



TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
**GENERAL PLAN  
VISIONING WORKSHOP**

**Yucca Valley Community Center  
November 15, 2011**

# PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



- Opportunity revisit future aspirations for Yucca Valley
- Assess the four key elements of creating community:
  - Social
  - Physical
  - Economic
  - Environmental

# WHAT IS A GENERAL PLAN?



The General Plan represents the community's view of its future.

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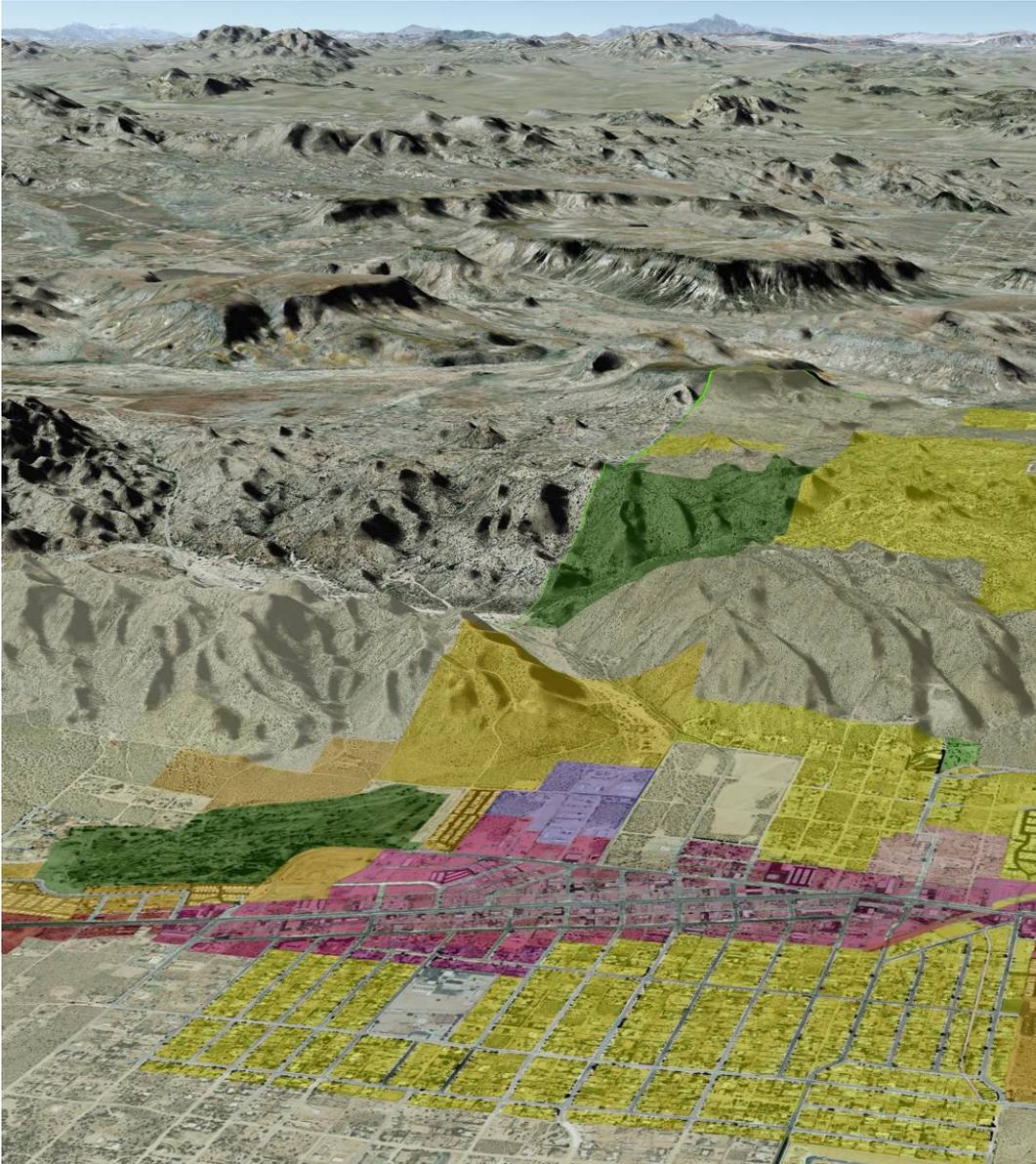
- State-mandated
- A tool to implement the long-range vision for Yucca Valley
- A blueprint for Town's growth and development
- A guiding document for administrative & legislative functions

# VISION



- Guides the planning process
- Tells us what is important (community priorities)
- Foundation for General Plan goals, policies & implementation strategies
- Used to evaluate and validate the General Plan

# GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS



- Required Elements:
  - Land Use
  - Circulation
  - Housing
  - Conservation
  - Open Space
  - Noise
  - Safety

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



- Evaluate role of corridors; State Route 62 corridor is one of Town's most valuable economic assets
- Attract investment into the community that will influence:
  - quality of life
  - new job opportunities
  - potential for business growth
  - sense of safety
  - amenities

# GENERAL PLAN PROCESS



- Visioning
- Issues & Baseline Conditions
- Land Use Plan
- General Plan
  - Elements (Goals and Policies)
  - Implementation Program

# GENERAL PLAN PROCESS (cont.)



- Environmental Analysis
  - Analyze project impacts
  - Develop mitigation measures
  - Consider environmental implications of land use decisions
- Fiscal Analysis
  - Create a fiscally sustainable plan
  - Maintain and grow economic value
  - Create a self-sustaining cycle of reinvestment and prosperity

# PUBLIC OUTREACH: *Connecting with the Community*



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- Collaborative effort:
  - Town Staff
  - Decision makers
  - Community
  - Stakeholders
  - Consultants
  - Agencies
  - Strategic Partnerships
- General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC)
- Public Hearings

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- Engage in a dialogue about **ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES**
- Provide input to a long-term **VISION** for Yucca Valley
- Get people **INVOLVED** in the process

# SCHEDULE

## Fall 2011

- Existing conditions analysis
- Initiate public outreach

## Spring 2012

- Vision
- Focused area concepts
- General Plan Advisory Committee

## Summer 2012

- Land use plan
- Prepare Goals and Policies

## Fall 2012

- Environmental analysis

## Winter 2012

- Public hearings

## Spring 2013

- Adoption of General Plan

# TODAY'S WORKSHOP



- Break out into evenly sized groups
- Designate a writer and speaker
- 1 ½ hours to complete exercise
- Identify community likes and dislikes and prioritize each

# TODAY'S WORKSHOP



- List Future Vision ideas and prioritize importance of each
- What are the dots for?
- Role of facilitators
- Guidelines on each table for reference



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