

## Legislation Text

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**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**DATE:** September 13, 2016**SUBJECT:** Public Review of the Draft 2035 General Plan Update**Recommendation for Action:** Staff recommends that the City Council:

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing; and
- 2) Receive comments on the Draft 2035 General Plan Update

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**Report in Brief**

The purpose of this meeting is to hold a public hearing to receive comments from the public and City Council regarding the Draft General Plan.

**Background**

The Public Review Draft 2035 General Plan was developed over the past three years based on requirements of state law, technical analysis, input from the public and landowners, and previous direction from the Planning Commission and City Council. Since the release of the Public Review Draft 2035 General Plan on July 8, 2016 there have been a number of opportunities during the two month review period for the public to learn about and make comment on the Draft Plan.

- July 8, 2016 Release of the Public Review Draft 2035 General Plan
- July 25, 2016 Release of the Public Review Draft of the Housing Element Update
- July 25, 2016 General Plan Steering Committee regarding Goals and Policies
- August 8, 2016 Community Open House
- August 15, 2016 General Plan Steering Committee regarding Appendix A
- August 24, 2016 Joint City Council and Planning Commission Workshop

In addition, the detailed information boards presented at the Open House have been stationed at the Community and Senior Center with a comment box and copies of those same information panels have been on display in City Hall with a comment box. The documents have been available on-line and as hard copies at City Hall and the Library, including loaner copies that are available to be checked out at no cost. The documents may be viewed from the following link:

<http://www.cityofwoodland.org/gov/depts/cd/divisions/planning/generalplan/2035/default.asp>

A noticed public hearing before the Planning Commission was held on September 1, 2016 at which time comments from the Commission and members of the public were accepted. Comments were organized by each General Plan Chapter in order to allow full and complete discussion on the entire document. A video of the September 1, 2016, Planning Commission meeting is available for viewing at <https://cityofwoodland.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

### **Discussion**

A copy of the staff report prepared for the August 24, 2016 Joint City Council and Planning Commission workshop is included as Attachment "A" to this report and provides detailed information concerning the Draft 2035 General Plan. A video of the August 24, 2016 presentation and discussion is available on the City's web page at the following link: <https://cityofwoodland.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

Staff has also provided a copy of all comments received at the time of preparation of this report, including minutes of meetings that were held, as Attachment "B" to this report.

Two additional component parts of the overall General Plan Update Project, the Draft Updated Climate Action Plan (CAP) and Draft General Plan Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), are anticipated to be released in mid-September. The DEIR has a mandatory 45-day public review and comment period. Comments at this meeting are specific to the General Plan only. While this meeting presents the first opportunity to provide comments, it should be noted that there will be additional opportunities.

Prior to the hearings scheduled for this winter staff will identify revisions to each of the documents based on input from commenters, input from the Council and Commissioners, technical and professional judgement, and staff recommendation. Any major policy issues will be highlighted for consideration by the public and decision makers in transmittal memos and staff reports that are prepared for these upcoming steps.

The role of the City Council at this meeting will be to receive and provide comments. This item has not been noticed for any action. City Council actions will be requested in the next (final) round of hearings this winter.

With regard to the conduct of the comment meeting staff recommends evaluating the General Plan chapter-by-chapter. This provides opportunity to discuss every chapter and for the public and each Council member the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments on each section.

### **Public Notification:**

Public notice advertising for the public hearing on this matter was prepared by the Community Development Department in accordance with notification procedures set forth in the City of Woodland's Municipal Code and State Planning Law:

- An 1/8th page display was published in the Woodland Daily Democrat on Saturday, September 3, 2016,
- Email notification to all identified interested parties (over 150) with a copy of the notice,
- Notice posted on the General Plan Web page,
- Notice posted on the front page of the City of Woodland web page and linked to the City of Woodland Facebook page,
- Prior notification of meeting date in previous meetings and hearings regarding the General Plan

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the City Council:

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment A - Joint City Council and Planning Commission Staff Report from August 24, 2016
- Attachment B - Copy of Comments Received to Date on the Public Review Draft 2035 General Plan
- Attachment C - Copy of the Public Hearing Notice for the September 13, 2016 City Council Meeting.