



# STAFF REPORT

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

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March 12, 2024

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Commissioners

**FROM:** David Loya, Director of Community Development

**PREPARER:** David Loya, Director of Community Development

**DATE:** February 29, 2024

**TITLE:** **Consider Outstanding General Plan Recommendations**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission open public comment; use the Framework to consider several outstanding recommendations that may be incorporated into the final General Plan, and provide direction as necessary.

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The Planning Commission and Council will be considering refining the December 12, 2023, version of the General Plan over the coming months. The Commission will make a formal recommendation to the Council in April or May based on their discussions held since January. Staff is tracking the changes recommended by the Council and Commission and will provide an analysis of the CEQA implications. This item continues this ongoing review.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Planning Commission should consider the topics that were raised by Commissioners and the public (Attachments A, B, and C). With the exception of Commissioner Mayer's comments, staff recommendations are included in the tracking sheet (Attachment A). Staff will provide an oral recommendation on Commissioner Mayer's suggestions at the meeting.

The Commission may wish to use the Framework developed to facilitate decision making (Attachment D). Staff recommends modifying the Framework slightly to improve efficiency. First, the tracking sheet (Attachment A) should function as the Discussion Guide. The tracking sheet abbreviates the recommendations of the public and Commissioners, so the Commission may wish to reference the original writings when considering the suggestions. Some suggestions were made verbally.

Second, the Commission should consider the staff recommendation column the "consent" matters. If Commissioners agree with the recommendation and do not need further discussion, the recommendations should be adopted in one motion. Prior to acting on the consent matters, the Chair should ask commissioners if they wish to remove any items. Staff will track the items removed to be considered separately.

The rest of the Framework can be used to determine whether there is interest in discussing matters on the removed items further through negative polling. The brief deliberations followed by polling or gradients of agreement may resolve the balance of the matters.

Staff will compile these final edits for Council consideration.

For reference, the December 12, 2023, version of the General Plan is available at <https://www.cityofarcata.org/974/General-Plan-Updates>.

The staff recommendation will have no impact on environmental review. If Commissioners consider alternative decisions, staff will provide input on the impact on environmental review.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. GP Amends Post Dec 12\_2024.03.12 (PDF)
- B. Public-Comment (PDF)
- C. PC Comments (PDF)
- D. PC Meeting Framework v4 (PDF)