



CITY OF COALINGA
The Sunny Side of the Valley

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 65400, please find attached a copy of the General Plan Progress Report and Housing Report for the City of Coalinga for the year 2013.

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Sincerely,

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ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
Coalinga General Plan and Housing
Element



CITY OF COALINGA
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REPORTING PERIOD: Calendar Year 2013
(In Accordance with Government Code Section 65400)

INTRODUCTION

This report is intended to comply with the requirements of Government Code Section 65400 for the completion of an annual General Plan Progress Report. This report identifies the status of the City's General Plan and its progress in its implementation. This report represents the Community Development activity for planning year 2013.

The City of Coalinga City Council took action to adopt this report on March 6, 2014 at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Following the presentation of the report, the City Council accepted the report and authorized the Community Development Director to forward the report and minutes indicating acceptance to the Office of Planning and Research and the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE 2025

The City adopted its Comprehensive Update to its General Plan (2005-2025) in July of 2009. The update included a full update to the Land Use, Open Space, Safety/Noise, Circulation, and Public Facilities Elements. The City is currently under contract to update its zoning ordinance in order to be in conformity with the recently adopted General Plan. In 2012 the City of Coalinga secured a Sustainable Communities Prop 84 Grant and worked in 2013 to produce an administrative draft which is expected to be circulated in March of 2014.

The City of Coalinga continues to actively implement the policies of the General Plan including the goals, policies and programs of the Housing Element. The following represents the progress the City has made towards implementing the General Plan and Housing Element during the Calendar Year 2013 reporting period. The information to follow is organized to correspond with the elements of the Coalinga General Plan.

LAND USE ELEMENT

AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments to the Land Use Element during Calendar Year 2013.

PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPALS OF THE LAND USE ELEMENT

Residential Land Use

During the calendar year 2013, the following residential projects were under review, approved and/or under construction in furtherance of the guiding principals of the Land Use Element for residential land use:

- **Warthan Place Apartments:** The Warthan Place Apartments project is an affordable housing multiple family development plan consisting of 2 phases of 81 multiple family units. It is situated on approximately 11 acres on undeveloped land north of Warthan Creek near E. Sacramento Street and Warthan Street. This project was approved by the City Council in 2008 and a final parcel map amendment was approved by the City Council in order to further the ability of the development to come to fruition.

The Warthan Place Apartments project is consistent and furthers the City of Coalinga's efforts in providing creative, high quality choices in housing types and densities in a variety of neighborhoods (*Goal LU2*).

The City of Coalinga continued its efforts in the development of the residential code as part of the extensive zoning code update.

OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT

AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments to the Open Space and Conservation Element during 2013.

PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPALS OF THE OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ELEMENT

- During the development of the new Zoning Code Update, staff is working on open space regulations for private and public projects (*OSC1-2.2*).
- Development and Implementation of a Resource Extraction Overlay District (*Goal OSC-4*).

CIRCULATION ELEMENT

AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments to the Circulation Element during Calendar year 2013.

PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPALS OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT

- **Elm Ave Sidewalk Improvements Phase 2 - COMPLETED**
Installation of new curb, gutter, sidewalk and ornamental street lights along the frontage of the property located at the corner of Van Ness and Elm Ave as an economic development tool to encourage development to locate to the City owned property.
- **Elm/EI Rancho Blvd Improvements – COMPLETED**
The City was awarded a Highway Safety Improvement Grant in 2011 from the Department of Transportation Local Assistance Office. The City plans to improve highway safety (lighting and cross turning movements) at the intersection of Elm Ave and El Rancho Blvd.
- **Polk/Forest Reconstruction and Signalization - COMPLETED**
The City planned to complete the signalization and reconstruction of Polk and Forest in 2013. Preliminary engineering was completed in 2012 and construction began in early 2013.
- **Elm Beautification Phase 3 (Elm Ave from 7th Street to Polk Street)**
The City plans to implement Phase 3 of its beautification efforts on Elm Ave from Polk Street to 7th Street which consists of new curb, gutter, sidewalk, street trees, lighting, street furniture and ADA compliance. Preliminary engineering is expected to begin in early 2013. Construction is expected to occur in FY 2014/2015.
- **Cambridge Ave Signalization**
The city plans to signalize Cambridge Ave and Elm Ave through the recent award of a Highway Safety Improvement Grant (HSIP). This project is expected to increase the level of safety for pedestrians as well as control congestion during peak traffic time frames.
- **Plaza Reconstruction – TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 2014**
The City began construction to improve pedestrian mobility, accessibility, and parking configurations on Coalinga Plaza from Cedar to Elm Ave. Another component of this project is to add landscaping and pedestrian furniture. Preliminary engineering was completed in early 2013 and construction began in October of 2013.
- **Forest Street Reconstruction Phase 2 (3rd Street to 5th Street)**
The City has recently completed preliminary engineering for the reconstruction of Forest Street from 3rd Street to 5th Street. These improvements will include a complete reconstruction of the street, street lighting, and curbs, gutters and sidewalks. This project will enhance the ADA path of travel and improve the roadway, which has been dedicated a city truck route. Construction is expected to begin in June 2014.

- **Various ADA Improvements in the Downtown District – IN PROGRESS**

The City is utilizing it's remaining Prop 1B funds to do various ADA improvements in the central downtown core of the City. The improvement include new sidewalks where non exist, curb ramps, alley approaches,

All of the proposed street improvements projected in the upcoming fiscal years will help meet the goal of providing a balanced, safe and efficient circulation system that includes cars, public transportation, bicycles and pedestrians with the mind set of anticipated growth (*Goal C1*).

These transportation projects also help in maintaining and improving the City's existing circulation and transportation facilities. Through the budget process and street maintenance planning, the City has been able to identify the necessary improvements within the planning area that will have the highest level of impact.

SAFETY, AIR QUALITY AND NOISE ELEMENT

AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments to the Safety, Air Quality and Noise Element during Calendar year 2013.

PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPALS OF THE SAFETY, AIR QUALITY, AND NOISE ELEMENT

Noise

- Due to the nature of the guiding and implementing policies of the Noise Element, efforts to implement this Element of the General Plan are on-going in nature. Projects are reviewed on a case-by-case basis for adverse noise impacts to the environment and sensitive receptors.

Safety

- All new construction and certain building renovations are reviewed for compliance with the Uniform Building Code for seismic safety.
- All new development projects are required to submit a Geotechnical Analysis to assess site conditions.
- The City continues to participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) flood insurance program.

Sidewalk Inventory Report

The City of Coalinga approved an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan that will begin to meet the requirements of the State and Federal Government regarding the ADA.

The Federal and State Government allow Cities to develop their own ADA Transition Plans, so long as they include the following:

- A Self Evaluation Identifying Existing Facilities that Limit Access to People with Disabilities;
- A Process to Implement Improvements to Make Pedestrian Facilities Accessible;
- A Schedule of Improvements by Priority;
- Appointment of an ADA Coordinator;
- Provide for Participation of Interested Persons during Transition Plan Development and;
- Establish a Formal Grievance Process

The City has completed the above steps and conducted public hearings regarding City rights-of-way improvements necessary for compliance; prioritized the Improvements; developed a time schedule; identified funding sources; formed an Implementation Plan and formally adopted an ADA compliant transition plan.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ELEMENT

AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments to the Public Facilities and Services Element during Calendar year 2014.

PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPALS OF THE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ELEMENT

Schools

- In 2013, the City continued to work with developers and property owners to ensure that adequate sites are reserved to meet the Coalinga Huron Unified School District's projected demand for future school uses.
- In 2013, the City continued to collect school fees upon issuance of building permits for development projects in accordance with State law.

Utilities

- In 2013, the City continued to work closely with project applicants and service utilities to ensure that there is adequate capacity to serve all new and existing areas of Coalinga.
- The City has approved the following utility master plans in order to guide and ensure the capacity to serve new growth area identified by the General Plan:
 - a. Wastewater Master Plan, Water Master Plan, Storm Water Master Plan, Natural Gas Master Plan

- **Palmer Reservoir Replacement Project – UNDER CONSTRUCTION**
The City of Coalinga, in 2011, completed design of a new 3 million gallon water reservoir due to the deterioration of the existing 40 year old tank which will be taken off line, examined for rehabilitation once the new tank is placed into service. Construction started in 2013 to begin an 18 month construction period.
- **Derrick Reservoir Rehabilitation**
As part of the water systems improvements, the City will be rehabbing the Derrick Reservoir. Design and Construction for this rehab is expected to commence once the Palmer Reservoir is placed in service.

HOUSING ELEMENT

AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments to the Housing Element during Calendar Year 2013.

PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING THE GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPALS OF THE HOUSING ELEMENT

- In 2011, the City of Coalinga adopted its Housing Element and is currently HCD Compliant. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65400, the City Council is required to prepare an annual report on the status and progress in implementing the City's housing element using forms and definitions adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development. These forms and definitions were adopted on March 6, 2014 and are required to be used for the Calendar Year 2013 Annual Progress Report. The completed forms for Calendar Year 2013 are attached as Attachment "A" to this report.

ATTACHMENT "A"
Housing Element Annual Progress Report (2013)

ANNUAL ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT (2013) Housing Element Implementation (CCR Title 25 §6202)

Jurisdiction: City of Coalinga
Reporting Period: 1/1/2013 - 12/31/2013

**Table A2
Annual Building Activity Report Summary - Units Rehabilitated, Preserved and Acquired pursuant
to GC Section 65583.1(c)(1)**

Please note: Units may only be credited to the table below when a jurisdiction has included a program in its housing element to rehabilitate, preserve or acquire units to accommodate a portion of its RHNA which meet the specific criteria as outlined in GC Section 65583.1(c)(1)

| Activity Type | Affordability by Household Incomes | | | | (4) The Description should adequately document how each unit complies with subsection (c) (7) of Government Code Section 65583.1 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|--|
| | Extremely Low-Income* | Very Low-Income | Low-Income | TOTAL UNITS | |
| (1) Rehabilitation Activity | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (2) Preservation of Units At-Risk | 0 | | 0 | | |
| (3) Acquisition of Units | 0 | | 0 | | |
| (5) Total Units by Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

* Note: This field is voluntary

**Table A3
Annual building Activity Report Summary for Above Moderate-Income Units
(not including those units reported on Table A)**

| | 1. Single Family | 2. 2 - 4 Units | 3. 5+ Units | 4. Second Unit | 5. Mobile Homes | 6. Total | 7. Number of infill units* |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| No. of Units Permitted for Moderate | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| No. of Units Permitted for Above Moderate | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 |

* Note: This field is voluntary

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Table B

Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress

Permitted Units Issued by Affordability

| Income Level | RHNA Allocation by Income Level | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Total Units to Date (all years) | Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | Year 7 | Year 8 | | |
| Very Low | Deed Restricted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 35 |
| | Non-deed restricted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Low | Deed Restricted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 21 |
| | Non-deed restricted | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | |
| Moderate | Deed Restricted | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | Non-deed restricted | 4 | 22 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | |
| Above Moderate | | 14 | 46 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 80 | -54 |
| Total RHNA by COG. Enter allocation number: | | 115 | 70 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 113 | 2 |
| Total Units | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Remaining Need for RHNA Period | | | | | | | | | | | |

Note: units serving extremely low-income households are included in the very low-income permitted units totals.

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Table C
Program Implementation Status

| Program Description (By Housing Element Program Names) | Objective | Timeframe in H.E. | Status of Program Implementation |
|---|--|--------------------------------|---|
| Zoning Code Update | Update Zoning Ordinance | 1 Year | In Progress - expected to be completed in FY 14/15 |
| Very-Low Income Incentive Program | List Incentives | Annually | In Progress |
| Developer Incentives | List Incentives | 1 Year | In Progress - expected to be completed in FY 14/15 |
| Special Needs Funding | Secure Funding for Special Needs Housing | Ongoing | Currently seeking funding opportunities |
| Housing Rehabilitation | Secure Annual Funding | Annually | Seeking Funding through HOME/CDBG |
| Zoning Marketing | Create and Maintain Public Awareness of Zoning Requirements, Fees and Timing | 1 Year | Completed in 2011 |
| Promotion of New Housing Construction | Density Bonus Ordinance | 1 Year | Will be completed as part of the current Zoning Code Update - FY 14/15 |
| Large Multi-Family Development Incentives | Zoning Ordinance Update | 1 Year | Will be completed as part of the current Zoning Code Update - FY 14/15 |
| Promote SRO & FRO Housing | Create List | 1 Year | In Progress |
| Seasonal Housing | Establish List | Annually | Identifying Funding Source to accomplish task |
| Farm worker Housing | Establish Needs Reporting | Within Current Planning Period | Not yet started |
| Student Housing | Establish Needs Reporting | Within Current Planning Period | Not yet started |
| Multi-Family and Low-Income Housing Incentive | List Funding Incentives | Annually | List Underway |
| Land Availability Reporting | Create Report | Every 5 Years | Completed in 2011 as part of the Housing Element Update |
| Electronic Availability | GIS Mapping | 1 Year | Currently under Contract to implement GIS - to be completed in FY 14/15 |

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|----------------------------------|---|----------|---|
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| Reporting Period | 1/1/2013 - 12/31/2013 | | |
| Infrastructure Needs Assessment | List of Infill Sites and their relation to infrastructure needs | Annually | CIP Underway for 2012-2017 |
| Fee Reductions | Reduce Fees for Low, Very Low & Extremely Low Income Housing | 1 Year | Impact Fees Waived until March 21, 2014 |
| Transparent Processing Schedules | Create Schedule for Entitlement Projects | Annually | Will be completed as part of the current Zoning Code Update |
| Development Standards Update | Update the Current Development standards | Ongoing | Will be completed as part of the current Zoning Code Update |