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Dear Mr. Morgan,

In compliance with Section 65400(b)(1) of the California Government Code, the 2009-2010 General Plan Annual Progress Report for the City of La Palma is enclosed with this letter. The City Council of the City of La Palma adopted Resolution No. 2011-12 approving the 2009-2010 Annual Progress Report and is also enclosed with this letter.

A separate copy of the Annual Progress Report and Resolution No. 2011-12 is being transmitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please call me at (714) 690-3322.

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1. Introduction

The City of La Palma has approximately 16,000 residents; just over 5,000 dwelling units; a daytime labor force of about 9,000, and just less than 2 square miles of territory. There are only a couple of vacant or underutilized in-fill properties left to be developed. Revitalization of these remaining in-fill properties is likely, but their scale is insignificant. The main objective of the community's General Plan is to maintain and enhance its built out environment.

As required by California Planning Law [Government Code Section 65400(b)], the planning agencies of local governments must provide an annual report to the legislative body on the status of the General Plan and the progress in its implementation, including the progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs. The annual report should also include information concerning local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing pursuant to Section 65584(c)(3).

In compliance with Section 65400(b) of the California Government Code, this report has been prepared to summarize the status of the La Palma General Plan and the progress in its implementation during the 2009-10 Fiscal Year. Specifically, Part Two of this report includes a general summary of the actions taken by the City to implement the various elements of the General Plan and Part Three consists of a detailed report providing specific comments on the implementation of each goal and policy established in the General Plan.

2. General Plan Elements

The City of La Palma's General Plan is slightly different than most other Plans. The City covers all of the subjects required by State Law, as well as Orange County's Measure "M." However, these mandated subjects are organized under four general chapters: The City Structure, Community Safety, Housing, and Growth Management. The first two chapters contain most of the topics (or elements, as the Government Code refers to them) specified in State Law.

City Structure

An updated General Plan was adopted in March 1999, and the City has been active in the implementation of its Land Use Plan. Progress has included various residential, open space/recreational, industrial, and commercial projects. These projects have worked to promote a balanced and functional mix of land uses consistent with community values. The following sections will discuss the various land use designations.

Related Plans and Programs

A number of City plans and programs relate to the elements covered in this chapter of the General Plan. A description of the most relevant of these plans is provided on the following page in *Table 1, Related Plans and Programs*:

TABLE 1
RELATED PLANS AND PROGRAMS

Description	Adoption	Approving Body	Consistency with General Plan
La Palma General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR): As required by State Law, each jurisdiction must prepare supporting environmental documentation on the General Plan. The EIR for the La Palma General Plan was certified concurrently with adoption of the General Plan. The General Plan EIR analyzed the environmental impacts associated with the General Plan and provides technical background information used in preparing the Plan. Serves as a baseline document for subsequent planning efforts or special studies.	Concurrent with General Plan. Resolution 99-12	City Council	Yes. Provides analysis of General Plan impacts.
City of La Palma Capital Improvement Program: The City's five-year Capital Improvement Program is updated annually. The program serves as a planning and budgeting mechanism for the major projects like street right-of-way, water, sewer, and storm drains, planning and improvements. The Capital Improvement Program must be reviewed annually as to its conformity with the General Plan. It is critical to the implementation of many of the policies in this chapter.	Adopted for Fiscal Year 2009-2010	City Council	Yes. Reviewed annually.
City of La Palma Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan: This document is designed to provide the basis for the disaster response of the City of La Palma and is based on the Multi-hazard Planning Guidance established by the State of California (1985). The Plan focuses on large-scale disasters that pose major threats to life and property and can impact the well being of large numbers of people.	Adopted 2005 and reviewed annually	City Council	Yes. Reviewed annually.
City of La Palma Code of Laws: This contains all Ordinances adopted by the La Palma City Council. Chapters with direct relevance to Community Safety include the following: Buildings, Local Emergencies, Police, Fire Protection, and Health and Sanitation.	Updated as necessary	City Council	Yes. Mandated by State Law where related to physical development of the City.
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, Drainage Area Management Plan (DAMP) and Local Implementation Plan (LIP)	Updated Annually	City Council	Yes. Mandated by Federal law.
La Palma Economic Development Plan: The adoption of an Economic Development Plan related to both business retention and business attraction strategies will help direct City staff and resources to maximize La Palma's potential to maintain the strong business base it currently enjoys and to attract desirable new businesses when opportunities arise.	Adopted 2009	City Council	Yes. Reviewed periodically.

Land Use Plan

A major focus of the Land Use/Zoning Map is to maintain and improve the residential community of La Palma as an area of safe, quiet, pleasant neighborhoods, conveniently served by shopping, schools, parks, churches, and other community facilities. The various General Plan Elements collaborate to ensure the attainment of this goal.

Another focus consists of the continued effort to provide for the preservation and rehabilitation of the City's single-family housing stock, while maintaining a balance between various land uses.

Residential Designations

The City of La Palma is a residential community and, accordingly, the City's Development Committee and Planning Commission focus their efforts on maintaining high-quality housing developments for a diverse population and maintaining a balance between non-residential and residential land uses. The City's residential designations consist of the following:

Single Family Residential (1-8.7 Dwelling Units per Net Acre)

The Single-Family designation is intended to provide for a range of single-family housing types including conventional single-family detached homes (with a minimum 5,000 square foot lot), patio homes, zero lot line homes, and attached lower-density developments such as duplexes. The average density for single-family development in the City is approximately 8.8 dwelling units per net acre. Conventional zoning that requires a minimum 5,000 square foot lot equals just over 8.7 dwelling units per net acre. This designation requires conventional lots to be a minimum of 5,000 square feet.

Multiple Family Residential (Up to 10 Dwelling Units per Net Acre for Parcels Composed of 0-2 Acres/15 Dwelling Units per Net Acre for Parcels Composed of 2.1-4.0 Acres/25 Dwelling Units per Net Acre for Parcels Composed of 4.1 or More Acres)

The Multiple Family designation is intended to accommodate the development of a range of attached and detached residential uses. Typical housing types include higher density single-family residences, patio homes, zero lot line homes, planned unit developments, mixed use developments, and attached multiple family dwellings such as duplexes, townhouses, condominiums, and garden apartments. Congregate care facilities, emergency shelters, and transitional housing could be approved as a conditional use in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Code. The existing average density of multiple family housing is approximately 15 units per net acre. The development standards for the Multiple Family Residential (R-3) Zone require new housing projects to incorporate amenities such as private areas, common areas, and additional landscaping.

Village Residential Overlay (8.8-30 Dwelling Units per Net Acre)

The Village Residential designation is intended as an overlay for certain areas within the Multiple Family Residential designation that involve special development opportunities and require a tailored approach to planning and design. The designation is intended to provide

for a variety of housing types within one project or development, ranging from single-family housing to multiple family dwellings, including uses incidental to the residential uses. The types of developments that are suitable to the Village Residential Overlay include affordable housing projects and senior housing projects that involve tailored development standards and site design.

Non-Residential Designations

The City's non-residential designations consist of the following:

Neighborhood Commercial (Maximum Floor Area Ratio of .4)

The Neighborhood Commercial designation provides localized commercial retail and service activities for surrounding neighborhoods. Typical uses include: food markets, drug stores, clothing stores, sporting goods, cleaners, banks, offices, private schools and child care centers, hardware stores, other retail and personal services uses, and community facilities. Neighborhood commercial projects should be compatible in design and scale with adjacent residential areas and should be designed to provide convenient connections with adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Office Professional (Maximum Floor Area Ratio of .6)

The Office Professional designation provides for single or multi-tenant offices and may include limited supporting uses for onsite employees. Office developments may range from low-rise structures situated in a landscaped garden arrangement, to mid-rise structures at appropriate locations. Typical uses include professional offices for legal, design, and engineering services, medical offices/health care centers, corporate headquarters, and general offices for insurance, real estate, and financial services. Supporting convenience services may be permitted to serve the needs of onsite employees or visitors/patients.

Multi-use Business (Maximum Floor Area Ratio of .6)

The Multi-use Business designation provides for a compatible/complimentary mixture of employment and commercial uses. Typical uses include: general and professional offices, high rise hotels, retail and service commercial uses, research and development operations, commercial recreation, and light manufacturing. Multi-use Business developments should offer attractive and distinctive architectural design, substantial landscaping, and convenient pedestrian access between uses.

General Industrial (Maximum Floor Area Ratio of .6)

The General Industrial designation provides for a range of industrial uses including manufacturing, assembly, distribution, research and development facilities, telecommunication facilities, science laboratories, warehousing, and utility buildings/facilities. As indicated in the Development Code, some of these uses require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to locate in this zone. Uses may include ancillary office and commercial activities. Additionally, commercial developments, such as home improvement stores, and wholesale

and retail commercial activities may be conditionally approved in accordance with the Development Code.

Public/Institutional (Maximum Floor Area Ratio of .6)

The Public/Institutional designation is intended for a range of public and private uses including: schools, government offices, police and fire stations, public utilities, flood control channels, libraries, museums, hospitals, churches, and cultural facilities. Public/Institutional uses may be permitted in other land use designations under the procedures established in the Code.

Open-Space/Recreation (Maximum Floor Area Ratio of .25)

The Open-Space/Recreation designation encompasses parkland and utility easements developed for recreational use. Only accessory buildings or those structures related to parks and recreation facilities are intended for open-space lands. This designation may also accommodate certain commercial outdoor recreation uses as a conditional use in accordance with the Code.

The City of La Palma is focused on maintaining the present built environment and other important aspects of community life. In addition to over-the-counter approvals, the City approved eight Precise Plan Amendments, which indicates that property owners are actively improving their properties. The following table identifies development activity as well as capital improvements that have occurred during the reporting year. The table also indicates how each project has implemented the goals and policies of the General Plan.

Table 2
Development & Capital Improvement
Activity 2009-10

Activity	Action Taken	General Plan Implementation
Precise Plan Amendment 20 Single family residence An addition of 1,146 sq. ft. to a two-story home at 7302 Spruce Circle	DC-Approved 11/9/09	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 3, Policy 3.2 Housing, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing, Goal 2, Policy 2.2
Amendment to Precise Plan 29 Unocal 76 Station Remodel Station remodel including Convenience Mart and Carwash and WQMP at 5482 La Palma Avenue	PC-Approved 9/1/09	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 2, Policy 2.4
Precise Plan Amendment 35 Single family residence An addition of 325 sq. ft. to a two-story home at 7922 Louise Lane	DC-Approved 2/8/10	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 3, Policy 3.2 Housing, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing, Goal 2, Policy 2.2

Table 2 Development & Capital Improvement Activity 2009-10		
Activity	**Action Taken**	**General Plan Implementation**
Precise Plan Amendment 74 Single family residence An addition of 2,409 sq. ft. to a single-story home at 5712 Thelma Ave	DC-Approved 5/10/10	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 3, Policy 3.2 Housing, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing, Goal 2, Policy 2.2
Precise Plan Amendment 68 Single family residence An addition of 754 sq. ft. to a two-story home at 5771 Warwick Circle	DC-Approved 5/10/10	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 3, Policy 3.2 Housing, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing, Goal 2, Policy 2.2
Precise Plan Amendment 50 Single family residence An addition of 2,301 sq. ft. to a one-story home at Barbi Lane	DC-Approved 5/10/10	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 3, Policy 3.2 Housing, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing, Goal 2, Policy 2.2
Precise Plan Amendment 4 Single family residence An addition of 112 sq. ft.& new roof to a two-story home at 5241 Del Este Cir.	DC-Approved 2/8/10	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 3, Policy 3.2 Housing, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing, Goal 2, Policy 2.2
Precise Plan Amendment 13 Single family residence An addition of 875 sq. ft. to a one-story home at 7811 Denise Circle	DC-Approved 2/8/10	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 3, Policy 3.2 Housing, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 Housing, Goal 2, Policy 2.2
Conditional Use Permit 348 All American Jui Jitsu 2,700 sf Martial Arts Studio At 5031 La Palma Ave.	PC-Approved 6/15/10	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 2, Policy 2.4
Conditional Use Permit 347 Large Child Day Care Establishing 9-14 Children day care at 5001 Cartagena Circle	PC-Approved 5/4/10	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 2, Policy 2.4

Table 2 Development & Capital Improvement Activity 2009-10		
Activity	**Action Taken**	**General Plan Implementation**
Code Amendment Water Efficient Landscape City of La Palma Compliance with Assembly Bill 1881	CC-Approved 4/6/10	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2
Comprehensive Master Plan for Parks and Recreation City of La Palma Approval of the Comprehensive Master Plan For Parks and Recreation	CC-Approved 6/16/09	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 2, Policy 2.2 City Structure, Goal 7, Policy 7.2 City Structure, Goal 7, Policy 7.3
Underground Utility District (UUD 08-01) City of La Palma Approval of Utility Undergrounding on Walker Street	CC-Approved 6/16/09	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 3, Policy 3.3 City Structure, Goal 5, Policy 5.1 City Structure, Goal 6, Policy 6.2
Curb, Gutter, & Sidewalk Master Plan City of La Palma Eliminate hazards and standing water, improve level of service, ensure ADA compliance	CC-Approved 1/5/10	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 3, Policy 3.3 City Structure, Goal 6, Policy 6.2
Sidewalk Improvement Project ST- 305 City of La Palma Northwest Corner of Valley View and Orangethorpe	CC-Approved 5/18/10	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 3, Policy 3.3 City Structure, Goal 6, Policy 6.2
Residential Street Name Sign Project City of La Palma Improve level of service, ensure visibility compliance	CC-Approved 3/2/10	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 3, Policy 3.3 City Structure, Goal 6, Policy 6.2
Block Wall Enhancement Project City of La Palma City-wide Arterial Block Wall Beautification Project	CC-Approved 12/1/09	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 3, Policy 3.3 Housing, Goal 2, Policy 2.2

Table 2 Development & Capital Improvement Activity 2009-10		
Activity	**Action Taken**	**General Plan Implementation**
Tree Rebate Program City of La Palma City-wide tree planting grant program sponsored by SCE	CC-Approved 9/15/09	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 2, Policy 2.2 City Structure, Goal 3, Policy 3.3 Housing, Goal 2, Policy 2.2
Neighborhood Grant Program City of La Palma City-wide neighborhood empowerment program	CC-Approved 6/15/10	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 2, Policy 2.3
Purchase of 5410-14 La Palma Ave. Community Development Commission Purchase of 3,000sf commercial building to foster future redevelopment of the Walker Center	CDC-Approved 11/17/09	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 4, Policy 4.3
The Hub Activity Center City of La Palma Senior and Youth Drop-in Center at 5414 La Palma Ave.	CC/CDC-Approved 3/2/10	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 2, Policy 2.2 City Structure, Goal 7, Policy 7.2
Interim Urgency Ordinance Prohibiting Certain Uses in the NC District City of La Palma Land Use Action to prevent Urban Decay	CC-Approved 11/17/09	City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.1 City Structure, Goal 1, Policy 1.2 City Structure, Goal 2, Policy 2.2 City Structure, Goal 3, Policy 3.2 City Structure, Goal 4, Policy 4.3, 4.4, & 4.5

The Land Use/Zoning Map

The Land Use Plan/Zoning Map is a combined map that serves as the Land Use Plan for the General Plan and the Zoning Map for the City's Development Code. The land use designations and density/intensity standards are consistent between the two documents. All proposed projects must conform to the land use designation shown on the General Plan/Zoning Map or must go through a General Plan Amendment process. Likewise, a Development Code Amendment must be applied for if a proposed project is inconsistent with the General Plan/Zoning Map. To expedite the development process, these amendments may be handled concurrently.

Circulation Plan

The purpose of the circulation component of the General Plan is to provide for a safe and efficient transportation system for existing and proposed uses within La Palma. This section addresses the street and highway network, railroads, transit services, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the community, in accordance with State Planning Law. The Circulation Plan and supporting goals, policies, and implementation actions are consistent with the land use provisions and standards within the General Plan.

Arterial Highways

The arterial highway system in La Palma is consistent with the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH). The City has adopted the MPAH, which identifies major arterial, primary arterial, and secondary arterial highway standards.

Truck Routes

Truck routes through the City have been designated for two arterial highways – Orangethorpe Avenue and Valley View Street. Trucks may use these highways when traveling through the City to access the freeway or adjacent cities. Limiting truck routes to these highways enables the City to maintain acceptable levels of service throughout the City and limits the damage and wear to street surfaces.

Walkways and Bikeways

Pedestrians have a comprehensive system of sidewalks along both sides of the arterial highways within the City as well as collector and local roads within residential areas. The sidewalk system is extensively used to access recreation areas, schools, and commercial goods and services. The Centerpointe complex, which is a large mixed-use business and commercial development, has a well-landscaped meandering sidewalk system that encourages walking in-lieu of driving between buildings. Regular maintenance of the sidewalk system, particularly in areas with mature landscaping, is required to ensure public safety.

La Palma also has a Class II system of designated, on-road bicycle trails along La Palma Avenue, Moody Street, Walker Street, and Crescent Avenue. The bicycle lanes consist of a striped, on-road lane that extends five feet from the curb. In addition, there is a Class I County of Los Angeles Bicycle trail that follows the Coyote Creek Flood Control Channel. This is an off-road, paved trail that connects to the City's local bikeway system at La Palma Avenue.

Transit Services

Buses ease demand for autos and reduce overall traffic, noise, and pollution levels in the City. The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) provides bus service within La Palma. There are no bus terminals or multimodal transportation facilities within the City.

Railroads

There are no active railway lines in La Palma except for minor siding serving industrial uses in the northerly portion of the City. However, the abandoned Pacific Electric Corridor (PEC) rail right-of-way establishes most of the southern boundary line of the City. A small portion of the railroad line is within La Palma. This line was taken out of service in the 1950's and is currently owned by the Orange County Transportation Authority. The City completed the development of a plan to accommodate green space at Crescent Avenue west of Moody Street near the City boundary.

La Palma's Public Works Department has a variety of programs to support a safe and efficient circulation system. The programs include the maintenance of residential and arterial streets, streetscapes, medians, and traffic signals. The City has adopted Traffic Demand Management measures to reduce traffic on arterial streets. None of the intersections in La Palma are at a level of service of "D" or below.

Open Space/Recreation Plan

This component of the General Plan focuses on the conservation and management of La Palma's open-space resources. As recognized in State Law, open space serves a multitude of functions including: the preservation of natural resources; the managed production of resources such as agriculture; outdoor recreation; and the protection of public health and safety. In La Palma, there are no undeveloped natural resources such as rivers or natural habitat areas for active plants and wildlife. Although La Palma was once devoted almost exclusively to dairy farms, there are no farms or agricultural lands today. The open space that remains serves the critical need for recreation and scenic enjoyment within this fully developed, suburbanized community.

Park and Recreation Facilities

La Palma has 37 acres, or three percent of the City, devoted to parkland. Central Park is the largest park within the City (7.5 acres) and is located across from City Hall. Although not large enough to be considered a true "Community Park," it is a Neighborhood Park that serves many Community Park functions. The park is the center for events and ongoing recreational and cultural activities for residents of all ages and is particularly important as "the" place for after-school recreation.

Adjoining Central Park is a portion of the Edison International Transmission right-of-way that has been improved as an open space/recreation corridor. The 75-foot wide corridor provides a well-used pedestrian connection from adjacent residential areas to schools, City services, recreation centers at Central Park, the library, and to other neighborhoods. Within a segment of the easement is a developed 1.5-acre Mini-Park called El Rancho Verde Park.

The City also has two Mini-Parks, which are areas tucked away in neighborhoods in the southwest sector of the community. The City has a good relationship with the school districts that permit after-school use of the fields and recreation facilities at the five school sites in the City. The playground areas and fields at the schools total approximately 54 acres. Due to

the partial availability of school recreation facilities to the general public, such facilities are considered adjuncts to the Citywide park system. The City will continue to preserve these spaces and look for opportunities to add open space and recreation through joint-use agreements with the School Districts.

It should also be noted that within the City boundaries are two small parks that are maintained by the City of Cerritos. Rainbow Park and Bettencourt Park comprise a total of 3.6 acres and are located at the intersection of the Riverside/Artesia Freeway (SR91) and the Coyote Creek Channel, on the west. There is no direct access to these parks from the City of La Palma. They are adjacent to a neighborhood in Cerritos and serve primarily Cerritos residents. Although the parks are designated within the La Palma General Plan as Open space/Recreation, they are not considered a part of La Palma's usable parkland.

The City of La Palma has a fully staffed Recreation Department that maintains a high quality park and recreation system that meets the needs of the diverse population of La Palma. The Recreation Department annually reviews its programs to evaluate if they are meeting the needs of the community. During the reporting year, the Community Services Department has utilized their recently installed electronic reader board to disseminate public education and information about Department-sponsored events such as, Pee Wee sports leagues, a youth Fit N' Fun program, the July 4th celebration and 5/10 K Run/walk, the annual La Palma Days event, Halloween carnival, Memorial Day, and Holiday tree lighting.

Community Safety

This chapter includes the State requirements for the Safety Element. Each city is obliged to respond to the topics identified by State Law to the extent a topic is relevant to that city.

Fire Hazard

The City of La Palma is a member of the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA). OCFA is an all-risk emergency service agency that provides fire suppression, emergency medical, hazardous materials, and rescue services. In addition, the OCFA provides a wide variety of other services such as public education, disaster planning and coordination, fire prevention inspections, building plan review, hazardous materials disclosure program management, fire investigation, emergency dispatch and communications, and media relations. Approximately 80 percent of OCFA responses are paramedic calls.

While there have been no major modifications to the fire prevention program in the past fiscal year, the City continues to provide the highest levels of protection to the community and will strive to maintain its rapid response times and professional service levels.

Police Services

The City of La Palma maintains its own Police Department. The La Palma Police Department is a full-service police agency with 24 full-time sworn officers and 12 non-sworn full and part-time employees providing general law enforcement, patrol, traffic enforcement, community-oriented policing programs, school drug and alcohol abuse prevention instruction, investigation, 24-hour front counter operation, and a full 9-1-1 Dispatch and Records Bureau.

The Police Department also has an Administrative Support Bureau responsible for Community Policing and City Emergency Services coordination. This team is responsible for the coordination of all City disaster response planning and training. During an emergency, the Police Department is primarily responsible for communication, alerting and warning, law enforcement, and traffic management (including evacuation).

Flood Hazard

No portion of the City is located in a designated flood plain; however, the City could be subject to flooding caused by heavy rainfall. The San Gabriel River (Coyote Creek) and Moody Creek are two drainage channels that run through the City of La Palma. These drainage channels are fully improved for flood control purposes.

The City has adopted a floodplain management Ordinance. The purpose of the Ordinance is to promote public health, safety, and general welfare and minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas. The City continues to monitor the quality of the flood control channels and is positioned to respond to emergencies, should they arise.

Geologic/Seismic Hazards

The City of La Palma is located in the Los Angeles Basin, which is underlain by a sequence of alluvial deposits consisting of marine and non-marine sand and silt. This area is characterized by considerable seismic activity. The Alqueist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act requires the State Geologist to establish regulatory zones around the surface traces of active earthquake faults. No Earthquake Hazard Zones identified by the State are in the City of La Palma and, therefore, no special regulations for building development are required.

While there are no designated Earthquake Hazard Zones in La Palma, the City requires that all new developments adhere to the Uniform Building Code seismic design standards and State of California seismic building standards. In addition, whenever there is a change of occupancy in the General Industrial District, the Building and Safety Division of the Community Development Department requires the upgrading all pre-1973 tilt-up concrete structures to meet current seismic safety standards. During the entitlement process, any potential geological and seismic hazards are revealed as part of the environmental review process, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Any potential impacts must be mitigated to a level of less than significant and incorporated into the development.

Hazardous Waste

A material is considered hazardous when it exhibits corrosive, poisonous, flammable, and/or reactive properties and has the potential to harm human health and the environment. Hazardous materials are utilized by a number of businesses in La Palma. In addition, a number of common household products contain hazardous materials.

The City works with the County of Orange to provide Hazardous Materials education and response through its Hazmat Response Team. In addition, the City supports the County's Integrated Waste Management programs that monitor facilities that use, store, or handle

hazardous materials. Finally, the City continues to publish articles in The *Mosaic* newsletter to educate the community on the dangers of hazardous materials and water pollution.

Emergency Preparedness

In January 2005, the City of La Palma adopted, by Resolution, an updated Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan (MHEP). The Plan identifies procedures to provide for the effective mobilization of all City resources, public and private, in response to emergency situations. These situations include fire and rescue operations, medical and public health emergencies, natural disasters, technological incidents, wars, and nuclear defense operations. The MHEP also outlines evacuation procedures and identifies the sources of outside support that may be provided through mutual aid agreements and specific statutory authority by other jurisdictions, state and federal agencies, and the private sector.

The City's Emergency Services Coordinator, under the direction of the Director of Emergency Services, maintains necessary equipment, supplies, and training of all City employees to respond to any and all disasters utilizing the Standardized Emergency Management Systems methodology incorporating the ICS (Incident Command System) as required by State Law. In addition, the Emergency Services Coordinator attends operational area monthly meetings and training to ensure communication and continuity between the municipalities in the operational area. During this General Plan Annual Report period, the City has provided staff members with numerous emergency response-training sessions. In addition, the City transitioned to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) procedures and training, and all employees have been trained.

Water Quality

The City enacted the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) on June 30, 2003, to comply with the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Fourth Term Permits that were mandated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The purpose of the LIP is to describe activities implemented by the City to meet the requirements of the Fourth Term Permit and to make meaningful improvements to water quality. The Drainage Area Management Plan (DAMP) was utilized for developing the LIP and serves as a guidance document for the City's NPDES storm water program.

The City is required to minimize impacts on receiving water quality to the maximum extent practicable. The permit issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board requires, at a minimum, that the City review its General Plan and update it, if necessary, to ensure watershed and storm water management are considered. After reviewing the General Plan, the City approved a General Plan Amendment in December 2004, which added a new water quality section along with specific goals and policies to ensure that the General Plan adheres to NPDES requirements. Also, specific pollution prevention policies that are mandated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board in the LIP were included. The additional Water Quality section was created to ensure that the City would implement its water quality program.

The Water Quality section includes specific goals and policies that will: minimize changes in hydrology and pollutant loading; require incorporation of control, including structural and non-structural BMPs (Best Management Practices), to mitigate the projected increases in

pollutant loads and flows; ensure that post-development runoff rates and velocities from a site have no significant adverse impact on downstream erosion and stream habitat; minimize the quantity of storm water directed to impermeable surfaces; and maximize the percentage of permeable surfaces to allow more percolation of storm water into the ground. Every significant development project requires a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) in the City. During this reporting year, the City reviewed and approved one Water Quality Management Plan for a priority site.

Noise Element

The City of La Palma is fortunate in that there are relatively few fixed sources of noise and there is excellent separation of sensitive uses from them. The SR-91 Freeway separates the City's industrial area from residential neighborhoods. Although the freeway itself is a source of noise, its elevated profile through the City and buffering by commercial uses from most residences mitigate its impacts. Arterial highways generate noise as well, but the estimated increase in traffic from in-fill development of the City will have negligible increase in noise from that source. Consequently, the long-term noise environment is not expected to change enough to be noticeable.

As part of the entitlement and environmental review process, if the City feels that a project might have noise impacts, the City will recommend that a noise study be conducted and all building permits are issued subject to State Noise Standards compliance. The City established noise standards that have made property owners, business operators, and tenants responsible for the attenuation and mitigation of noise.

Housing Plan

The Housing Plan identifies specific actions that will be taken to implement the goals and policies of the Housing Element. Pursuant to State Law, the Plan accomplishes the following:

- Provides adequate sites to achieve a variety and diversity of housing
- Facilitates the development of affordable housing
- Improves the existing affordable housing stock
- Promotes equal housing opportunity

In 2010, the City adopted a revised Housing Element that met all the statutory requirements of the State planning law and was certified last year by the State Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Housing Policy Development. In order to implement its housing goals and policies, various City and County-sponsored housing programs are Ongoing efforts. Table 3 on the following page highlights the housing programs identified in the updated General Plan Housing Element.

Table 3 Housing Programs & Action Plan			
Program	**Description**	**General Plan Annual Objectives**	**Activity during the Reporting Year**
1. Section 8 Rental Assistance	This program provides rental assistance to low income families and elderly and disabled persons who spend more than 30 percent of their monthly income on rent. Section 8 rental assistance is available in existing housing certificate programs and existing housing voucher programs.	Support efforts to increase the amount of funding allocated to HUD programs. Provide referrals to apartment complex owners for information on the various Section 8 programs.	City has no control over numbers or locations of vouchers; however, the City supports efforts of the Housing Authority.
2. Funding for Preservation and Rehabilitation of Affordable Housing	Through the Community Development Block Grant program, HUD provides funds to local government for a range of community development activities that benefit lower income households. The Orange County Housing/Community Development Program office is responsible for distributing CDBG funds to the smaller cities in Orange County.	Apply for and utilize CDBG and HOME funds to preserve and rehabilitate 5 affordable housing units.	The City continues its agreement with the Orange County Housing Authority for CDBG and Home Fund programs.

Table 3 Housing Programs & Action Plan			
Program	**Description**	**General Plan Annual Objectives**	**Activity during the Reporting Year**
3. Mortgage Assistance & Credit Certification (MCC) Programs	Under the Mortgage Credit Certification Program, first-time homebuyers receive a tax credit based on a percentage of the interest paid on their mortgage. This tax credit allows the buyer to qualify more easily for home loans as it increases the effective income of the buyer.	Assist 6 first-time homebuyers by providing tax credits.	Two residents have received assistance since 1993. Information about MCC Program has been added to the City's website. MCC is a Federal Income Tax Credit Program administered by the County of Orange.
4. Reverse Mortgage Program	This program targets elderly homeowners that are cash poor but have built up substantial equity in their homes. Homeowners can draw needed income from the accumulated equity in their home through a reverse mortgage. Responsibilities include: providing counseling to seniors interested in applying; working with private lending institutions, and working with seniors to complete applications. The City will publicize the availability of the reverse mortgage program on its web site and will refer eligible senior homeowners to the Orange County Housing Authority to obtain counseling.	Refer all eligible parties who contact the City with an interest in this program to the Orange County Housing Authority.	Information about Reverse Mortgages has been added to the City's website during the reporting period.

Table 3 Housing Programs & Action Plan			
Program	**Description**	**General Plan Annual Objectives**	**Activity during the Reporting Year**
5. Section 202 Elderly or Handicapped Housing	Under this federally administered program, direct loans are made to eligible, private non-profit sponsors to finance the development of rental or cooperative housing facilities for occupancy by elderly or handicapped persons. Section 8 funds are made available for all of the Section 202 units for the elderly. Rental assistance for handicapped persons has also recently been made available for 100 percent of the units.	Support all viable nonprofit entities seeking Section 202 funding.	Information about Section 202 Elderly or Handicap Housing has been added to the City's website during the reporting period Ongoing-referrals as needed.
6. Preserve Moderate-Income Townhomes	The Montecito Village Townhomes that have not been resold or refinanced became eligible for conversion to market rate starting in 2006. Because the City has the right of first refusal to purchase units as they come up for sale in the project, the City, through the redevelopment agency's Housing Set-Aside funds, will continue to consider the purchase of these units as they become available, then resell them as moderate income housing units, and extend their term of affordability for an additional 45-year period.	Utilize "right-of-first refusal" options to purchase moderate Income housing units and extend their term of affordability. Preserve 25 remaining units of moderate income housing.	The CDC updated its Implementation Plan in April 2010, which includes specific programs for affordable housing.
7. Preserve Moderate-Income Single Family Housing	The 16 Kathy Drive single-family homes have been at risk of conversion to market rate since 2005. The City will monitor the units at-risk and work with their owners and with non-profit agencies to prevent them from reverting to market rate.	Work with owners and interested non-profit agencies to prevent 7 units of moderate-income housing from reverting to market rate.	No first right of refusals were exercised during the reporting period.

Table 3 Housing Programs & Action Plan			
Program	**Description**	**General Plan Annual Objectives**	**Activity during the Reporting Year**
8. Residential Code Enforcement Relief Program	The City's Residential Code Enforcement Relief Program is designed to provide assistance to lower income La Palma homeowners who are charged with a Code Enforcement violation but cannot afford to make the necessary repairs. The Program provides a grant of up to $10,000 to allow low-income homeowners to bring their homes up to the City's minimum standards.	Support lower income homeowners to comply with the City's minimum standards for property maintenance.	Application and guidance forms have been updated and made available online on the City's website.
9. Home Spotlight Award Program	The majority of housing stock in the City was in place by the late-1970. The stock is aging, but of high quality, and is a source of pride in the community. In order to ensure the continued maintenance of the City's housing stock, the Spotlight on La Palma program will recognize a "Spotlight Home of the Month" as an incentive for home maintenance and upkeep. Awards will be made to occupants demonstrating home maintenance values the City wishes to promote in areas such as exterior upkeep of the property and landscaping.	Continue the Spotlight on La Palma program rewarding high standards of property maintenance.	The Community Activities and Beautification Committee recognize the "Spotlight Home of the Quarter" in The *Mosaic* Newsletter, the La Palma community newsletter.

Table 3 Housing Programs & Action Plan			
Program	**Description**	**General Plan Annual Objectives**	**Activity during the Reporting Year**
10. Emergency and Transitional Housing Sites	Emergency shelters provide a short-term solution to homelessness and involve limited supplemental services. Transitional shelters, in contrast, are directed at removing the basis for homelessness. Shelter is provided for an extended period of time, and is combined with other social services and counseling to assist in the transition to self-sufficiency. Though no resident homeless population exists in La Palma, the City must designate sites wherein emergency and transitional housing could be provided. Potential emergency shelter locations are the La Palma Christian Center, the United Methodist Church, and the Los Cerritos Valley Baptist Church. Potential transitional housing locations would be at the Nova La Palma Apartments.	Comply with SB 2 within one year of Housing Element adoption through an amendment to the Development Code to permit permanent emergency housing by right in the public and institutional zone with appropriate development standards,	The Zoning Code Update included provisions for transitional and emergency shelters. The City has added information about Emergency and Transitional Housing Sites on its website during the reporting year.
11. Density Bonus Ordinance	The City of La Palma will revise the density bonus provisions of its Affordable Housing Regulations (Chapter 26, Sections 26-59 to 26-64 of the Municipal Code) to conform to California *Government Code* §69915. Current law (SB 1818) allows a density bonus of up to 35% for qualifying projects as well as reduced off-street Parking.	Encourage the development of affordable housing in the City by updating the Affordable Housing Regulations to ensure that density bonus provisions are consistent with State Law.	Ongoing municipal code update.

Table 3 Housing Programs & Action Plan			
Program	**Description**	**General Plan Annual Objectives**	**Activity during the Reporting Year**
12. Revise Residential Land Use Designations and Controls	The regulations for manufactured housing will be amended to reflect current State Law, which specifies that manufactured housing shall be subject to the same standards as traditional housing.	Update the City's Development Code to reflect current State Law regarding manufactured housing.	Ongoing municipal code update.
13. Equal Housing Opportunity	The Fair Housing Program of Orange County provides a range of fair housing services, including housing discrimination response, landlord-tenant relations, housing information and counseling, and community education programs.	Support the activities of the Fair Housing Council by publicizing its referral service to local residents using the City's web site to post information obtained from the California Department of Fair Employment and Fair Housing.	The City has added program information to its website during the reporting year.
14. Senate Bill 520-Persons with Disabilities	The City will analyze whether there are constraints on the development, maintenance, and improvement of housing intended for persons with disabilities, consistent with Senate Bill 520 enacted January 1, 2002.	Comply with SB 520 of 2001.	2010 California Building Codes adopted.
15. Adequate Sites Implementation Program	The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation to the City for very-low-, low-, moderate-, and above moderate-income units in the 2008-14 planning period is follows: 4 units very-low; 3 units low; 3 units moderate; and, 6 units above moderate.	Accommodate the RHNA for each income category during the 2008-14 planning period.	Resources allocated to the adoption of the City's Housing Element during the reporting period.

RHNA Requirements

The City's quantified objectives for new construction, rehabilitation and conservation are presented in Table on the following page.

	Income Category					
	Ex. low	Very low	Low	Moderate	Above Mod	Total
New Construction	2	2	3	3	6	16
Rehabilitation		5				5
Conservation				62		62

*Quantified objective for new construction is for the period 1/1/2006 – 6/30/2014

3. Implementation of Goals and Policies

To better assess the progress toward full implementation, the attached Appendix provides a detailed look at all the goals and policies established in each Element of the General Plan and the various efforts the City has made to achieve successful implementation. Each goal and policy's status are categorized as either "Implemented," "Abandoned," "Started," "Ongoing," "Completed," or "Not Yet implemented." Comments regarding policy status are also provided to augment the assessment of the City's policy implementation.

This is the 11th year since the last comprehensive update of the General Plan. Given the maturity of the Plan there are no policies which have been "Not Yet Implemented." Most of the General Plan policies are ongoing. Despite a depressed economy and shrinking revenues the City has been able to maintain stable staffing levels that continue active efforts to incorporate the policies into everyday municipal activities.

APPENDIX

CURRENT STATUS OF THE GOALS AND POLICIES PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL PLAN 2009/2010

THE CITY STRUCTURE GOALS AND POLICIES	STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION
Quality of Life		
GOAL 1: Maintain a quality of life characterized by family orientation, pride of property maintenance, personal and property security, and individual opportunity.		
Policy 1.1: The General Plan shall consistently be referenced in recommending and making land use and development decisions.	Ongoing	The General Plan is referenced in Staff Reports and Resolutions, as appropriate.
Policy 1.2: Proposals for community improvement should consider both the long and short range benefits, as well as multiple areas of benefit in achieving consistency with the General Plan.	Ongoing	Planning Commission and City Council Staff Reports consider both the long range and short range benefits of projects for community improvement.
City Identity		
GOAL 2: Promote a true small town atmosphere that is recognized as a prospering, contemporary, living environment because that is what truly exists.		
Policy 2.1: The City should be clearly and consistently identified in a variety of places throughout La Palma and on all official documents.	Ongoing	The City of La Palma continues to insure a consistent theme is included on all official documents with the use of the "City logo and Colors". The City has identification monuments signs for specific City entrances.
Policy 2.2: The City should foster its small town character throughout its community improvements, City sponsored activities, and communications with its citizens.	Ongoing	The City continues to develop and celebrate a variety of multicultural programs and civic heritage. All activities are listed in the Quarterly City newsletter. The Police Department and its individual members actively participate with various local civic clubs, volunteer organizations, schools, churches, and the business community by attending regular meetings, providing training, and responding to specific needs or concerns. The City Police Department personnel regularly meet with Federal and local law enforcement groups and subscribe to various law enforcement specific internet

		groups to share and distribute information regarding Homeland Security, current legislation, risk management, personnel issues and leadership development. The Police Department hosted a National Night Out against crime event in conjunction with the City Concerts in the Park series. The Police Department implemented a Neighborhood Visit program where each month they take the mobile command center to a different neighborhood and set up displays and answer questions for residents. The City continuously involves the community by conducting the APWA Open House, which is open to the public and conducting community meetings for items such as the Water Rate Study and Water Conservation. The Administration Department conducts a Civic Expo in conjunction with the Concerts in the Park to educate residents on the services available to them.
Policy 2.3: The City should maintain its numerous traditions and allow the evolution of others.	Ongoing	The Recreation and Community Services Department continues to develop and implement a variety of traditional programs such as La Palma Days, 4th of July, and programs developed by the Community Activities & Beautification Committee.
Policy 2.4: Promote the continuation of businesses that serve the community well.	Ongoing	The Community Development Department was created to address business needs. Activities included permit streamlining efforts and business attraction and retention programs. The Community Development Director serves as a liaison to the business community. Efforts are coordinated with the Chamber of Commerce and local real estate agent community. The City has continued "the Community Development Corner" in the Chamber of Commerce Newsletter to provide information to businesses on business development, training, and marketing.
Quality of the Built Environment		
GOAL 3: Ensure the Quality of maintenance of public and private development, irrespective of its value on the marketplace.		

Policy 3.1: Education regarding the Code Enforcement Policy shall be undertaken and violations pursued in a firm, but fair manner to enable property owners to improve their properties without undue hardship.	Ongoing	The City distributes *The Mosaic* quarterly newsletter to all residents that includes regular articles relating to Code Enforcement. New residents are given a "Welcome" Package to provide information on City services and standards. Extensive notice (letters) is provided for noted Code violations to ensure all have had an opportunity to be informed prior to seeking legal recourses. The City has implemented a civil citation process to address more severe cases and repeat offenders.
Policy 3.2: Zoning standards shall be established which emphasize guidance for improvement of individual properties on an incremental basis.	Ongoing	The City worked on an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Code to address targeted corner properties.
Policy 3.3: Streetscapes along arterial highways shall be maintained and improved to contribute to the quality of the built environment, with particular emphasis on paving, sidewalks, landscaping, and walls. Overhead utilities may be placed underground at various locations as funding permits.	Completed	Medians on La Palma Avenue have been constructed and landscaping has been added to block walls facing arterial streets. The undergrounding of overhead utilities on Walker Street (Marview to Houston) is currently in the design phase.
Policy 3.4: Programs shall be maintained which bring positive recognition to property owners/occupants who do an exceptional job of maintaining and enhancing their properties.	Ongoing	The Spotlight on La Palma program chooses a "Spotlight Home of the Quarter" and recognizes the household in *The Mosaic*.
Land Uses		
GOAL 4: Continue to encourage and facilitate a mix and diversity of land uses that generally maintain the current balance and pattern of uses.		
Policy 4.1: The General Plan Land Use Map shall also be used for zoning purposes, to maintain consistency.	Ongoing	The Land Use Map has been used as the zoning code, however only certain changes have been made by ordinance. The City has proposed to make all the changes by ordinance in the near future.
Policy 4.2: Density and intensity standards shall be observed in order to assure consistency between land use potential and traffic capacities of the arterial street system and other public facilities and services.	Ongoing	Density and intensity standards are always observed as part of the planning and development process. Traffic impacts are reviewed by the City Engineer and Traffic Safety Committee.
Policy 4.3: Prohibit land uses that are not compatible with residential development south of Route 91 and locate them, instead, to the north side of Route 91.	Ongoing	Areas zoned industrial are only found above the 91 Freeway, which provides separation from residential uses, and General Industrial zone changes are not encouraged in the City.

Policy 4.4: Allow land uses that contribute to the City's economic development so long as they do not impinge upon residential neighborhoods.	Ongoing	The City has established the Community Development Department to address economic development matters and ensure economic development does not impinge upon residential areas.
Policy 4.5: Promote the continuation of businesses that serve the community well.	Ongoing	The Community Development Department addresses business needs. Activities include permit streamlining efforts and business attraction and retention programs. The Community Development Director serves as a liaison to the business community. Efforts are coordinated with the Chamber of Commerce and local real estate agents.
Intergovernmental Cooperation		
GOAL 5: Continue to foster cooperative arrangements with other local governments that enhance and enable cost effective public services and facilities.		
Policy 5.1: Support joint powers agreements, memorandums of understanding, and other formal and informal arrangements with other local governmental agencies where such agreements generate mutual benefits.	Ongoing	The City continues to work with local governments that border La Palma on public safety, recreation, and public works projects. The City participates in joint working relationships that provide cost efficient and effective service delivery (e.g., street light maintenance and teen after-school programs).
Transportation Safety and Efficiency		
GOAL 6: Support a safe and efficient circulation system within La Palma.		
Policy 6.1: Maintain a Level of Service "D" or better at all intersections under the sole control of the City, during peak hours.	Ongoing	None of the intersections in La Palma are a level of service "D" or below.
Policy 6.2: Maintain roadway surfaces, traffic signals, street signage, sidewalks, parkways, and medians in safe conditions.	Started	The Public Works department has a slurry seal program for street maintenance, and is in the process of installing light emitting diodes to traffic signals and has regularly scheduled maintenance of the landscaping in the medians.

Policy 6.3: Enforce speed limits throughout the City.	Implemented	All police officers enforce speed laws during their patrol shifts. The City has a motorcycle traffic officer that enforces the speed limits. The Police Department implemented and administered Project Safe Streets, a program aimed at traffic calming, driver education, and speed reduction. The City installed two active speed signs on a major arterial in an effort to reduce the speed of traffic in front of an elementary school.
Policy 6.4: Require that development of new private driveways does not introduce significant traffic conflicts along major streets and residential collector roads.	Ongoing	If the City feels that a private project might have an impact on traffic circulation, the City will require a traffic study reviewed by staff and the Traffic Safety Committee. Based on the study, certain mitigation measures could be implemented.
Quality Parks and Recreation Facilities		
GOAL 7: Continue to maintain a high quality park and recreation system that meets the various recreational needs of residents.		
Policy 7.1: Improve existing parkland and recreation facilities, as the City budget permits.	Ongoing	The Recreation and Community Services Department offers a variety of programs and services in their recreation facilities and open space areas.
Policy 7.2: Provide new recreation facilities (for either passive or active use) as the City budget permits.	Ongoing	The City is always looking to enhance the use of the recreation facilities. The City recently completed the $3.6 million rehabilitation project of the Community Center Facility.
Policy 7.3: Coordinate with other governmental entities to improve open-space resources on school grounds.	Ongoing	The Recreation and Community Services Department continues to work with School Districts in providing recreation programs and use of school grounds.

COMMUNITY SAFETY ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES	STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION
Fire Hazard		
GOAL 1: Maintain fire services that offer maximum feasible protection from loss of life and property.		
Policy 1.1: Support the maintenance of well equipped Fire services providing a high level of service and quick response times.	Ongoing	The Orange County Fire Authority emphasizes maintaining high quality fire services for cities within their jurisdiction. The Orange County Fire Authority continually monitors response times to ensure that they area adequate.
Policy 1.2: Continue to maintain adequate fire flow throughout the City and provide adequate water storage to meet peak fire demand.	Ongoing	The City has two water tanks (the Walker Well and the City Yard) that meet peak and normal demand for water. The Orange County Fire Authority inspectors check the design of a water system for a new development to ensure adequate flow exists.
Police Protection Services		
GOAL 2: Continue to support high quality police protection services.		
Policy 2.1: Maintain a well-equipped, high quality local Police Department.	Ongoing	The Police Department has created a vehicle maintenance and replacement matrix for all City owned vehicles. They have also created a replacement matrix for other safety equipment. The Police Department works with other County law enforcement agencies on technology advances to ensure a well equipped force. The City Police Department is actively involved in securing Federal and State grants to offset or fully fund the costs associated with the implementation of law enforcement programs, equipment and materials. The City Police Department complies with Federal, State, City department mandates and requirements to recruit and train both sworn and non-sworn personnel. The same standards are met to discipline and terminate employees who fail to meet department and professional requirements.

Policy 2.2: Support cooperative programs between the Police Department and local organizations.	Ongoing	The Police Department and its individual members actively participate with various local civic clubs, volunteer organizations, schools, churches, and the business community by attending regular meetings, providing training, and responding to specific needs or concerns. The Police Department personnel regularly meet with Federal and local law enforcement groups and subscribe to various law enforcement specific internet groups to share and distribute information regarding Homeland Security, current legislation, risk management, personnel issues, and leadership development.
Flood Hazard		
GOAL 3: Strive to provide protection for life and property from flood hazards.		
Policy 3.1: Support the safe operation of regional flood control efforts.	Ongoing	The City has adopted a floodplain management Ordinance as suggested by the State of California, Department of Water Resources.
Policy 3.2: Support the efficient operation of local drainage facilities.	Ongoing	The City's Public Works Department maintains all storm drains and sewers and is complying with the requirements of NPDES. New development and redevelopment projects are reviewed for runoff mitigation measures.
Geologic/Seismic Hazards		
GOAL 4: Build a community with maximum feasible protection from seismic and geologic hazards.		
Policy 4.1: Comply with all applicable requirements of the Seismic Hazards Mapping Act (Public Resources Code Division 2, Chapter 7.8).	Ongoing	Building permits for new development are approved subject to the Seismic Hazards Mapping Act requirements. Industrial Buildings constructed prior to 1973 are required to be seismically retrofitted to modern standards upon change of use or occupancy.
Policy 4.2: Require all new development to comply with the most recent Uniform Building Code seismic design standards and State of California seismic building standards.	Ongoing	Building permits for new developments are approved subject to the Uniform Building Code Seismic Design standards and State of California Seismic Building Standards.
Policy 4.3: Require mitigation of potential adverse impacts of geologic and seismic hazards at the project level.	Ongoing	The City has implemented a policy requiring older concrete tilt-up buildings to be retrofitted to meet current seismic Building Code criteria upon a change of use or occupancy. Potential geologic and seismic hazards are revealed during the California Environmental Quality Act process. During the process, all impacts shall be mitigated to the level of less than significant.

Policy 4.4: Promote awareness of seismic and geologic hazards within the City.	Ongoing	The City has a brochure at the City Hall counter from the Orange County Fire Department concerning earthquake survival and has the opportunity to publish articles in the City's newsletter to provide additional information.
Hazardous Waste		
GOAL 5: Ensure consistency safe use, storage, and transportation of hazardous materials within the City.		
Policy 5.1: Support the implementation and enforcement of regulations providing for the safe handling of hazardous materials.	Ongoing	The City supplies the residents with the proper referrals to the County's hazardous waste programs.
Policy 5.2: Monitor facilities that use, store, or handle hazardous materials.	Ongoing	The City supports the County's Integrated Waste Management programs that monitor facilities that use, store, or handle hazardous materials.
Policy 5.3: Support State and regional efforts to control nonpoint sources of water pollution.	Ongoing	*The Mosaic*, the City's newsletter, has published articles concerning controlling nonpoint sources of water pollution. Materials are available at City Hall and through links on the City's website.
Emergency Preparedness		
GOAL 6: Strive for minimum loss of life, injury, and property damage in the event of an emergency.		
Policy 6.1: Prepare for the effective mobilization of City resources (both public and private) in the event of an emergency.	Ongoing	The City has adopted an Emergency Response Plan that has been revised to be compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Ongoing training for all full and part-time personnel as required by federal mandates to comply with NIMS has also been established. A monthly Community Newsletter (*The Source*) focused on educating the public on disaster preparedness and issues of Homeland Security as well as the use of the City's website and Mass Emergency Notification system are being utilized to communicate important, critical, and emergency information in a timely and effective manner.
Policy 6.2: Support regional emergency response planning.	Ongoing	The City Police Department actively participates in regional emergency response organizations (Operational Area) and the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAC) and participate in Table Top Exercises, Functional Drills, and the Terrorist Liaison Officers (TLO) program.

Policy 6.3: Enforce speed limits throughout the City.	Ongoing	The City has traffic officers that enforce the speed limits. The Police Department has also implemented and administered "Project Safe Streets," which is a traffic calming, driving education, and speed reducing program. The Police and Public Works Departments installed two active speed signs on major arterials in an effort to reduce the speed of traffic in front of an elementary school.
Noise		
GOAL 7: Continue to foster a quiet living and working environment.		
Policy 7.1: Evaluate noise impacts for development along arterial highways based on the noise levels described in the noise analysis of the General Plan EIR.	Ongoing	If the City feels that a project might have noise impacts, the City will require that a noise study be conducted. Based on the study, certain mitigation measures would be implemented.
Policy 7.2: Enforce State noise insulation standards for proposed projects in high noise environments.	Ongoing	Building permits for new developments are approved subject to the State's Noise Insulation Standards.
Policy 7.3: Enforce the City's Noise Ordinance for those noise sources that are not pre-empted by other agencies.	Ongoing	The City's Code Enforcement Officer, Police Department, and Building Official enforce the Noise Ordinance as appropriate.
Policy 7.4: Require the design of new development projects so that potential noise impacts are kept to a minimum.	Ongoing	If the City feels that a project might have noise impacts, the City will recommend a noise study be conducted. Based on the study, certain mitigation measures would be implemented. In addition, Building Permits for new developments are approved subject to the State's Noise Insulation Standards.
Water Quality		
GOAL 8: Protection and enhancement of local and regional urban creeks, lakes, and beaches.		

Policy 8.1: Support and participate in public outreach programs to educate the public about water pollution and pollution prevention.	Ongoing	The City, as co-permittee, works with the County of Orange and other municipalities to comply with the storm water discharge permit, issued by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. Further, industrial, commercial, and construction sites within the City are inspected for water quality violations on a regular basis at a frequencies mandated by the Regional Water Control Board. The City distributes, a quarterly newsletter, *The Mosaic*. *The Mosaic* includes regular articles relating to storm water, urban runoff, and watershed pollution. Further, the City frequently inserts storm water related educational materials into residents water bills. Additionally, storm water related brochures and posters are available at City Hall.
Policy 8.2: Encourage measures to prevent illicit discharges.	Ongoing	The City implemented a new Water Quality Section in the General Plan to include specific water quality goals and policies. The City reviews development plans for connections to the storm drain system. Industrial and commercial facilities are inspected for water quality violations. The City distributes storm water-related brochures at City Hall and when building permits are issued. Staff proactively patrols the community looking for potential illicit discharges. Discovered illicit discharges are promptly cleaned up by City staff and the responsible party is typically billed for the excessive cost.
Policy 8.3: Encourage project proponents, developers, and contractors to comply with accepted storm water pollution prevention planning practices for development projects.	Ongoing	The City reviews documents for Water Quality Management Plans, Storm water Pollution Prevention Plans, and/or Erosion and Sediment Control Plans to identify the BMPs. The City also conducts routine inspections to ensure compliance with BMPs, proper erosion control methods, and good housekeeping practices.
Policy 8.4: Establish post-construction requirements for maintenance of storm water structural controls to reduce discharges and maximize pollutant removal from runoff.	Ongoing	The City conducts post-construction inspections to verify the implementation of appropriate maintenance measures. The City has also implemented a Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Ordinance requiring applicable food establishments to install grease interceptors to pre-treat effluent before entering the sewer system. All new development and significant redevelopment projects in the City are required to develop a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). The WQMP indicates the routine, structural, and treatment BMPs that will be implemented post-construction to reduce storm water pollution. The WQMP also contains an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan that must be implemented after construction is completed. Compliance with the O&M Plan is

		verified through self certification and inspections.
Policy 8.5: Establish and coordinate good housekeeping procedures for all City Departments to assure that water quality objectives are not threatened by operations conducted by the City.	Ongoing	The City provides training seminars to inform employees of water quality issues and the City's responsibility in maintaining water quality. The City also conducts routine inspections to verify that the maintenance procedures being implemented, are appropriate, and are protective of water quality. The City annually prepares a Water Quality Report, which is transmitted to all residents and businesses. All new development and significant redevelopment projects in the City are required to develop a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). The WQMP indicates the routine, structural, and treatment BMPs that will be implemented post-construction to reduce storm water pollution. The WQMP also contains an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan that must be implemented after construction is completed. Compliance with the WQMP O&M Plan is verified through self certification and inspections.

HOUSING ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES	STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION
GOAL 1: Provide diverse housing opportunities to satisfy the physical, social, and economic needs of the existing and future residents of La Palma, including those with special needs (special needs include large families, single parent households, the disabled, senior citizens, and the homeless).		
Policy 1.1: We will ensure that housing is safe and sanitary with adequate public services to accommodate the needs of City residents.	Ongoing	The Code Enforcement Officer and Building Official perform inspections, as needed, and Planning processes ensure new developments will not overload City services.
Policy 1.2: We will promote the continued maintenance and enhancement of the existing housing stock.	Ongoing	The City's Development Committee oversees residential remodels and ensures the quality of the projects. A proactive Code Enforcement program ensures property maintenance.
Policy 1.3: We will support innovative public, private, and non-profit efforts in the development of affordable housing, particularly for special needs groups.	Ongoing	The City used redevelopment set-aside funds for a 60-unit senior housing project in conjunction with LINC Housing, a private non-profit housing group, and continues to look for similar opportunities.
GOAL: 2 High quality residential development standards shall be maintained to ensure that livable neighborhoods are maintained, as well as, safety and aesthetic value.		
Policy 2.1: We will continue to establish and enforce property maintenance regulations that promote the sound maintenance of property and enhance the livability and appearance of residential areas.	Ongoing	The City's Development Committee oversees residential remodels and ensures the quality of the projects. A proactive Code Enforcement program ensures property maintenance.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES	STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION
GOAL 1: Reduce traffic congestion and ensure that adequate transportation and public facilities are provided for existing and future residents of the City.		
Policy 1.1: Level of Service (LOS) "D" shall be maintained at the arterial highway intersections under sole control of the City.	Ongoing	None of the intersections in La Palma are a level of service "D" or below.
Policy 1.2: All new development shall pay its share of the costs associated with that development.	Ongoing	The City requires development fees be paid for development projects to offset City costs. New developments must provide for adequate services, including additional open space.
Policy 1.3: The City shall establish and maintain a seven-year capital improvement program to sustain LOS "D" on the City's arterial highway system.	Ongoing	None of the intersections in La Palma are a level of service "D" or below. A 7 year CIP is required to receive Measure M funding and the City's annual submittal to OCTA contains a CIP component.
Policy 1.4: The City shall promote traffic reduction strategies through TDM measures.	Ongoing	The City Council adopted a Transportation Demand Management Ordinance as part of the Zoning Code. The City implements this Ordinance during the planning process for new development projects.
GOAL 2: Phase development in a manner consistent with the applicable Comprehensive Phasing Program.		
Policy 2.1: New development shall comply with a development phasing program according to standards specified the League of Cities, Orange County Division.	Ongoing	The Community Development Department focuses on maintaining the consistent, attractive, residential look of the City.
Policy 2.2: The City shall participate in Inter-jurisdictional Planning Forums within the appropriate Growth Management Area (GMA).	Ongoing	The City's Community Development Director is a member of the Planning Directors Association of Orange County, the Orange County Council of Governments, and the Southern California Associate of Governments.

CURRENT STATUS OF **BUILDING AND SAFETY** POLICIES PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL PLAN

GOALS AND POLICIES	STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION
COMMUNITY SAFETY		
Policy 4.1: Comply with all applicable requirements of the Seismic Hazards Mapping Act (Public Resources Code Division 2, Chapter 7.8).	Ongoing	Building permits for new development are approved subject to the Seismic Hazards Mapping Act requirements.
Policy 4.2: Require all new development to comply with the most recent Uniform Building Code seismic design standards and State of California seismic building standards.	Ongoing	Building permits for new developments are approved subject to the Uniform Building Code seismic design standards and State of California seismic building standards.
Policy 4.3: Require mitigation of potential adverse impacts of geologic and seismic hazards at the project level.	Ongoing	CEQA review with mitigation if necessary.
Policy 4.4: Promote awareness of seismic and geologic hazards within the City.	Ongoing	The City has a brochure at the counter from the Orange County Fire Department concerning earthquake survival.
Policy 5.1: Support the implementation and enforcement of regulations providing for the safe handling of hazardous materials.	Ongoing	The City supplies the residents with the proper referrals to the County's hazardous waste programs.
Policy 5.2: Monitor facilities that use, store, or handle hazardous materials.	Ongoing	The City supports the County's Integrated Waste Management programs that monitor facilities that use, store, or handle hazardous materials.
Policy 5.3: Support State and regional efforts to control nonpoint sources of water pollution.	Ongoing	*The Mosaic* has published articles concerning controlling nonpoint sources of water pollution.
GROWTH MANAGEMENT		
Policy 1.2: All new development shall pay its share of the costs associated with that development.	Ongoing	The City requires Development fees for large projects
Policy 8.1: Support and participate in public outreach programs to educate the public about water pollution and pollution prevention.	Ongoing	Public Education materials are disseminated through various City mediums.
Policy 8.2: Encourage measures to prevent illicit discharges.	Ongoing	Public Education materials are disseminated through various City mediums.

Policy 8.3: Encourage project proponents, developers, and contractors to comply with accepted storm water pollution prevention planning practices for development projects.	Ongoing	Water Quality Management Plans and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans are requested of developers and high priority sites
Policy 8.4: Establish post-construction requirements for maintenance of storm water structural controls to reduce discharges and maximize pollutant removal from run-off.	Ongoing	Water quality Management Plans are enforced through bi-annual inspections from Code Enforcement.

CURRENT STATUS OF **CODE ENFORCEMENT POLICIES** PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL PLAN

GOALS AND POLICIES	STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION
CITY STRUCTURE		
Policy 2.2 : The City should foster its small town character throughout its community improvements, City sponsored activities, and communications with its citizens.	Ongoing	The City of La Palma fosters its small town character by offering a strong sense of community, a receptive local government, and by keeping traditions alive, such as the celebration of "La Palma Days" and other civic events that are highly attended by the residents and visitors.
Policy 3.1: Education regarding the Code Enforcement Policy shall be undertaken and violations pursued in a firm, but fair manner to enable property owners to improve their properties without undue hardship.	Ongoing	The City distributes, as part of the quarterly City newsletter, regular articles relating to Code Enforcement, Building and/or Planning. Further, potential violators are traditionally provided with several notices/letters before more punitive enforcement action is initiated. The City has also implemented a Administrative Citation process to address more severe code enforcement cases and repeat offenders.
Policy 3.4: Programs shall be maintained which bring positive recognition to property owners/occupants who do an exceptional job of maintaining and enhancing their properties.	Ongoing	The Spotlight on La Palma program chooses a home every quarter and recognizes the household in the City newsletter.
Policy 5.3: Support State and regional efforts to control nonpoint sources of water pollution.	Ongoing	The City as a co-permittee works with the County of Orange and other municipalities to comply with the storm water discharge permit, issued by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. Further, industrial, commercial, and construction sites within the City are inspected for water quality violations on a regular basis, at a frequency mandated by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Policy 8.1: Support and participate in public outreach programs to educate the public about water pollution and pollution prevention.	Ongoing	The City distributes, as part of the quarterly City newsletter regular articles relating to storm water, urban runoff, and watershed pollution. Further, the City frequently inserts storm water related educational materials into resident's water bills. Additionally, storm water related brochures and posters are available at City Hall.
Policy 8.2: Encourage measures to prevent illicit discharges.	Ongoing	The City distributes storm water related brochures at City Hall and when building permits are issued. Staff proactively patrols the community looking for prior or potential illicit discharges. Discovered illicit discharges are promptly cleaned-up by City staff and the responsible party is traditionally billed for this excessive cost.
Policy 8.4: Establish post-construction requirements for maintenance of storm water structural control to reduce discharges and maximize pollutant removal from runoff.	Ongoing	All new development and significant redevelopment projects in the City are required to develop a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). The WQMP indicates the routine, structural, and treatment BMPs that will be implemented post-construction to reduce storm water pollution. The WQMP also contains an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan that must be implemented after construction is completed. Compliance with the WQMP O&M Plan is verified through self certification and inspections.

CURRENT STATUS OF **FIRE POLICIES** PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL PLAN

GOALS AND POLICIES	STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION
COMMUNITY SAFETY		
Policy 1.1: Support the maintenance of well equipped Fire services providing a high level of service and quick response times.	Ongoing	The Orange County Fire Authority focuses on maintaining high quality fire services for cities within their jurisdiction. The Orange County Fire Authority continually monitors response times to ensure that they are adequate. A new reserve firefighter patrol vehicle was placed in service.
Policy 1.2: Continue to maintain adequate fire flow throughout the City and provide adequate water storage to meet peak fire demand.	Ongoing	The City has two water tanks (the Walker Well and the City Yard) that meet peak and normal demand for water. The Orange County Fire Authority inspectors check the designs for the water systems when new construction comes in
Policy 6.2: Support regional emergency response planning.	Ongoing	The Emergency Services Coordinator attends operational area monthly meetings and training to ensure communication and continuity between munipalities and the operational area.

CURRENT STATUS OF **PUBLIC WORKS** POLICIES PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL PLAN

GOALS AND POLICIES	STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION
CITY STRUCTURE		
Policy 2.1: The City should be clearly and consistently identified in a variety of places throughout La Palma and on all official documents.	Ongoing	The City has identification monuments signs for specific City entrances.
Policy 2.2: The City should foster its small town character throughout its community improvements, City sponsored activities, and communications with its citizens.	Ongoing	The City continuously involves the community by conducting the APWA Open House, which is open to the public and conducting community meetings for items such as the Water Rate Study and Water Conservation.
Policy 3.3: Streetscapes along arterial highways shall be maintained and improved to contribute to the quality of the built environment, with particular emphasis on paving, sidewalks, landscaping, and walls. Overhead utilities may be placed underground at various locations as funding permits.	Completed	Medians on La Palma Avenue have been constructed and landscaping has been added to block walls facing arterial streets. The undergrounding of overhead utilities on Walker Street (Marview to Houston) is currently in the design phase.
Policy 6.1: Maintain a Level of Service "D" or better at all intersections under the sole control of the City, during peak hours.	Ongoing	None of the intersections in La Palma are a level of service "D" or below.
Policy 6.2: Maintain roadway surfaces, traffic signals, street signage, sidewalks, parkways, and medians in safe conditions.	Completed	The Public Works department has a pavement rehabilitation program for street maintenance and has regularly scheduled maintenance of the landscaping in the medians. The City Council recently adopted the Master Plan of Curbs, Gutters, and Sidewalks.
Policy 6.4: Require that development of new private driveways does not introduce significant traffic conflicts along major streets and residential collector roads.	Ongoing	If the City feels that a private project might have an impact on traffic circulation, the City will require a traffic study.
COMMUNITY SAFETY		
Policy 3.1: Support the safe operation of regional flood control efforts.	Completed	The City has adopted a Floodplain Management Ordinance as suggested by the State of California, Department of Water Resources.
Policy 3.2: Support the efficient operation of local drainage facilities.	Ongoing	The City's Public Works Department maintains all storm drains and sewers.

Policy 5.1: Support the implementation and enforcement of regulations providing for the safe handling of hazardous materials.	Ongoing	The City supplies the residents with the proper referrals to the County's hazardous waste programs.
Policy 5.2: Monitor facilities that use, store, or handle hazardous materials.	Ongoing	The City supports the County's Integrated Waste Management programs that monitor facilities that use, store or handle hazardous materials.
Policy 5.3: Support State and regional efforts to control nonpoint sources of water pollution.	Ongoing	*The Mosaic* is used to publish regular articles concerning controlling nonpoint sources of water pollution. Materials are available at City Hall and links on the City's website.
Policy 8.5: Establish and coordinate good housekeeping procedures for all City departments to assure that water quality objectives are not threatened by operations conducted by the city.	Ongoing	The City of La Palma annually prepares a Water Quality Report which is transmitted to all residents and businesses.

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Policy 1.4 The City shall promote traffic reduction strategies through TDM measures.	Ongoing	The City Council adopted a Transportation Demand Management Ordinance as part of the Zoning Code. The City implements this Ordinance during the planning process for new development projects.

CURRENT STATUS OF **RECREATION POLICIES** PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL PLAN

GOALS AND POLICIES	STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION
CITY STRUCTURE		
Policy 2.2: The City should foster its small town character throughout its community improvements, City sponsored activities, and communications with its citizens.	Ongoing	The City continues to develop and celebrate a variety of multicultural programs and civic heritage. All activities are listed in the quarterly City newsletter.
Policy 2.3: The City should maintain its numerous traditions and allow the evolution of others.	Ongoing	The Recreation and Community Services Department continues to develop and implement a variety of traditional programs such as La Palma Days, 4th of July, and programs developed by the Community Activities & Beautification Committee.
Policy 7.1: Improve existing parkland and recreation facilities, as the City budget permits.	Ongoing	The City completed the Park Master Plan and playground equipment upgrades to the Denni Street Park.
Policy 7.2: Provide new recreation facilities (for either passive or active use) as the City budget permits.	Ongoing	The City is always looking to enhance the use of the recreation facilities. In 2009 the City completed the $3.6 million dollar rehabilitation project of the Community Center Complex and Park Master Plan. It also completed upgrades to the Denni Street Park.
Policy 7.3: Coordinate with other governmental entities to improve open-space resources on school grounds.	Ongoing	The Recreation and Community Services Department continues to work with School Districts in providing recreation programs and joint use of school grounds.

CURRENT STATUS OF **POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICIES** PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL PLAN

GOALS AND POLICIES	STATUS	IMPLEMENTATION
CITY STRUCTURE		
Policy 2.2: The City should foster its small town character throughout its community improvements, City sponsored activities, and communications with its citizens.	Ongoing	The City Police Department and its individual members actively participate with various local civic clubs, volunteer organizations, schools, churches, and the business community by attending regular meetings, providing training, and responding to specific needs or concerns. The City Police Department personnel regularly meet with Federal and local law enforcement groups and subscribe to various law enforcement specific internet groups to share and distribute information regarding Homeland Security, current legislation, risk management, personnel issues and leadership development. The Police Department hosted a National Night Out against crime event in conjunction with the City Concerts in the Park series. The Police Department implemented a Neighborhood Visit program where each month they take the mobile command center to a different neighborhood and set up displays and answers questions for residents.
Policy 6.3: Enforce speed limits throughout the City.	Ongoing	All police officers enforce speed laws during their patrol shifts. The City has a motorcycle traffic officer that enforces the speed limits. The Police Department implemented and administered Project Safe Streets, a program aimed at traffic calming, driver education, and speed reduction. The City installed two active speed signs on a major arterial in an effort to reduce the speed of traffic in front of an elementary school.
COMMUNITY SAFETY		
Policy 2.1: Maintain a well-equipped, high quality local Police Department.	Ongoing	The Police Department has created a vehicle maintenance and replacement matrix for all City owned vehicles. They have also created a replacement matrix for other safety equipment. The Police Department works with other County law enforcement agencies on technology advances to ensure a well equipped force.

	Ongoing	The City Police Department is actively involved in securing Federal and State grants to offset or fully fund the costs associated with the implementation of law enforcement programs, equipment and materials. The City Police Department complies with Federal. State City, department mandates and requirements to recruit and train both sworn and non-sworn personnel. The same standards are met to discipline and terminate employees who fail to meet department and professional requirements.
Policy 2.2: Support cooperative programs between the Police Department and local organizations.	Ongoing	The Police Department and its individual members actively participate with various local civic clubs, volunteer organizations, schools, churches, and the business community by attending regular meetings, providing training, and responding to specific needs or concerns. The Police Department personnel regularly meet with Federal and local law enforcement groups and subscribe to various law enforcement specific internet groups to share and distribute information regarding Homeland Security, current legislation, risk management, personnel issues and leadership development.
Policy 6.1: Prepare for the effective mobilization of City resources (both public and private) in the event of an emergency.	Implemented	The City has adopted an Emergency Response Plan that has been revised to be compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Ongoing training for all full and part-time personnel as required by federal mandates to comply with NIMS has also been established. A monthly Community Newsletter (*The Source*) focused on educating the public on disaster preparedness and issues of Homeland Security as well as the use of the City's website and Mass Emergency Notification system are being utilized to communicate important, critical and emergency information in a timely and effective manner.
Policy 6.2: Support regional emergency response planning.	Ongoing	The City Police Department actively participates in regional emergency response organizations (Operational Area) and the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAC) and participate in Table Top Exercises, Functional Drills, and the Terrorist Liaison Officers (TLO) program.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PALMA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE 2009-10 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PLAN

WHEREAS, the State of California requires non-charter cities and counties to have adopted a General Plan to provide guidance and direction for development activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Palma's current General Plan was adopted on March 16, 1999; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 65400 mandates that cities submit an Annual Progress Report on the status of the General Plan and its implementation to their legislative bodies, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Housing and Community Development (HCD); and

WHEREAS, the Annual Progress Report is required to include: a) The state of the Plan and the progress of its implementation; b) the progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing; and c) the degree to which the General Plan complies with the Guidelines established by OPR; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared its Annual Progress Report attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit "A," in accordance with the Guidelines adopted by OPR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of La Palma, California, does hereby declare as follows:

Section 1. The City of La Palma has completed the Annual Progress Report as required by California Government Code section 65400.

Section 2. That the Annual Progress Report, as set forth in Exhibit "A" is found to be consistent with the suggested content by the State Guidelines and is hereby accepted.

Section 3. That the Community Development Director is hereby authorized and directed to submit the Annual Progress Report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of La Palma at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of March, 2011.

CITY OF LA PALMA, CALIFORNIA

Ralph D. Rodriguez,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS.
CITY OF LA PALMA)

I, LAURIE A. MURRAY, City Clerk of the City of La Palma, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of said City at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 15th day of March, 2011, and that it was so adopted by called vote as follows:

AYES:	Charoen, Hwangbo, Rodriguez, Shanahan, and Waldman
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Laurie A. Murray

Laurie A. Murray, CMC
City Clerk