. This provision was ultimately adopted by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) March 2020. *Policies HG-8 and HG-9*

**ENSURE SUPPORT FOR FAIR LAWS AND PRACTICES (Pages 42 - 44)**

- The Fair Housing Law Project (FHLP) program continued to serve the community and prioritizes housing discrimination, illegal mortgage lending, gentrification and displacement of low-income and diverse communities leading to segregation, and predatory slum conditions cases in Silicon Valley. *Policies HG-10 through HG-12*
- Under Fair Housing Audit and Education Program, Office of Supportive Housing continued audits of housing providers and hold trainings for housing providers found non-compliant during audits. *Policies HG-10 through HG-12*
- Santa Clara County Fair Housing Consortium funded $85,613 in FY19 to the Law Foundation, which applies for funds on behalf of the Fair Housing Consortium. *Policies HG-10 through HG-12*

**PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSEHOLDS (Pages 45 - 48)**

- Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) is implementing a program to achieve "Age Friendly Cities/County” certification. *Policy HG-15*

**REDUCE HOMELESSNESS CONSISTENT WITH HOUSING FIRST PRINCIPLES (Pages 49 - 51)**

- Staff began exploring options for allowing agricultural employee housing to be occupied by agricultural workers that are not employees of the housing facility operator/owner. This work item is ongoing, and the Department will be proposing zoning ordinance amendments implementing
As an ongoing effort, the County Planning department is working to reducing the permit requirements for long-term agricultural employee housing. The Department is also proposing to allow new forms of agricultural employee housing, and to reduce permit requirements for temporary and seasonal agricultural employee housing. The Department will be proposing this action in 2020. Polices HG-19 and HG-20

Preservation of 100 units of seasonal housing Ongoing operation of 100 units of seasonal migrant worker housing at the Arturo Ochoa Migrant Center. Policy HG-20

Repairs were completed on 54 homes during the current reporting period. Policy HG-21

Under the Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley program, completed repairs on 22 homes per reporting period. Policy HG-21

Joint Partnership with Cities of Sunnyvale and Santa Clara for Lawrence Station Area Plan. Policies C-TR-6 through C-TR-8

Joint Partnership with VTA for Montague BART Station Pedestrian Overcrossing Project. Policies C-TR-6 through C-TR-8, C-TR-15

Joint Partnership with VTA for Eastridge to BART Regional Connector/Capitol Expressway Light Rail Project. Policies C-TR-6 through C-TR-8, C-TR-15

Joint Partnership with City of Mountain View for Mountain View Transit Center and Central Expressway Pedestrian Undercrossing Project. Policies C-TR-6 through C-TR-8, C-TR-15

Continued work Santa Teresa Hale Extension Project (Main to Dewitt - City of Morgan Hill), Part of Santa Teresa Official Plan Line. Policy C-TR 5

Capitol Expressway Fiber Communications Installation between Quimby to Silver Creek. Policies C-TR-3, C-TR-10, C-TR-42, C-TR-43

Continued work on Measure B Expressway Implementation Plan. Policies CTR-3, C-TR-11-12, C-TR 15-19, C-TR 30, C-TR 31

Continued work San Tomas Expressway Widening and Trail Extension Project between El Camino Real to Homestead (project received Federal grant funds). Policies C-TR-3, C-TR-15, C-TR-35 through C-TR-37


Staff the Joint VTA/County Bicycle Policy Advisory Committee (VTA/County BPAC). Policies CTR-30, C-TR-34

Staff the County Roads Commission. Policy C-TR-30

Administer, Fund, and Maintain the County Bridge Program (Repair and Maintain all bridge facilities in the County). Policy C-TR 37 (This program is predominantly funded by Federal Transportation Funds)
- Enforce, Design, and Maintain County Road facilities for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. *Policy C-TR-28*
- Departmental Review of the High-Speed Rail corridor throughout the County. *Policy C-TR-41*

**SUPPORT NEW TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES (Book A, Pages F31 – F32)**

- Continued work Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Investments, Maintenance, and Upgrades throughout the year on various Expressways and County Roads. *Policies C-TR-10, C-TR-42, C-TR-43*

### Parks & Recreation Chapter Book A & B

**REGIONAL PARKS & PUBLIC OPEN SPACE LANDS (Book A, Pages G3 – G9)**

- Repair and restoration of windows of the historic Cottle House at Martial Cottle Park. *Policy C-PR 10*
- Completed design of the Grant Ranch Historic Buildings Rehabilitation Phase 1 at Joseph D. Grant County Park. *Policy C-PR 10*
- County permitted 21 non-profit and 7 private recreational events of 500+ visitors in various County parks in 2019. *Policy C-PR 17*
- Completed and secured County approval of the Natural Resources Management Plan and Interim Access Plan for the Coyote Canyon property that will support habitat connectivity and public access over a new property between Anderson and Coyote Lake - Harvey Bear County Parks. *Policies C-PR 3, C-PR 4, C-PR 9, C-PR 10, C-PR 11, C-PR 12, C-PR 23, C-PR 24*
- Substantially completed construction of the 4.4-mile Oak Cove Trail at Calero County Park that provides trail access for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians. *Policies C-PR 1, C-PR 4*
- Substantially completed the Youth Science Institute (YSI) Exterior Siteworks Improvements Project at Vasona County Park; enhancing a learning center and visitor center operated in partnership with YSI, a non-profit entity. *Policy C-PR 10*
- Facilitated over 2,600 individual volunteers in logging 36,000+ volunteer hours spent maintaining and operating County parks. *Policy C-PR 18*
- Facilitated over 170 volunteers and 3,600 hours spent through the Trail Watch, Adopt-a-Trail and monthly trail maintenance day programs. *Policies C-PR 30.2, C-PR 30.3*
- Completed exterior sitework and made substantial progress on interior improvements of the historic Dyer House at Sanborn County Park. This house serves as a visitor center and Park Ranger office, in partnership with the Youth Science Institute. Additionally, completed a project to stabilize and improve the ""Casino"" House building, or Dyer House annex, which serves as additional office space, and may in the future support reservations for weddings and events. *Policy C-PR 10*
- Carried out several well closures, dump remediations and various water system improvements. *Policies C-PR 5, C-PR 8, C-PR 11*
- Developed, launched and began implementation of new Computerized Maintenance and Management System. *Policies C-PR 1, C-PR 9*
- Completed construction of a new maintenance building at Metcalf Motorcycle Park. *Policies C-PR 11, C-PR 13, C-PR 16*
- Completed various paving management and improvement projects including a roadway at Los Gatos Creek County Park, Los Gatos Creek Trail at Vasona County Park, and the Coyote Creek Trail within Coyote Creek Parkway. *Policies C-PR 3, C-PR 8, C-PR 12, C-PR 20.1, C-PR 30.2*
- Identified various priority grazing infrastructure improvements throughout the park system, including perimeter and boundary fencing improvements. Developed implementation plans to
carry out improvements. *Policies C-PR 3, C-PR 4, C-PR 1*

- Made various improvements throughout the park system to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. *Policy C-PR 8*
- Developed plans and executed projects under the Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program. *Policies C-PR 3, C-PR 4, C-PR 9, C-PR 10, C-PR 11, C-PR 12*
- Completed shaded fuel breaks at Mt. Madonna as part of the Forest Health Management Program. *Policies C-PR 3, C-PR 4, C-PR 9, C-PR 10, C-PR 11, C-PR 12*
- Administered the County’s Historical Heritage Grant Program, awarding $590,000 to three projects that help protect valuable historic resources on parkland. *Policy C-PR 10*

### TRAILS & PATHWAYS (*Book A, Pages G10 – G22*)

- Identified 60 private and public projects that could impact the Countywide Trails Master Plan and submitted comments to facilitate trail development and use. *Policies C-PR 22.1, C-PR 33.5*

### Resource Conservation *Book A & B*

#### HABITAT & BIODIVERSITY (*Book A, Pages H20 – H26*)

- The County Planning and Development Department continued evaluating development projects impacts on sensitive habitat under the Habitat Conservation Plan areas in unincorporated areas. *Policies C-RC-30 through C-RC-33*

#### AGRICULTURE & AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES (*Book A, Pages H28 – H32*)

- In January, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted a series of actions and measures to implement the Santa Clara Valley Agricultural Plan, a strategic agricultural preservation plan previously adopted by the Board of Supervisors in January 2018.
- The County Planning and Development Department continued its work to establish conservation easements on vulnerable prime agricultural lands under the regional Agricultural Conservation Easements (ACE) program. *Policies C-RC 40 through C-RC-42*
- The County continued to support and manage applicants and properties under the Williamson Act. *Policy C-RC 39 through C-RC-42*
- The County’s Planning and Development Department continued development of an Agricultural Resilience Incentive (ARI) Grant Program to fund agricultural resource management projects in Santa Clara. The goal of the program is to incentivize climate-smart agricultural practices by funding resource management projects on working lands within the county. *Policy C-RC 43*
- The County Planning Department received a Department of Conservation Grant to jointly study will focus on the critical role rural working lands and agricultural preservation play in regional planning for climate action and long-term resilience, with San Mateo County. *Policy C-RC-43*

### Land Use *Book B*

#### RESOURCE CONSERVATION AREAS (*Book B, Pages Q1 – Q16*)

- The County Planning and Development Department has been working to update Non-residential Development Standards to replace the conditional definition ‘local serving’ uses in rural areas. Adoption of new development standards is expected to be adopted Board of Supervisors (BOS) in mid 2020. *Policy R-GD-1 through R-GD-4*

#### SPECIAL AREA POLICIES -SAN MARTIN AREA (*Book B, Pages Q19 – Q25*)

- The County Planning Department received a Department of Conservation Grant to conduct a study, entitled San Martin Farm Futures. The project’s goal will be to envision several possible farm futures and plan for agricultural conservation that is responsive to the community’s diverse needs and aspirations. *Policy R-LU-136 through R-LU-143*
Summary and next steps

The actions taken by the County in 2019 are consistent with the goals and policies contained within the County’s General Plan. The County continues to implement these goals and policies with decisions that balance community needs, property rights, environmental stewardship and the health and welfare of the general public. The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and Staff has continued to adhere to a vision for the County in promoting Social and Economic Well-Being; Managed, Balanced Growth; Livable Communities; and Responsible Resource Conservation.

The County is now beginning to embark on an extensive General Plan update that is envisioned to result in a comprehensive update to the 1994 General Plan. The County is currently starting updates to the Stanford Community Plan and will soon review the land use policies for the San Martin Planning Area. Subsequently, the County will begin updates to the Housing Element and subsequently prepare policies and strategies addressing regional sustainability, climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency, with corresponding updates throughout the General Plan. The County expects to these updates by 2024.