



2025 Countywide Policy Plan

General Plan Annual Progress Report

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I. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

San Bernardino County (County) is over 20,000 square miles with 24 incorporated cities and over 80 unincorporated communities. The unincorporated population is over 311,000 divided between the Valley, Mountain, North Desert and East Desert regions. The Land Use Services (LUS) Department is the County's planning agency responsible for updating and implementing the County's Countywide Plan (General Plan), which is a collection of planning tools intended to guide future decisions, investments, and improvements throughout this vast and varied County.

California law requires all jurisdictions to submit an annual report on the status of their General Plan and progress achieved toward its implementation. This annual report is submitted to the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

II. COUNTYWIDE PLAN STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

Every city and county in California is required by law to have a general plan for its future development. A general plan is a blueprint that guides the "physical development of the county or city, and any land outside its boundaries which bears relation to its "planning" (California Government Code §65300). Below is an outline of how the Countywide Plan is structured.

A. Components of the Countywide Plan

The Countywide Plan is a collection of planning tools to guide future decisions, investments, and improvements, and to facilitate grass-roots community action throughout the county. The Countywide Plan includes three main components, the Policy Plan, the Business Plan and Community Action Guides.

1. Policy Plan

The County Policy Plan contains the long-term goals and policies that will guide County decisions, investments, and improvements toward achieving the Countywide Vision. The Policy Plan represents a unique approach to county planning. It serves as the County's General Plan for the unincorporated areas, which is mandated by state law, but it also includes policy direction for adult and child supportive services, healthcare, public safety, and other regional services the County administers in both incorporated and unincorporated areas.

2. Business Plan

The Business Plan provides overarching and ongoing guidance for existing County processes (i.e., budget, goals and objectives, performance measures, etc.). The Business Plan consists of a policy-based governance element and an action-oriented implementation plan and two new implementation tools: a tracking and feedback system and a fiscal analysis model. Combined, these sections and tools provide clarity and transparency to the public regarding County governance while ensuring the Countywide Plan remains meaningful and current.

3. Community Action Guides

The Community Action Guides were created by the community members who attended workshops, provided comments online or sent in written comments. The Community

Action Guides are written in the words of those participating in the public engagement process. Therefore, the Community Action Guides retain the voice and future image of the community presented by the community members participating in the public engagement process. However, the implementation of each Action Statement is an opportunity for additional discussion by community members and modification of the statement and action steps may be made by the community and Action Teams.

Overall, the Community Action Guides are a framework for communities to create their future character and independent identity through completion of community actions, as identified in the workshops as community values and aspirations. As stated in the community workshops, the Community Action Guides replace any 2007/2014 Community Plans, with a greater focus on community self-reliance, grass-roots action, and implementation. Goals, policies, land use, and infrastructure information presented in 2007 Community Plans have been incorporated within the Policy Plan of the Countywide Plan. The County Development Code will continue to regulate zoning and land use development.

The Community Action Guides are strategic in nature which provide clear Focus Statements and Action Statements identified by the community that led to the creation of an Action Plan that can be implemented at the grass-roots level within each community. Some actions may require assistance by a County department, however the community will take the lead in moving the action forward, identifying funding or scheduling meetings or requesting information from specific County departments.

A detailed implementation plan and training module was set up by the County to guide communities in identifying Champions, setting up Action Teams, contacting County departments and answering questions. In addition, the County's role was clarified. This information was included on the website for easy reference by communities.

Valley	Mountain	East Desert	North Desert
Bloomington	Angelus Oaks	East Desert	Baker
Devore	Bear Valley	Homestead Valley	Daggett
Mentone	Crest Forest	Joshua Tree	El Mirage
Muscoy	Hilltop	Morongo Valley	Helendale
San Antonio Heights	Lake Arrowhead	Pioneertown	High Desert
	Lytle Creek	Route 66	Lucerne Valley
	Mountain	Wonder Valley	Newberry Springs
	Mt. Baldy		North Desert
	Oak Glen		Oak Hills
	Wrightwood		Oro Grande
			Phelan/ Pinon Hills
			Trona
			Yermo

B. General Plan Elements

The general plan must include seven elements: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, and Safety. Cities and counties that have identified disadvantaged communities must also address environmental justice in their general plan. The County has chosen to include Economic Development and Renewable Energy

and Conservation, as additional elements. The eleven elements of the County's General Plan are as follows.

1. Land Use Element (LU)

- Designates the distribution, location, intensity, and balance of land uses for the unincorporated areas of the County.
- Establishes goals for where, when, and how the county grows, which is also guided by policies in other elements.
- Provides direction for new development on community design, land use compatibility, and interagency coordination.
- Provides guidance for orderly expansion of incorporated areas.

2. Housing Element (H)

- Identifies adequate sites to facilitate and encourage housing for households of all economic levels, including people with disabilities.
- Removes governmental constraints to housing production, maintenance, and improvement as legally feasible and appropriate.
- Assists the development of adequate housing for low- and moderate-income households.
- Preserves publicly assisted multiple-family housing developments in each community.
- Conserves and improves conditions in existing housing and neighborhoods, including affordable housing.
- Promotes a range of housing opportunities for all individuals and households consistent with fair and equal housing opportunities.

3. Infrastructure and Utilities (IU)

- Provides guidance on where, when, and how infrastructure and utilities are improved and expanded.
- Establishes goals and policies to maintain an adequate supply of potable water and the safe disposal, treatment, and recycling of wastewater, and the recycling and safe disposal of solid waste.
- Provides direction on system integration, resource conservation, and the protection of the natural environment.

4. Transportation and Mobility (TM)

- Establishes the location and operational conditions of the roadway network.
- Coordinates the transportation and mobility system with future land use patterns and projected growth.
- Provides guidance for the County's responsibility to satisfy the local and subregional mobility needs of residents, visitors and businesses in unincorporated areas.
- Addresses access and connectivity among the various communities, cities, towns, and regions, as well as the range and suitability of mobility options: vehicle, trucking, freight and passenger rail, air, pedestrian, bicycle, and transit.

5. Hazards Element (HZ)

- Identifies potential natural and human-generated hazards, including increased risk due to climate change.
- Provides direction to address risks to residents, businesses, workers, and visitors.

- Prioritizes resources and reduce pollution exposure in unincorporated disadvantaged communities.

6. Personal Property and Protection (PP)

- Promotes continuous improvement in the provision of public safety and administration of justice.
- Supports coordinated and effective inter-agency response to emergencies and natural disasters.
- Provides policy direction to engage communities and respond to identified needs.
- Fosters collaboration among the Board of Supervisors-directed agencies and departments and the elected Sheriff and District Attorney.
- Augments, rather than replacing state- and federally mandated goals and objectives.

7. Natural Resources (NR)

- Establishes policies that preserve and enhance the beauty and resiliency of our natural resources.
- Provides guidance on coordinating with others to manage, conserve, and protect natural resources such as watersheds, wildlife habitat areas and corridors, and other natural and open space areas.
- Promotes clean air and a supply of water for human consumption and the natural environment.
- Supports the maintenance and enhancement of a countywide system of open space, parks, and recreation assets.
- Provides guidance and support for mining operations and the preservation of agricultural lands.
- Provides guidance on the location and distribution of new development to protect natural resources.

8. Renewable Energy and Conservation (RE)

- Clarifies the County's collective community, environmental, and economic values for RE development and conservation.
- Articulates what the County will strive to achieve and avoid through energy conservation, energy efficiency, and RE development.
- Establishes goals and policies to manage RE development and conservation of the natural environment.
- Sets a framework for Development Code standards for RE development.

9. Cultural Resources (CR)

- Establishes direction on notification, coordination, and partnerships to preserve and conserve cultural resources.
- Provides guidance on how new development can avoid or minimize impacts on cultural resources.
- Provides direction on increasing public awareness and education efforts about cultural resources.

10. Economic Development (ED)

- Provides direction for County efforts to attract private investment in non-residential development in unincorporated areas of the county.

- Focuses countywide investments in workforce development on growing occupations and industries.
- Establishes the County's intent to invest in economic development to improve the countywide job-housing ratio.
- Identifies the means through which the County promotes countywide economic development.

11. Health and Wellness (HW)

- Provides guidance on addressing issues that by their nature require extensive coordination and collaboration within the County and with outside agencies and organizations.
- Establishes a holistic approach to the continuum of care.
- Identifies the County's policy focus regarding its use of state and federal funds to improve the physical and behavioral health of residents.
- Describes the County's priorities and roles in serving the health and social needs of vulnerable populations.

C. General Plan Mapping Series

The General Plan includes several maps containing a range of information ranging from economic development potential to potential hazards. These are described in more detail below.

1. Land Use Zoning District Maps

Previously, there was a one map system to show the General Plan and Zone designation. Now, there is a map showing Land Use Designations, or Land Use Categories, and another map showing the zoning designation. The Land Use Designation Map is published as a PDF and is also available as an interactive webmap. The maps are parcel-specific in that they show the designated land use zoning district for each parcel. Three overlays – Additional Agriculture, Agricultural Preserve, and the Sign Control are shown on the zoning map as a suffix to the land use zoning district.

2. Infrastructure and Utilities

A series of seven maps that are published online and are also available as a PDF. They are parcel specific and cover a range of infrastructure and utility topics like regional wastewater and waste disposal facilities and utility service providers.

3. Transportation and Mobility

A series of six maps show the road designations for all roads with the following classifications throughout the County: Freeway, Major Arterial Highway, Major Divided Highway, Major Highway, Secondary Highway, Controlled/Limited Access Collector, Mountain Major Highway and Mountain Secondary Highway. This series also includes mobility focus areas, airports, and adopted transportation plans.

4. Natural Resources

A series of five maps that show air districts and basins, parks and open space resources, scenic routes and highways, mineral resources zones, and agricultural resources. Some of these maps are not parcel specific because the delineations of the various resources are not intended to be parcel-specific.

5. Hazards

A series of 11 maps, these maps are published online and available as a PDF. Unlike the Land Use Zoning District Maps, some of the Hazard Overlay Maps are scale dependent, and do not show parcel specific information because the delineations of the various hazards are not intended to be parcel-specific. The hazards on these maps include airport safety, dam inundation, fire, flood, and noise, earthquake, liquefaction and landslides, Environmental Justice Focus Areas, and wind hazards.

6. Personal and Property Protection

A series of three maps that are available online as webmaps and hardcopy as PDF. These maps depict critical facilities, evacuation routes, and sheriff operations.

7. Economic Development

This webmap and PDF shows commercial, employment, and industrial redevelopment focus area.

8. Health and Wellness

A series of two web and PDF maps, that depict educational and public facilities located within the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County.

III. MAJOR COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

A. Fire Severity Zones

On June 10, 2025, the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD) adopted an ordinance that designated Fire Hazard Severity Zones of “Very High,” “High,” and “Moderate” within the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District in alignment with recommendations by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). Any parcel subjected to more than one Fire Hazard Severity Zone classification must satisfy the highest, more stringent classification applicable to the parcel. The ordinance became effective on July 21, 2025.

B. General Plan/Zoning Amendments

1. Phelan Pinon Hills Community Park/D1

On August 5, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved a Zoning Amendment to change the Land Use Zoning District designation from General Commercial (CG) to Rural Commercial (CR) for a 14.79-acre site in unincorporated Phelan to develop a community park. The amendment was requested by the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District (PPHCSD) to meet civic and recreational needs for the community outlined in the PPHCSD Master Plan.

2. Titan Industrial Rental & Recycling Facility/D2

On August 19, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved a Policy Plan Amendment and a Zoning Amendment for a 1.13-acre parcel in unincorporated Fontana to develop an industrial rental and recycling facility. The Policy Plan Amendment changes the Land Use Category designation from Low Density Residential (LDR) to Commercial (C) while the Zoning Amendment changes the Land Use Zoning District designation from Single Residential (RS) to Special Development-Commercial (SD-COM). The Policy Plan and Zoning Amendment remain internally consistent with and will further the goals and

policies of the Countywide Plan to maintain compatibility with existing uses (LU-2.1) and Land Use Map consistency (LU-2.4).

3. Overnight Solar/D1

On August 19, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved a Policy Plan Amendment and Zoning Amendment for the development of a utility-scale, 150-megawatt photovoltaic solar facility and 150-megawatt battery energy storage system in unincorporated Hinkley. The Policy Plan Amendment amends the Land Use Category designation from Rural Living (RL) to Resource Land Management (RLM) on an 822-acre parcel while the Zoning Amendment changes the Land Use Zoning District designation from Rural Living (RL) to Resource Conservation (RC) on an 822-acre parcel and a 456-acre parcel. The Policy Plan and Zoning Amendment remain internally consistent Countywide Plan to maintain compatibility with existing uses (LU-2.1) and Land Use Map consistency (LU-2.4). Additionally, it remains consistent with Renewable Energy and Conservation (REC) Element of the Policy Plan through Policies RE-2.1 Renewable Energy Systems and RE-4.5 Decommissioning Plans.

4. Glen Helen Specific Plan/D3,D5

On September 9, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved a Specific Plan Amendment to amend the Glen Helen Specific Plan (GHSP) to rezone a total of 142.3 acres for three sub-areas within the GHSP to align zoning designations with existing and planned land uses, promote economic development, and support long-term land use related to the addition of a Corridor Industrial Overlay zone. The ordinance consists of rezoning 81.5 acres within the North Glen Helen Planning Sub-area from Destination Recreation (DR) to Corridor Industrial (CI); 48.7 acres within the Sycamore Flats Planning Sub-area from Single-Family Residential-Sycamore Flats (SFR-SF) to Single-Family Residential-Sycamore Flats (SFR-SF) and Corridor Industrial Overlay (CI-O) and 12.1 acres from Commercial/Traveler Services (C/TS) and High Density Residential Overlay (HDR-O) to Corridor Industrial (CI). The ordinance also includes various text amendments related to the addition of the CI-O zone, accessory uses in the CI zone, and general clarifications and corrections resulting from rezoning 142.3 acres of the GHSP Land Use Plan.

5. AB 98 Transportation and Mobility Element Update

On December 16, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the Countywide Plan in compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 98 to amend Policy Plan Action IMP-2021-TM-10 (Truck Routes) and add Policy Plan Action IMP-2025-TM-11 (Truck Route Enforcement) to the Implementation Plan of the Business Plan, amend Policy Map TM-5 (Goods Movement), add Policy Map TM-5A, amend Policies TM-5.5 (Countywide truck routes) and TM-5.6 (Unincorporated truck routes), to the Transportation and Mobility Element and to add a definition for “sensitive receptor” to the Glossary of Terms section of the Policy Plan.

C. Development Code Amendments

1. Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance

In the Summer of 2025, LUS initiated a Development Code Amendment to modify the provision for the creation and development of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and junior accessory dwelling units (JADUs). The Development Code Amendment amends land use tables, parking and loading standards, allows projections, and accessory

structures and uses associated with the development of ADUs and JADUs and consolidates ADU and JADU development standards into a new, stand-alone chapter, Chapter 84.36 Accessory Dwelling Units. The amendment also incorporates changes in State law to ensure consistency and streamlined permitting of ADUs and JADUs. The amendment implements Program 3 of the Housing Element to monitor and update ADU ordinance as necessary based on new State laws. The Planning Commission recommended approval on December 18, 2025. The amendment was approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 13, 2026.

2. Residential Accessory Wind Energy Systems

On May 20, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved a Development Code Amendment to Subsection 84.26.030(a) of Division 4 of Title 8 of the San Bernardino County Code, relating to Residential Accessory Wind Energy Systems. The amendment increased the maximum allowable kilowattage (kW) for residential accessory wind energy systems from 10 kW to 25 kW. The amendment applies Countywide to residential accessory wind energy systems. The amendment is consistent with Table 1 of the REC Element which allows up to 70 kW for site-oriented wind energy systems and with REC Element Policy RE 2.3.1 to monitor emerging renewable energy technologies and amend County development standards as needed to accommodate suitable new technology types.

D. Building Regulations Amendments

1. 2025 California Building Standards Code

In November 4, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance that repealed chapters of Division 3 of Title 6 of the San Bernardino County Code that contain various codes from the 2022 California Building Standards Code and adopted in their place new chapters that incorporated the 2025 California Building Standards Code. By adoption of this ordinance, prior editions of the California Building Standards Code were repealed, and the most recent editions came into effect. Additionally, the 2021 editions of the International Property Maintenance Code and International Swimming Pool and Spa Code were repealed, and the 2024 editions of said codes were adopted by reference along with the 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface Code found in Title 24, Part 7 of the California Code of Regulations.

E. Housing Element

1. Program 3 - Accessory Dwelling Units

In June 2025, LUS created three pre-approved plans, implementing an objective of Program 3 to identify pre-approved ADU site plans appropriate for various unincorporated communities. The pre-approved plans facilitate significantly faster ADU permit processing by allowing applicants to submit previously approved construction plans. Public access to pre-approved ADU plans are available through the County website, improving transparency and customer awareness of housing development options. This objective is ongoing and will continue, as State ADU regulations and building codes are amended.

As noted in the “Development Code Amendments” section above, the Board of Supervisors approved a Development Code Amendment to modify the provisions for the creation and development of ADUs and JADUs. The Development Code

Amendment implements Program 3 which requires the County to monitor and update the ADU ordinance as necessary based on new State laws.

2. Program 11 – Manufactured Homes

In April 2025, LUS implemented a streamlined review process for manufactured homes that eliminated the Compatibility Determination application. This process has reduced review time by half, as the Compatibility Determination application is no longer required to permit a manufactured home. To improve guidance, the County developed and published a series of English and Spanish guidance documents including a quick reference guide, an FAQ document, and two informational brochures that were presented at open houses during Summer 2025. To support outreach, County staff developed a Manufactured Home webpage, featuring permitting steps and related documents. These efforts implement Program 11 by promoting the continued creation of manufactured homes affordable to lower income households.

3. Program 16 – Development Fee Transparency

In June 2025, LUS updated the LUS website to ensure compliance with state law regarding increased fee transparency and online publication of information. To increase fee transparency, LUS also developed new, user-friendly fee schedules that were made digitally available to the public. This objective is ongoing and will continue as fee ordinances are amended.

IV. IN PROGRESS INITIATIVES

1. Implementation of AB 98

In September 2024, AB 98 was signed into law, introducing significant regulation changes to large-scale logistics facilities including new siting, building, and operational standards. All jurisdictions in California are required to comply by January 1, 2028. However, jurisdictions located in the warehouse concentration region, such as San Bernardino County, are required to meet an earlier deadline of January 1, 2026.

Throughout October 2025, LUS conducted a series of outreach meetings and developed an AB 98 Truck Routes webpage containing a GIS map of the proposed routes and supplemental documents. On October 23, 2025, the Planning Commission approved recommendation of the proposed truck routes for Board of Supervisors approval and directed LUS to explore GIS layer integration into common map applications, coordinate with local businesses, and incorporate an annual review process into the Implementation Plan. On December 16, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted a general plan amendment of the Countywide Policy Plan TM Element and Implementation Plan related to countywide unincorporated truck routes, sensitive receptors, and enforcement of truck routes.

The County is expected to finalize the signage program that includes signage installation of truck routes, truck parking, and idling areas in early 2026. The County will continue its coordination with other jurisdictions and communities to advance awareness on truck routes and determine updates to truck routes in the unincorporated County. The implementation of AB 98 further progresses the existing implementation action, IMP-2021-TM-10 of the TM Element and the intent of Housing Element Program 25 (Reduce Exposure to Pollution from Local and Regional and Logistics Development)

to support green goods movement, promote emissions rules that results in cleaner air, and ensure appropriate mitigation measures are applied and enforced.

2. Prohousing Designation

The Prohousing Designation Program is a state program that supports jurisdictions that accelerate housing production beyond state housing law. If received, the designation would allow the County to receive priority for housing-related grants. In September 2025, LUS and the San Bernardino County Community Development and Housing Department (CDH) began work with a consultant to submit a Prohousing Designation application to HCD. The effort is funded by a Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) grant, which requires the application filed with the state by June 30, 2026. In January 2026, the application will be made available for public comment. LUS will address comments and seek authorization from the Board of Supervisors on March 24, 2026 to apply to and participate in the Prohousing Designation Program. The final application will be submitted to HCD in Spring 2026. Subsequently, LUS will develop an implementation plan to set metrics, timelines and goals for the proposed housing efforts. LUS is expected to present the implementation plan to the Board of Supervisors in June 2026 for a final resolution.

3. One-Stop-Shop

In Fall 2025, LUS began construction for the One-Stop-Shop Program, a major capital improvement project. The project entails the redesign of the County Government Center Building's first floor dedicated to LUS and the second floor dedicated to the Division of Environmental Health Services (EHS) of the County Department of Public Health (DPW). This initiative implements a "One-Stop-Shop" approach to centralize access to multiple divisions, enhancing the quality of permitting services and reducing wait times for the County's clientele. Construction is scheduled to finish in Fall 2026.

4. Fontana SOI

In February 2025, the County commenced the Fontana SOI project, implementing two phases to expand residential development capacity. Prior County analyses identified constraints on sewer expansion in Bloomington and required further efforts to accommodate additional housing capacity elsewhere in the Valley region. The unincorporated Fontana Sphere of Influence (SOI), which contains multiple Housing Element opportunity sites, was identified as a suitable area for evaluation. Throughout 2025, Phase I assessed development potential, regulatory barriers, and feasible strategies to increase housing opportunities and stimulate investment, consistent with the Housing Element of the Policy Plan to reduce regulatory constraints and expand housing supply. The final report is expected to be completed in January 2026. Phase II of the project will focus on implementing one of three options described in the final report: a minor development code amendment, a development code amendment with coordinated sewer expansion, or establishment of a new specific plan with coordinated sewer expansion. Commencement of Phase II will depend on the selected option.

5. Pioneertown Mane Street Project

In Fall 2025, LUS began work with a consultant to establish context-sensitive design and development standards for the historic Pioneertown district. In September 2025, LUS staff conducted a site visit, followed by interviews with stakeholders in October 2025 to understand issues and opportunities related to area's historic district designation, land use and development standards. In November 2025, LUS led a

workshop to discuss the intent and scope of the project and to receive feedback. LUS expects to continue coordination with stakeholders and County departments to draft recommendations in January 2026. In Fall 2026, LUS expects to present the ordinance to the Planning Commission with Board of Supervisors adoption in Winter 2026.

6. Hydrology Manual Update

In 2025, DPW commenced work on updating the County's Hydrology Manual to reflect current engineering standards, climate considerations, regulatory requirements, and best practices for hydrologic analysis. Significant progress was made toward completing the updated Hydrology Manual, including technical revisions, coordination, and internal review. The Hydrology Manual is expected to be completed in 2026.

V. ONGOING IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Fire Hazard Abatement Program

The Fire Hazard Abatement Program (FHA) is a proactive public safety initiative designed to reduce wildfire risk and protect life, property, and neighborhoods that implements the Goal HZ-1 Natural Environment Hazards from the Hazards Element. The FHA Program conducts year-round property surveys to identify potential fire hazards, including excessive vegetation, combustible materials, and other conditions that increase fire risk. When hazards are identified, formal notices are mailed to property owners outlining the required corrective actions. If the violations are not addressed, the County may proceed with abatement to eliminate the hazard and recover the associated costs from the property owner. The County issued 22,221 notices and completed 963 abatements in 2025.

2. Community Clean Up Program

The Community Clean-Up Program provides an opportunity for property owners and tenants in unincorporated communities to properly dispose of bulky items and other hard-to-handle waste at no cost. Held on designated Saturdays, the program places commercial trash bins in central community locations, allowing residents to bring unwanted bulky items, household trash, waste tires, and e-waste for safe and responsible disposal. This service helps prevent illegal dumping, reduces neighborhood blight, and promotes cleaner, healthier communities. The program implements Policy HZ-2.5 (Community Education) by not only addressing immediate disposal needs but also strengthening community partnerships and long-term compliance. The County collected 347 tons of trash, 127 tons of waste tires, 15 tons of e-waste in 2025.

3. Renewable Energy and Conservation Element

In Spring 2025, LUS began the evaluation of the Renewable Energy and Conservation Element (RECE) to assess achievement progress and to identify opportunities for plan enhancement. The evaluation includes a comprehensive review of existing renewable energy goals and policies, an analysis of their effectiveness in guiding development and conservation outcomes, and the identification of opportunities to improve alignment among planning tools, regulatory mechanisms, and broader strategic objectives. As part of this effort, a Renewable Energy Map and an automated Renewable Energy Report were developed to improve project siting, streamline project evaluation, and enhance transparency and consistency in decision-making.

4. 2025 Development Code Update Program

Upon completion and adoption of the Countywide Plan (CWP) in October of 2020, the County began an update of the Development Code (Code). The update became necessary with the adoption of new policies that are implemented through the Development Code. To ensure consistency with the new Policy Plan and Business Plan, a program to review, update, and create new standards and processes for the Development Code was undertaken. A major part of this program was the creation of a two-map system instead of the single-map system employed by the County since 2007. As part of the CWP, the Board of Supervisors adopted a new Land Use Designation map (LU-1) which required the creation of updated Zoning Maps. Major tasks for the Development Code Update program are:

- Updating existing zone descriptions and add new zones pursuant to the CWP, Policy Plan's land use designations.
- Developing context-sensitive standards to implement Community Action Guides.
- Creating a new web-based Zoning Map.
- Reorganizing and updating the uses section of the Development Code to comply with the policies relative to land use compatibility.
- Reviewing land use zoning districts and overlays for consistency and linkage to policy maps contained in the Policy Plan.
- Modifying existing or add new procedures and standards as needed to comply with new state laws (i.e.: Housing, Environmental Justice, Sustainable Communities Strategy, Climate Adaptation and Resiliency, Wildfire Assessment, etc.).
- Modifying or add new development standards for all new zones created as part of this program, review development standards of existing land use categories (zones) to make consistent with Policy Plan provisions.
- Developing objective design standards to meet permit streamlining and community design goals. State housing law limits when jurisdictions can require discretionary review and use subjective design guidelines. Where discretion is limited, objective design standards provide a way for the County to continue to regulate development design.

In addition to the implementation items above, the County also articulated the following additional goals for the Development Code Update:

- Update the definitions chapter.
- Review and, where necessary, make improvements to the development process and related applications to ensure they are clear, concise, and easy to understand and implement.
- Strengthen visual aids for better understanding of development standards and procedures.

LUS continues to draft additional Development Code amendments which will continue to foster permit streamlining, reduce the barriers to high-density residential development, and implement additional state housing laws. The comprehensive Development Code will continue to move forward strategically to group related items and facilitate public input in the process.

5. Housing Element Annual Progress Report

Government Code Section 65400 requires that each city and county in California prepare a housing element portion of the APR on the status of its general plan's Housing Update and its implementation progress using the forms and definitions adopted by HCD. Once complete, the Housing Element APR must be submitted to the LCI and HCD on or before April 1st of each year. The full report submitted in 2026, reporting on the 2025 calendar year, has been submitted separately. Below is a summary of the number of units built which have received final occupancy in the reporting year.

Figure 1. 2025 Building Permits Issued by Affordability

Income Level	Reporting Year 2025
Very Low	0
Low	34
Moderate	178
Above Moderate	230
Total Units	442

Housing Element Status Update

Task 1- 6th Cycle Housing Element

The 6th cycle Housing element is adopted and certified. The adopted element and land inventory are available online. Implementation of the 27 housing element programs has begun. A comprehensive review of the County's progress to implement the goals of the adopted Housing Element is tracked as part of the Housing Element Annual Progress Report.