

## What is the Countywide Plan?

In 2010, the Board of Supervisors set out to establish a vision for the future of the county as a whole, and subsequently adopted a Countywide Vision in 2011 after two years of input from the community and the county's 24 cities and towns. Following the adoption of the Countywide Vision, which calls for the creation of a "complete county", the Board adopted the County paradigm and job statements in 2012.

In 2015, San Bernardino County launched an effort to go further than any county or city has ever gone with a general plan by creating a web-based comprehensive "complete county" plan.

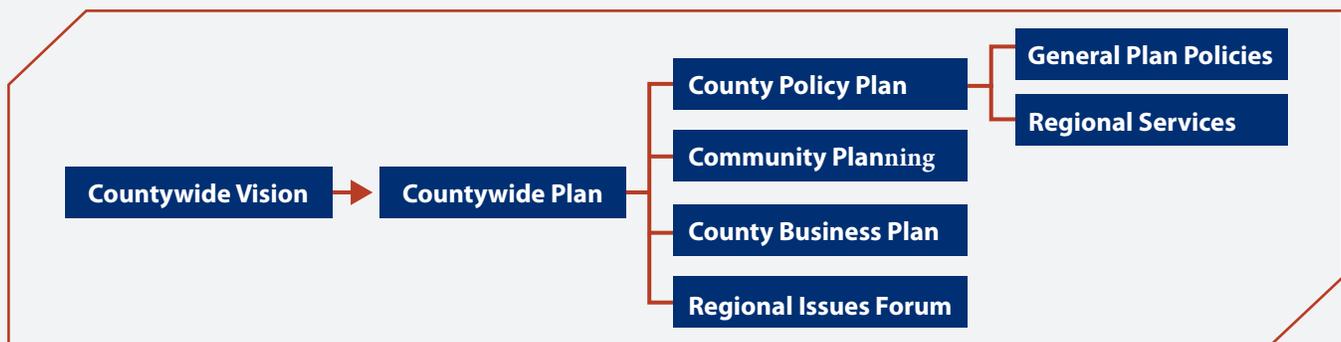
General plans are almost always strictly rule books for guiding development and growth. San Bernardino County's General Plan, last updated in 2007, will go well beyond a traditional general plan to become a comprehensive Countywide Plan that complements and informs the Countywide Vision by taking into account all services—not just land-use planning—provided by County Government, and the unique values and priorities of each unincorporated community. It will serve as a guide for County decision-making, financial planning, and communications.

With a target adoption date of 2019, the Countywide Plan's web-based format will provide a wealth of easily accessible data on how the County operates, and allow independent research using County data and information.

## What are the Components of the Countywide Plan?

Driven by the **Countywide Vision**, the Countywide Plan will include:

- A **County Policy Plan**, which will be an update and expansion of the County's General Plan for the unincorporated areas. In a new approach to county planning, it will also address supportive services for adults and children, healthcare, public safety, and other regional county services provided to both incorporated and unincorporated areas. An Environmental Impact Report will be prepared providing environmental clearance for the County Policy Plan and facilitate streamlined CEQA review for future planning and development projects.
- A **Community Planning Continuum**, which will be a new system of community planning that articulates what is important to each community, with a greater focus on community self-reliance, grass-roots action, and implementation. Goals, policies, land use, and infrastructure decisions will be addressed in the Policy Plan.
- A **County Business Plan**, which will contain governance policies and operational metrics that outline the County's approach to providing municipal and regional services.
- A **Regional Issues Forum**, which will be an online resource for sharing information and resources related to issues confronting the county as a whole, including the work of the Countywide Vision element groups.





## What is Community Planning?

The purpose of **Community Planning** is to guide the future use, character and independent identity of our communities. The County is working with residents and stakeholders to identify how to maintain and improve the quality of life in unincorporated communities through updated goals, policies, mapping, and implementation guides. The resulting plans, guides, and maps will be implemented by County government, community residents, local stakeholders, and/or service providers.

## How can I get involved in my Community Plan?

The public is encouraged to engage in the planning process by attending outreach events and staying connected through the website: [www.countywideplan.com/cp](http://www.countywideplan.com/cp). On this site, the County will have information on meetings and links to provide your input through surveys, social media, photographs, and email.

**Have more questions? Send an email to [CommunityPlans@lus.sbcounty.gov](mailto:CommunityPlans@lus.sbcounty.gov).** You can also visit the website to get on your community's email list to be notified when the planning process will begin.

## Don't we already have a Community Plan?

Fourteen existing Community Plans identify goals and policies for select unincorporated areas of the county. Of the existing plans, 13 were adopted in 2007 and one (Oak Hills) was adopted in 2013. The County is proposing to update and consolidate all goals and policies into one County Policy Plan to eliminate redundancy, resolve consistency issues, and expand the application of key goals and policies to multiple communities and regions. The existing Community Plan content will also be used to inform outreach efforts and prepare Community Action Guides for over 30 community planning areas.

## What are Community Action Guides?

The **Community Action Guides** provide action-oriented direction for each community to remain and become the type of community that current and future residents desire. The Guides include Action Plans that place a focus on self-reliance, grass-roots action, and implementation, allowing the community to take the lead in moving actions forward. Furthermore, the Guides frame these potential actions in a set of community-driven values and aspirations generated through three years of outreach involving thousands of residents in over 70 communities.

The Guides will also link to a **Community Development Toolkit** to help residents engage in self-help and/or partnership activities that will facilitate the changes they would like to see in their community.

## Get Involved & Stay Connected

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