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Resource Management

Introduction to Resource Management

San Jacinto is home to a number of special resources that require attention and management as the City continues to grow. These resources can be natural (for example, biological resources or water resources) or man-made (such as parks, infrastructure systems, or community facilities). Together, the City's resources form an important part of the City's unique character and quality of life. It is important to understand, document, and appreciate these resources so that these valuable pieces of the community can be preserved, protected, and enhanced for future generations.

Organization of Element

The Resource Management Element will address each of the topics below as they relate to San Jacinto. The goals and policies of this element are organized around the following topics:

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GOAL RM-1 NATURAL RESOURCES

A community that conserves and protects its natural resources.

Situated along the foothills of the San Jacinto Mountains, the City is home to remarkable natural resources such as the San Jacinto River, extensive open space areas, natural landforms and viewscapes, and biological resources. In a region that is expected to continue accommodating new development over time, special consideration must be given to maintaining the natural resources that make San Jacinto such a special place to live, work, and visit. The General Plan recognizes the importance of protecting and enhancing natural resources to meet the needs of the City’s residents for years to come.

RM-1 Policies

- RM-1.1 **Balanced Open Space System.** Support a balanced and integrated open space system that reflects a variety of considerations, including resource conservation, recreation, aesthetics, and community identity.
- RM-1.2 **Scenic Resources.** Encourage the preservation of San Jacinto’s scenic resources, including mature trees, rock outcroppings, hillsides, ridgelines, and other prominent natural landforms, to the extent practical.
- RM-1.3 **Biological Resource Protection.** Preserve and enhance biological communities that contribute to the region’s biodiversity, with a special focus on sensitive, rare, or endangered plant and wildlife species in accordance with state and federal resource agency requirements.
- RM-1.4 **Regional Cooperation.** Recognize areas of overlapping jurisdiction with respect to open space and biological resources, such as the County of Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), and coordinate the City’s actions with efforts of surrounding cities, agencies, and Riverside County to protect and maximize regional open space.
- RM-1.5 **Hillside Development.** Require the orderly development of hillside areas through compliance with the City’s Hillside Development Ordinance.
- RM-1.6 **Native Vegetation.** Conserve existing native vegetation where possible and integrate regionally native plant species into development and infrastructure projects where appropriate.



RM-1 Actions

- RM-1a Work with public and private agencies to explore the joint venture use and management of open space areas.
- RM-1b Coordinate with public and private organizations to provide revenue generating open space uses such as golf courses and environmental banking sites as a way to produce revenue to protect open space and natural resources. Work with local and regional partners to advertise potential revenue-generating open space opportunities in San Jacinto. Identify potential sites for revenue-generating open space uses on the City’s website.
- RM-1c Work closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) during the discretionary project permitting and CEQA review of any project that may result in the alteration of a stream bed, involve the removal of vegetation in wetland and riparian habitats, disturb Waters of the United States or otherwise impact sensitive biological resources.
- RM-1d Cooperate with the County of Riverside to develop and manage preserve areas within the urban landscape. During the review of development proposals, use the Western Riverside County MSHCP Habitat Conservation Plan (particularly Section 3.2.13 San Jacinto Valley Area Plan) to help assess potential project impacts and mitigation requirements. Development in the City shall be required to comply with the applicable terms of the MSHCP including, but not limited to, the payment of mitigation fees, narrow endemic surveys, riparian/riverine policy, and other applicable surveys. Projects located within criteria cell areas shall be reviewed through the MSHCP Joint Project Review as appropriate.
- RM-1e For Hillside Development Projects, implement the City's Hillside Development Standards to retain the significant hillsides and ridgelines on San Jacinto’s eastern and western borders as Open Space, allowing areas of non-intensive development on the more gently sloped areas at the base of the eastern and western hillsides.
- RM-1f During the development review process, ensure proper geotechnical and soil management techniques are implemented. To enforce this, the City Engineer or Director may request the completion of a survey of soil and geologic conditions by a State licensed Engineering Geologist and Civil Engineer, where appropriate. When potential geologic impacts are identified, require project applicants to mitigate the impacts per the recommendations contained within the survey.
- RM-1g Where feasible, incorporate open space and passive recreational uses into areas identified to have significant hazards related to flooding, geologic conditions, and seismic events.
- RM-1h Identify local scenic routes and vistas and explore developing guidelines for development visible from these scenic routes to minimize impacts to scenic vistas.
- RM-1i During the development review process, require Applicants of developments with the potential to reduce or eliminate habitat for native plant and wildlife species or sensitive habitats not covered by the MSHCP, as determined by the City of San Jacinto’s Community Development Department, to prepare a site-specific general biological resources survey to identify the presence of any sensitive biological resources, including any sensitive plant or wildlife species. The report shall identify the need for focused presence/absence surveys and identify the presence of state or federal regulated wetlands or waters. Required surveys shall be conducted by qualified biologists and/or botanists in accordance with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and/or United States Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) survey protocols for target species. If no sensitive species are observed during the field survey then no further



mitigation will be required. If sensitive species or habitats, including wetlands are documented on the project site, the project applicant shall comply with the applicable requirements of the regulatory agencies and shall apply mitigation determined through the agency permitting process.

- RM-1j Where feasible, vegetation and tree removal should occur outside of the bird nesting season (February 1 to August 31). If not feasible, the project applicant shall retain a qualified biologist to conduct a nesting bird survey no more than three days prior to the commencement of construction activities. The biologist conducting the clearance survey shall document the negative results if no active bird nests are observed on the project site or within the vicinity during the clearance survey with a brief letter report, submitted to the City of San Jacinto Community Development Department prior to construction, indicating that no impacts to active bird nests would occur before construction can proceed. If an active avian nest is discovered during the pre-construction clearance survey, construction activities shall stay outside a 300-foot buffer around the active nest. For listed and raptor species, this buffer shall be 500 feet. A biological monitor shall be present to delineate the boundaries of the buffer area and to monitor the active nest to ensure the nesting behavior is not adversely affected by construction activity, pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). Prior to the commencement of construction activities and the issuance of any permits, results of the pre-construction survey and any subsequent monitoring shall be provided to the City of San Jacinto Community Development Department, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and other appropriate agencies.



GOAL RM-2 WATER RESOURCES

A community that protects and conserves limited water resources.

Water is an indispensable resource that is integral to San Jacinto’s prosperity and growth. The City recognizes its role as steward to a number of important water resources in the region, including the San Jacinto River and San Jacinto Groundwater Basin. The City embraces an integrated water management approach in order to preserve these precious resources for years to come.

RM-2 Policies

- RM-2.1 **Regional Cooperation.** Cooperate with federal, State, and county governments, and other agencies on the maintenance and improvement of the quality and quantity of local and regional groundwater resources.
- RM-2.2 **Groundwater Management.** Protect aquifers within the Basin and encourage groundwater recharge.
- RM-2.3 **Conservation.** Promote residential, commercial, and institutional water conservation strategies using multiple innovative strategies and contemporary best practices.
- RM-2.4 **Natural Conditions.** Encourage development that avoids impacts to watershed areas, wetlands, natural drainage channels, riparian areas, and creeks, retaining these resources in their natural condition if feasible.
- RM-2.5 **Stormwater.** Work cooperatively with local water agencies to effectively and efficiently manage stormwater runoff as part of the City’s multipronged water conservation strategy.
- RM-2.6 **Septic Systems.** Discourage the use of septic systems to reduce potential negative impacts to groundwater.
- RM-2.7 **Reclaimed Water.** Promote the expanded use of reclaimed water, where feasible.



RM-2 Actions

- RM-2a To reduce soil erosion and pollutants in urban runoff, require new development and redevelopment projects control stormwater runoff through implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to prevent any deterioration of water quality that would impair subsequent or competing uses of the water. Existing development shall control stormwater runoff so as to prevent any deterioration of water quality that would impair subsequent or competing uses of the water. As specific development projects are implemented, project proponents will be required to consult with relevant agencies such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). Also, ensure that projects of one acre or more complete a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) pursuant to California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Santa Ana Region – Order No. 00-65 and the City’s MS4 permit (order no. R8-2002-0011 (NPDES No. CAS 618033).
- RM-2b Cooperate with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to develop a plan to assist agricultural operations to reduce nitrate and sediment input to surface waters. Such a plan will enhance water quality and benefit aquatic plants and wildlife within the planning area as well as downstream.
- RM-2c In cooperation with the state, regional, and local water agencies and suppliers, participate in programs that seek to expand the availability and use of recycled water for irrigation where feasible and legally permitted. Specifically, support the expansion of the use of recycled water for urban and agricultural irrigation. Cooperate with these agencies to establish standards and regulations for the use of recycled water in development projects.
- RM-2d Work with the water districts and private developers to encourage water conservation in the following ways:
- Implementing aquifer and groundwater recharge programs
 - Participating in water conservation programs operated by the local and regional water districts
 - Establishing water conservation education programs
 - Requiring the use of drought resistant plant species in landscaping for public and private areas, including parks and recreational facilities, in accordance with the Water Efficient Landscaping requirements.
 - Expanding the production and use of reclaimed water
 - Requiring the incorporation of water conservation devices, including low flush toilets, flow restriction devices, and water conserving appliances in both new public and private development projects and rehabilitation projects.



- RM-2e Through the development review process, require that sufficient water supply and water infrastructure capacity is available to serve the development prior to approval of the project, pursuant to Water Code Section 10910 and Government Code Section 66473.7.
- RM-2f Whenever feasible, incorporate improved open space and preservation areas and quasi-active recreation facilities in areas used for ground water recharge and/or drainage detention.
- RM-2g During the development review process, the City shall allow new septic systems only for low density projects if they have met the RWQCB's minimum lot size requirement of one-half acre per subsurface disposal system and where sewer connection is infeasible.
- RM-2h Continue to encourage the conversion from existing septic systems to sewer by limiting the replacement or expansion/repair of existing septic systems as feasible.



GOAL RM-3 HERITAGE RESOURCES

A community that celebrates and preserves its rich culture and historic assets.

San Jacinto has a rich history dating back to the area's first inhabitants more than 10,000 years ago. The City's paleontological, archeological, historical, and tribal cultural resources help define the community and offer opportunities for cultural, educational, and community enrichment. The City encourages the protection and enhancement of these resources for generations to come.

RM-3 Policies

- RM-3.1 **Preservation.** Protect areas containing significant historic, archaeological, paleontological and tribal cultural resources, as defined by the California Public Resources Code.
- RM-3.2 **Cultural Reminders.** Seek to incorporate reminders of San Jacinto's culture in the built and natural environment through adaptive reuse, signage, markers, and other reminders of San Jacinto's heritage.
- RM-3.3 **Public Education.** Educate and actively involve the public in preserving cultural assets, including techniques, incentives, and legal requirements for preservation.
- RM-3.4 **Tribal Consultation.** Consult with Native American tribes whose tribal cultural resources may be impacted by proposed development, as necessary, and in accordance with state, local, and tribal intergovernmental consultation requirements, in an effort to mitigate or avoid significant effects to resource(s).
- RM-3.5 **Public Art.** Promote the use of public art that celebrates the diverse and culturally rich history of San Jacinto at key gateways, major projects, and public gathering places.
- RM-3.6 **Historic Preservation.** Identify, designate, and protect buildings, districts, eligible properties and sites of historic importance within San Jacinto.
- RM-3.7 **Funding.** Identify funding programs to assist private property owners in the preservation of historic resources.



RM-3 Actions

- RM-3a Continue to assess development proposals for potential impacts to sensitive historic, archaeological, and paleontological resources pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- RM-3b For structures that potentially have historic significance, the City shall require that a study be conducted by a professional archaeologist or historian to determine the actual significance of the structure and potential impacts of the proposed development in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5. The City may require modification of the project and/or mitigation measures to avoid any impact to a historic structure, when feasible, such as retaining or rehabilitating historic buildings pursuant to City of San Jacinto guidelines or relocating the historic building as feasible.
- RM-3c For all development proposals within areas with the potential to contain prehistoric/historic resources, the City shall require a study to be conducted by a professional archaeologist. The objective of the study will be to determine if significant archaeological resources are potentially present and if the project will significantly impact these resources. If significant impacts are identified, the City may require the project to be modified to avoid the impacts, or require mitigation measures to mitigate the impacts. Mitigation may involve archaeological investigation and resources recovery.
- RM-3d For projects that involve ground disturbing activities on native soil, prior to the issuance of a grading permit, the developer shall enter a Treatment and Disposition Agreement (TDA) with the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians to address treatment and disposition of archaeological/cultural resources and human remains associated with Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians that may be uncovered or otherwise discovered during construction of the project. The TDA may establish provisions for tribal monitors. Following execution of the TDA by the developer and Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians, the TDA will be incorporated by reference into the grading permit.
- RM-3e The City shall require an assessment of the potential for development proposals to significantly impact paleontological resources pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. If the project involves earthworks, the City may require a study conducted by a professional paleontologist to determine if paleontological assets are present, and if the project will significantly impact the resources. If significant impacts are identified, the City may require the project to be modified to avoid impacting the paleontological materials, require monitoring of rock units with high potential to contain significant nonrenewable paleontologic resources, or require mitigation measures to mitigate the impacts, such as recovering the paleontological resources for preservation.
- RM-3f The City shall make provisions for historic archeological resources accidentally discovered during construction for projects where the City has approval authority over the project. These provisions shall include an immediate evaluation of the find and contingency funding and time allotment sufficient to allow for the recovery of the historic archeological resource or implement measures to avoid disturbing the resource if the historic archeological resource is determined to be unique.
- RM-3g In the event of discovery or recognition of any human remains in any location other than a dedicated cemetery, the City shall halt excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent human remains until the County Coroner has been informed and has determined that no investigation of the cause of death is required. If the remains are of Native American origin, there shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent human remains until the



descendants from the deceased Native Americans have made a recommendation to the landowner or the persons responsible for the excavation work, regarding appropriate means of treating the ancestral remains, with appropriate dignity, including the human remains and any associated grave goods as provided in Public Resources Code section 5097.98, or the Native American Heritage Commission was unable to identify a descendant or the descendant failed to make a recommendation within 24 hours after being granted access to the site.

- RM-3h Prior to adopting any general plan, specific plan, or any amendment thereto, the City shall notify appropriate tribes of the opportunity for consultation for the purpose of preserving, or mitigating impacts to, cultural places located on land within the City’s jurisdiction that may be affected by the proposed plan or amendment.
- RM-3i Prior to the adoption or substantial amendment of a general plan or specific plan, the City shall refer the proposed action to those tribes that are on the NAHC contact list and have traditional lands located within the City’s jurisdiction for a 45 day comment period.
- RM-3j Prior to designating open space, the City shall consult with tribes if the affected land contains a cultural place and if the affected tribe has requested public notice under Government Code section 65092.
- RM-3k Promote public awareness and encourage tourism in the City by actively identifying and enhancing the community’s historic resources through the location of historic landmark plaques and a Historic Tour Guide. Promote tours of these sites on the City’s and other organization’s websites.
- RM-3l Continue to support the improvement and enhancement of the Estudillo Mansion and expand opportunities for public access and use of the historic treasure.
- RM-3m Develop and implement architectural standards and historical preservation guidelines for development and redevelopment in the Downtown Village area of the community. Use housing and façade rehabilitation programs to support development and redevelopment activities that preserve and complement historic structures and resources in the downtown.
- RM-3n Develop and implement programs and/or incentives to private property owners to help preserve, restore, or reuse historic structures while enhancing their historical significance and integrity.
- RM-3o Conduct a historic properties inventory that takes into consideration buildings, neighborhoods, tribal cultural resources, eligible properties and other features of historic, architectural, or cultural significance.



GOAL RM-4 AIR QUALITY AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Improved air quality in San Jacinto and the region through reductions in air pollutants and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Improved air quality within the City will improve the quality of life of residents, workers, and visitors. Air quality is especially important due to the City's location in the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB), which does not presently meet state and federal air quality standards. Regional cooperation among all agencies in the basin is necessary to achieve desired improvements to air quality. San Jacinto can participate and contribute its share by reducing local emissions through proper planning for land use and transportation.

RM-4 Policies

- RM-4.1 **Regional Cooperation.** Support regional efforts, including those organized through the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), and the California Air Resource Board (CARB) to implement the regional Air Quality Management Plan.
- RM-4.2 **Measurement and Enforcement.** Coordinate with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and South Coast Air Quality Management District to support their ability to properly measure air quality at emission sources and enforce the standards of the Clean Air Act.
- RM-4.3 **GHG Emissions.** Align the City's local GHG reduction targets with the statewide GHG reduction targets of Assembly Bill 32, and align the City's GHG reduction goal with the statewide GHG reduction goal of Executive Order S-03-05.
- RM-4.4 **Transportation Options.** Promote alternative modes of transportation to reduce vehicular emissions and improve air quality. *(See Mobility Element)*
- RM-4.5 **Walkability.** Encourage pedestrian-scale development and pedestrian-friendly design features to reduce vehicle emissions. *(See Mobility Element)*
- RM-4.6 **Sustainable Development.** Encourage and incentivize higher density and mixed-use development opportunities within designated areas of the City to lessen the impacts of traffic congestion on local air quality. *(See Land Use Element)*
- RM-4.7 **Sensitive Receptors.** Insulate sensitive receptors from areas of heightened air quality pollution, by utilizing land use planning to buffer and protect residential areas.
- RM-4.8 **Mitigation.** Require the implementation of relevant mitigation measures for all future development upon identification of potential air quality impacts.
- RM-4.9 **Local Reduction Targets.** The City of San Jacinto establishes the following per capita GHG reduction targets, in order to meet the requirements established by the state under AB 32 and SB 32, consistent with the CARB's 2017 Scoping Plan:
- 1.83 MTCO₂e per service population (SP) by 2030; and
 - 0.62 MTCO₂e per service population (SP) by 2050



- RM-4.10 **GHG Reduction.** Consider and adopt new local policies and programs that will help to provide energy efficient alternatives to fossil fuel use and reduce consumption in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the local measures identified in the Western Riverside County Subregional Climate Action Plan for San Jacinto.
- RM-4.11 **Carbon Reduction.** Expand the number of parks and trees in San Jacinto to provide a larger carbon sink or area containing natural sources that retain more carbon than what those sources emit.
- RM-4.12 **Public Engagement.** Promote regional air quality programs in order to inform the public on regional air quality concerns and encourage the engagement of all San Jacinto residents in future planning decisions related to air quality.



RM-4 Actions

- RM-4a Implement the local GHG reduction measures identified in the Western Riverside Council of Government’s Subregional Climate Action Plan (CAP) for San Jacinto, participate in future updates of the CAP, and on an annual basis, record the status of each local measure and submit the result to WRCOG using the WRCOG Climate Action Plan Tracking Tool.
- RM-4b As applicable, review new industrial and commercial development projects during the CEQA process for potential air quality impacts to residences and other sensitive receptors. Ensure that mitigation measures and best management practices are implemented to reduce significant emissions of criteria pollutants.
- RM-4c Review development, infrastructure, and planning projects for consistency with SCAQMD requirements during the CEQA review process. Require project applicants to prepare air quality analyses to address SCAQMD and General Plan requirements, as appropriate, which include analysis and identification of:
1. Air pollutant emissions associated with the project during construction, project operation, and cumulative conditions.
 2. Potential exposure of sensitive receptors to toxic air contaminants.
 3. Significant air quality impacts associated with the project for construction, project operation, and cumulative conditions.
 4. Mitigation measures to reduce significant impacts to less than significant or the maximum extent feasible where impacts cannot be mitigated to less than significant.
- RM-4d Work with the South Coast Air Quality Management District, Southern California Association of Governments, the Western Riverside Council of Governments, and the California Air Resource Board to implement programs aimed at improving regional air quality.
- RM-4e Continue to review development projects to ensure that all new public and private development complies with the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24 standards as well as the energy efficiency standards established by the San Jacinto Municipal Code.
- RM-4f Monitor GHG emissions generated by the community over time for consistency with the established GHG reduction targets, and strive to update the City’s community GHG Inventory every five years. In the event that the City determines that ongoing efforts to reduce GHG emissions are not on track to meet the City’s adopted GHG reduction targets, the City shall establish and adopt new and/or revised GHG reductions measures that will effectively meet the established GHG reduction targets.
- RM-4g Provide the necessary facilities and infrastructure to facilitate the use of City-owned low or zero-emission vehicles such as electric vehicle charging facilities at key City facilities as operations necessitate and/or as funding becomes available.
- RM-4h Evaluate and consider multi-modal transportation benefits to all City employees, such as free or low-cost monthly public transportation (bus) passes. Encourage employer participation in similar programs. Encourage new transit/shuttle services and use.
- RM-4i Evaluate and consider the feasibility of allowing private bicycle rental companies to operate in San Jacinto.
- RM-4j Encourage community car-sharing and carpooling.



- RM-4k Support the establishment and expansion of a regional network of electric vehicle charging stations and encourage the expanded use of electric vehicles.
- RM-4l Establish and adopt standards and requirements for electric vehicle parking, including minimum requirements for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in new multi-family residential and commercial, office, and light industrial development.
- RM-4m Adopt a Green Building Program to promote the reduction of urban heat islands through vegetation management and cool surfaces. Encourage multi-family residential and non-residential development to increase the use of higher-albedo materials for surfaces including roofs, parking areas, driveways, roads, and sidewalks. Encourage developments with parking lot areas to shade these areas with vegetation or solar panels when appropriate. Support various programs to plant and maintain trees, which can also contribute to a reduction of urban heat islands.
- RM-4n Future development projects will be required to demonstrate consistency with SCAQMD construction emission thresholds. Where emissions from individual projects exceed SCAQMD thresholds, the following actions should be incorporated as necessary to minimize impacts. These measures do not exclude the use of other, equally effective mitigation measures as determined by a project specific Air Quality Assessment.
- Require all off-road diesel equipment greater than 50 horsepower (hp) used for this Project to meet USEPA Tier 4 final off-road emission standards or equivalent. Such equipment shall be outfitted with Best Available Control Technology (BACT) devices including a California Air Resources Board Certified Level 3 Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) or equivalent. The DPF reduces diesel particulate matter and NOx emissions during construction activities.
 - Require a minimum of 50 percent of construction debris be diverted for recycling.
 - Require building materials to contain a minimum 10 percent recycled content.
 - Require materials such as paints, primers, sealants, coatings, and glues to have a low volatile organic compound concentration compared to conventional products. If low VOC materials are not available, architectural coating phasing should be extended sufficiently to reduce the daily emissions of VOCs.
- RM-4o Future development projects will be required to demonstrate consistency with SCAQMD's operational emission thresholds. For projects where operational emissions exceed regulatory thresholds, the following measures may be used to reduce impacts. Note the following measures are not all inclusive and developers have the option to add or substitute measures that are equally or more appropriate for the scope of the project.
- Develop a project specific TDM program for residents and/or employees that provides opportunities for carpool/vanpools.
 - Provide onsite solar/renewable energy in excess of regulatory requirements.
 - Require that owners/tenants of non-residential or multi-family residential developments use architectural coatings that are 10 grams per liter or less when repainting/repairing properties.
 - Require dripless irrigation and irrigation sensor units that prevent watering during rain storms.
 - Ensure all parking areas are wired for capability of future EV charging and include EV charging stations that exceed regulatory requirements.



GOAL RM-5 ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

A community that safely manages its energy and mineral resources.

Future development within the City will result in increased energy demands for the operation of businesses, homes, and transportation facilities. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions, pollutants, and ensure that there are adequate energy and mineral resources for future generations, safe management and conservation methods need to be implemented.

RM-5 Policies

- RM-5.1 **San Jacinto Power.** Continue to make clean, modern, and cost-effective energy options available to individuals who live and work in San Jacinto.
- RM-5.2 **Compliance with State Legislation.** Comply with all state requirements regarding the generation of power and encourage energy providers to investigate the use or expansion of renewable sources of energy.
- RM-5.3 **Renewable Energy.** Promote the development and use of renewable energy resources to reduce dependency on fossil fuels.
- RM-5.4 **Energy-Efficient Materials.** Promote the use of energy-efficient materials, equipment, and design in public and private facilities and infrastructure.
- RM-5.5 **Energy Conservation.** Promote energy conservation and recycling by the public and private sectors.
- RM-5.6 **Energy Needs.** Collaborate with local service providers in determining and meeting the needs of the community for energy in clean, modern, and cost-effective ways.
- RM-5.7 **Business Community.** Support the decisions of the San Jacinto business community as they select and implement the most appropriate, financially feasible, and responsible energy source for their individual operations.
- RM-5.8 **Public Education.** Promote public education programs that advocate for reducing energy consumption, and promote renewable sources of energy.
- RM-5.9 **Promote Energy Conservation in Existing Building Stock.** Promote energy conservation by residents and businesses in existing structures, in close coordination with other agencies and local energy providers, including the SCAQMD and Southern California Edison.
- RM-5.10 **Mineral Resources.** Ensure that any future mining activities be in compliance with the State Mining Reclamation Act, federal and state environmental regulations, and local ordinances.



RM-5 Actions

- RM-5a Continue to implement the City’s Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program; evaluate the effectiveness of the program every five years to identify programmatic changes necessary to continue meeting the City’s objectives.
- RM-5b Implement energy conservation measures in public buildings through the following actions:
- Promote energy efficient buildings and site design for all new public buildings during the site development permit process; and
 - Install energy saving devices in new public buildings and retrofit existing public buildings.
- RM-5c During the development review process, encourage innovative building design, layout, and orientation techniques to minimize energy use by taking advantage of sun/shade patterns, prevailing winds, landscaping and building materials that control energy usage, and solar design.
- RM-5d Promote retrofit programs by the City to reduce energy usage and consequently reduce emissions from energy consumption. Encourage utility companies to provide informational literature about available retrofit programs at public facilities such as City Hall, the Community Center , and libraries.
- RM-5e Continue to review development projects to ensure that all new public and private development complies with the California Code of Regulations, Title 24 standards as well as the energy efficiency standards established by the General Plan and the Municipal Code.
- RM-5f Promote the CEC Building Energy Benchmarking Program (AB 802) on the City’s website to help benchmark and monitor energy use for participating businesses seeking to increase energy efficiency and realize cost savings.
- RM-5g Encourage new development projects to install electrified space (HVAC) and water heating systems in lieu of natural gas systems, above and beyond the requirements of Title 24, before and during the building plan check process.
- RM-5h During the development review process, require that all new developments adjacent to or near natural gas lines, coordinate with So Cal Gas to install and connect to the lines, as feasible.
- RM-5i Advertise the San Jacinto Power PureGreen program and encourage San Jacinto Power customers to enroll in the program and opt-up to 100 percent renewable energy content.
- RM-5j Encourage Southern California Edison (SCE) customers to participate in SCE’s 100% Green tier.



GOAL RM-6 PUBLIC SAFETY RESOURCES

A community that safeguards persons and property through the provision of high-quality public safety services and crime prevention measures.

Personal safety is essential to the wellbeing of San Jacinto’s residents. The City contracts with the Riverside County Sherriff’s Department (RCSD) for its police services and the Riverside County Fire Department (RCFD) for its fire protection and emergency services. The City must be involved in close coordination with RCSD and RCFD to ensure appropriate levels of service are provided in the community, proper physical planning of new development is implemented in a way to protect public health and safety, and a high level of public involvement in crime and fire prevention.

RM-6 Policies

- RM-6.1 **Provision of Police and Fire Services.** Encourage the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department and the Riverside County Fire Department to maintain adequate staff and equipment to provide efficient, high quality, and responsive public safety services to the San Jacinto community.
- RM-6.2 **Department Consultation.** Promote coordination between the City of San Jacinto and public safety services during the review of new development applications to ensure that adequate attention is being paid to fire and safety concerns during the design and planning of a project.
- RM-6.3 **Site Design.** Recognize the role of design features in new development to reduce potential for crime and implement best practices into existing plans and new development strategies.
- RM-6.4 **School Safety.** Collaborate with San Jacinto schools to support the community’s youth through high quality after-school/summer programs, psychological counseling, and education about online safety.
- RM-6.5 **Crime Prevention.** Promote and support community-based crime prevention programs, such as community policing, public education, youth crime prevention, and outreach programs, as an important tool to the provision of professional police services.
- RM-6.6 **Public Safety Hot Spots.** Prioritize enforcement activities to minimize safety hot spots. Work with code enforcement to support the timely resolution of cases to ensure compliance with City codes.



RM-6 Actions

- RM-6a Adopt and maintain level of service (e.g., response times, call handling) and staffing standards as well as a developer fee program for the Police Department. Review the level of services and funding levels at budget time, adjusting when necessary to ensure that adequate levels of service and facilities are provided and maintained based on short-term and long-term growth projections. Future developers will contribute funds for police services through the adopted developer fees.
- RM-6b Continue to work with the school districts to provide School Resource Officers (SROs) to assist the school districts with safety and security concerns. Review the success of the program and funding/staffing levels on an annual basis, adjusting when necessary to ensure that adequate levels of service are provided and maintained.
- RM-6c In cooperation with the school districts, police and fire departments, and local, state, and federal emergency management agencies, implement an Emergency Operation Center (EOC) to respond to and manage disasters. Provide annual training for City staff in emergency management so that when they are called into action, they will be able to distribute information and resources to the public effectively.
- RM-6d During the development review process, require design features that reduce the potential for crime. New projects should:
- a. Provide well-lighted and visible streets and street names, building entrances and addresses, common areas, and parking facilities.
 - b. Limit access into and between buildings to reduce escape routes and to make undetected entry difficult.
 - c. Provide landscaping that permits the natural surveillance of open areas and entryways, and avoids creating places for concealment.
 - d. Be designed to permit emergency vehicle access to all sides of buildings located in multi-family and non-residential developments.
 - e. Be designed to allow for defensible space.
- RM-6e Work with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to promote the establishment and operation of Neighborhood Watch programs throughout the City. Consider assigning a police officer or volunteer patrol person to each Neighborhood Watch group for assistance in launching and maintaining a successful program.
- RM-6f In cooperation with the Riverside County Fire Department, adopt and maintain level of service (e.g., response times, call handling) and staffing standards, as well as a developer fee program for fire services. Review the level of services and funding levels at budget time, adjusting when necessary to ensure that adequate levels of service and facilities are provided and maintained. Future developers will contribute funds for fire services through the adopted developer fees. During the budget and CIP process, reserve future sites through purchase, eminent domain, dedication, donation, or a combination of these procedures.

GOAL RM-7 PARKS AND RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

An integrated system of parks, recreational, and open space facilities that meet the community's needs and preferences.

Parks, recreational, and open space facilities provide innumerable benefits that enrich a community. San Jacinto is home to a diverse system of parks, trails, open space, and recreational facilities. The City strives to provide well-planned, welcoming, and safe opportunities for recreation to all members of the community.

RM-7 Policies

- RM-7.1 **Regional Cooperation.** Collaborate with the Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District and other organizations to provide parks, recreational, and open space facilities that meet the needs and preferences of all segments of the community.
- RM-7.2 **Service Area.** Locate and distribute parks and recreational facilities throughout the community so that most residents are within walking distance (one-half mile) of a public open space and prioritize the development of new public spaces in areas outside of this service radius.
- RM-7.3 **New Facilities.** Encourage the use of less developable or undevelopable lands such as utility corridors, fault zones, flood control facilities, channels, and easements for recreational uses, when feasible.
- RM-7.4 **Parkland Dedication.** Require future private development to incorporate parkland, open space, or green space to expand recreational opportunities in the community in accordance with standards set by the San Jacinto Municipal Code.
- RM-7.5 **Maintenance.** Require that parks and recreational facilities be well-maintained by the responsible agency.
- RM-7.6 **Safety.** Enhance park safety through playground design, crime prevention technology, night lighting, natural surveillance, unobtrusive landscaping, and increased public safety patrols.
- RM-7.7 **Accessible Facilities.** Require that new park facility construction and existing facility retrofits meet accessibility standards defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and playground safety requirements (Senate Bill 2733).
- RM-7.8 **Joint Use Facilities.** Collaborate with school districts and other agencies to develop cooperative programs where the joint use of facilities would lead to enhanced and more efficient facility utilization.
- RM-7.9 **Open Space in Nonresidential Development.** Encourage outdoor gathering spaces, such as mini-parks and plazas, be incorporated into nonresidential development to encourage social interaction, create experience-oriented centers, and enhance the visual character of the community.
- RM-7.10 **Parkland Funding.** Actively pursue financing for parkland acquisition and maintenance, and allocate sufficient funding to park development to support the community's recreational needs.
- RM-7.11 **Community Support.** Collaborate with residents to ensure the City's park and recreation facilities and programs reflect community preferences.



RM-7 Actions

- RM-7a Review development proposals for their potential demand for and impact on parks and recreational facilities in the community by:
- Requiring developers of residential projects to provide adequate parkland equal to five acres per 1,000 residents (0.005 acre per resident), or pay an in-lieu fee prior to occupancy of the project.
 - Requiring non-residential development to provide parkland equal to 2.5 acres per 1,000 employees (0.0025 acre per employee), or pay an in lieu fee prior to occupancy of the project.
 - Work with developers to identify the appropriate park type(s), size(s), facilities, and location(s) for required park facilities.
 - Ensure parkland facilities conform with City standards.
- RM-7b For projects located along the river levees or fault zones, or that include drainage courses, utility easements, and/or flood control facilities, encourage the project to provide easements to the appropriate agency (the City of San Jacinto, homeowners association, Valleywide or other agency) for the provision of linear parks, pathways, horseback riding trails, and/or hiking and biking trails within these areas, linking to the regional park and trail system where possible.
- RM-7c Cooperate with joint power authorities, special districts, and regional, State, and federal agencies to explore the development of a regional park that includes facilities such as hiking trails, camping, and fishing opportunities.
- RM-7d Pursue available resources to fund recreation facilities and parkland acquisition, development, and maintenance, including but not limited to, State and federal grants, special districts, private donations, gifts, and endowments.
- RM-7e Cooperate with the Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District, Mount San Jacinto Community College, and other public and private service providers to identify additional needed senior and youth programs and services in the community. Work with these organizations to develop programs and expand access to and participation in senior and youth programs without duplicating efforts. Encourage the use of public transit and alternative modes of travel to these facilities and programs.
- RM-7f As more schools are built within the City, maximize the joint use of facilities by the City and the local school districts, including joint school/park sites, joint use of athletic fields, community meeting facilities, and provision of child and senior care facilities, where feasible.
- RM-7g Maintain an up-to-date inventory of developed and proposed public park land and residences outside of one-half mile of a public park so that new park development can be directed to those areas.



GOAL RM-8 EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

A community that supports the continued lifelong learning of all its residents with high-quality educational facilities and opportunities.

San Jacinto recognizes that education of its residents is a key to its long-term success. Education helps to provide the knowledge, requisite skills, and resources that build self-esteem, employment opportunities, and a strong local economy. San Jacinto’s educational system provides a strong foundation for lifelong learning opportunities.

RM-8 Policies

- RM-8.1 **Cooperation.** Proactively cooperate with San Jacinto Unified School District, Hemet Unified School District, and Mount San Jacinto College to encourage the provision of lifelong learning opportunities for persons living and working in San Jacinto.
- RM-8.2 **School Facilities.** Work with developers and the school district to ensure the payment of fees, construction, and expansion of school facilities to address expected increases in school-age population.
- RM-8.3 **Early Childhood Development.** Encourage community organizations and schools to provide and expanded opportunities for early childhood care (0–5 years) and development.
- RM-8.4 **Occupational Training.** Partner with the efforts of regional occupational boards and local educational institutions to implement career pathway and job training programs for youth and adults.
- RM-8.5 **College Education.** Support Mount San Jacinto College in providing comprehensive educational opportunities that include associate degree and certificate programs.
- RM-8.6 **Libraries.** Work closely with the Riverside County Library System to provide library facilities and services necessary to meet the needs of all segments of the community.



RM-8 Actions

- RM-8a Continue to work with the school districts to ensure adequate school facilities are provided and maintained in the community. Specifically, the City should:
- During the processing of residential and non-residential development proposals, ensure the school districts are consulted regarding the potential impact of the project on educational services and facilities. When proposed developments cannot be served by existing facilities and services, the City shall work with the developer and the school district in exploring options for service provision and facility funding.
 - Prior to approving a project that is likely to generate students, require the applicant to mitigate school impacts to the full extent permitted by State law through land dedications, payment of fees, participation in a special assessment district, or any combination of the above.
 - Cooperate with school districts to update population projections, student generation formulas, potential school sites, and facilities improvement plans in their Long Range Facility and Master Plans.
 - Work with school districts to expedite the construction of new schools, when necessary.
 - Cooperate with school districts and recommend appropriate sites for new school development as proposals for new school facilities come forward.
- RM-8b During the development and environmental review process for future schools located in San Jacinto, cooperate with the appropriate school district to minimize the impacts of school development through traffic management and parking measures, and the use of appropriate site layout and buffering techniques. When feasible, encourage the location of new schools at the periphery of residential neighborhoods and provide buffers at all common property lines with residential uses.
- RM-8c Continue to work with the Riverside County Library System to ensure that library development keeps pace with overall City development and population growth. As part of the development review process, ensure developers pay all required library fees prior to occupancy of their projects.



GOAL RM-9 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

A community that provides adequate, reliable infrastructure and facilities to support existing and future development.

Infrastructure provides the physical and organizational means of production and distribution for essential services required for community function. The City actively plans for the provision and financing of infrastructure and services to maintain quality of life.

RM-9 Policies

- RM-9.1 **Public Facility Plans.** Maintain and implement public facility master plans, in collaboration with appropriate outside service providers and agencies, to ensure compliance with appropriate regional, State, and federal laws and to identify infrastructure needs, funding sources, and implement improvements for public facilities and services in San Jacinto.
- RM-9.2 **Capital Improvements.** Maintain and finance the capital improvement program to ensure the timely implementation of the General Plan and the adequate and the timely provision of public facility and municipal improvements.
- RM-9.3 **Fair Share.** Ensure that all new development provides for and funds its fair share of the costs for the expansion of public infrastructure and services, recreational amenities, and facilities.
- RM-9.4 **Prioritization.** Prioritize the placement of new infrastructure in areas targeted for near-term development and in areas designated as disadvantaged communities through the orderly extension of infrastructure.
- RM-9.5 **Regional Cooperation.** Collaborate with the various regional facility and service providers to deliver high levels of service to San Jacinto, and to plan for new development.
- RM-9.6 **Telecommunications.** Encourage service providers to make available the highest level of telecommunications infrastructure, along with a wide range of modern telecommunications services for San Jacinto’s residences, businesses, and institutions.



RM-9 Actions

- RM-9a Continue to cooperate with the water districts to ensure adequate water supply and sewage treatment facilities are provided and maintained in the community. Specifically, the City should:
- During the processing of development proposals, ensure the water districts are consulted regarding the potential impact of the project on water supplies and sewage treatment facilities. When requested by the district or City Engineer, require proposed developments to include a water quality assessment as part of the application materials, and implement identified mitigation measures during construction and development.
 - Ensure the project applicant has paid the required fees prior to occupancy of any new development.
 - Require water conservation devices and water efficient landscaping in new public and private development and redevelopment projects.
- RM-9b Cooperate with the water districts to update population projections, water use and sewer generation formulas, needed improvements, and programs within the Water and Sewer Master Plans at least every five years.
- RM-9c Work with the water districts to expedite the improvement and expansion of water, reclaimed water, and sewer facilities, when necessary.
- RM-9d Whenever feasible, require the installation and use of reclaimed water systems for irrigation purposes in new developments.
- RM-9e Cooperate with the Hemet-San Jacinto Watermaster to proactively manage groundwater resources and comply with the Stipulated Judgment and other applicable federal, State and local regulations.
- RM-9f During the annual budget and CIP process, refer to the Master Drainage Plan to identify the resources needed to designate, preserve, and acquire land for necessary flood control and drainage facilities.



GOAL RM-10 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING

A cost-effective, integrated waste management system that meets or exceeds recycling and waste diversion mandates and community expectations.

The State of California has required communities to be more proactive in addressing waste management by developing solid waste diversion and recycling programs to meet gradually increasing performance standards. The City understands that proactive waste management practices are important to protect the environment and supports an integrated waste management approach that includes waste prevention (or “source reduction”), recycling and composting, and proper disposal of waste.

RM-10 Policies

- RM-10.1 **Compliance with State Legislation.** Comply with local, regional and State regulations regarding waste diversion, source reduction, recycling, and composting.
- RM-10.2 **Solid Waste Collection.** Provide adequate waste disposal, recycling, and refuse services for present and future residents and businesses, including programs that improve public access to solid waste collection and recycling facilities.
- RM-10.3 **Hazardous Waste.** Promote the proper disposal of hazardous waste, including paint, tires, medications, medical sharps, infectious waste, asbestos waste, construction waste, and electronic waste, through education, monitoring, and enforcement of proper use, storage, handling, and disposal.
- RM-10.4 **Source Reduction and Recycling Efforts.** Participate in source reduction and recycling techniques to reduce the amount of solid waste sent to landfills and ensure adequate landfill capacity in the region
- RM-10.5 **Organic Waste.** Work with appropriate service providers to collect and compost greenwaste, including landscaping, Christmas trees, composting and mulch, and other sources of organic waste, to distribute for use in parks, medians, and other municipal areas.
- RM-10.6 **Fees and Funding.** Work with appropriate service providers to periodically review collection, recycling, and disposal fees to achieve state and federal mandates, meet community expectations, and reflect cost efficiencies or increases for service delivery.
- RM-10.7 **Public Education.** Promote citywide educational programs to inform citizens of the benefits of recycling and appropriate recycling options and locations.



RM-10 Actions

- RM-10a On an ongoing basis and in compliance with State law, ensure solid waste collection activities completed by franchise solid waste haulers, facility siting and construction of transfer and/or disposal facilities, operation of waste reduction and recycling programs, and household hazardous waste disposal and education programs are consistent with the County Solid Waste Management Plan.
- RM-10b Include standard language in requests for services and in City agreements requiring contractors to use best management practices to maximize diversion of waste from the landfill in order to meet the City’s specified diversion rates.
- RM-10c Encourage the expansion of recycling, reuse, and appropriate disposal of hazardous materials, including the following:
- Increased participation in single family and multifamily residential curbside recycling programs;
 - Increased participation in commercial and industrial recycling programs for paper, cardboard, and plastics;
 - Reduce yard and landscaping waste through methods such as composting, grass recycling, and using resource efficient landscaping techniques; and
 - Encourage local businesses to provide electronic waste (e-waste) drop-off services and encourage residents and businesses to properly dispose of, or recycle, e-waste.