

Open Space and Conservation Implementation Actions		Relevant Policies	Other Topic Areas	Resp. Depart.	Timeframe	Notes
5.1 Natural Open Space and Parks						
OSC 1	Implement development regulations and guidelines that minimize or eliminate impacts of development on natural open space areas.	OSC1-1 OSC1-5		CDD		
OSC 2	Review the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and establish a list of priorities, action items and target completion dates to implement the highest priority items identified in the plan. The Plan should also be updated to reflect a minimum parkland objective of 3 acres per 1,000 residents, and identify a strategy to provide access to land locked passive park areas such as North Park.	OSC2-1 OSC2-5		CS		
OSC 3	Implement a Capital Improvement Program to provide scheduled improvements needed for the park system to meet current and projected needs, ADA requirements, and to retrofit existing facilities using Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, based upon available financial resources.	OSC1-3 OSC2-2		PW/ENG		
OSC 4	Pursue agreements with San Bernardino County to establish pass through parkland dedication and park in-lieu fees when residential development takes place within two (2) miles of Town boundaries.	OSC1-1 OSC1-2		CS		
OSC 5	Adopt and implement flexible development standards to ensure provision of parkland dedication within residential development to satisfy the 3 ac/1,000 population park standard.	OSC1-1 OSC1-4		CDD		
OSC 6	Evaluate and utilize alternative available State, federal, and other funding sources to acquire and maintain recreational trail facilities; and pursue identified funding sources as they become available.	OSC1-1 OSC1-3		CS		
OSC 7	Establish and/or revise, as needed, agreements with Morongo Unified School District, other agencies and community organizations that govern joint use of facilities to maximize availability and benefit to the community.	OSC1-1		CS		
OSC 8	Evaluate alternative revenue sources, and use other forms of park financing and acquisition methods, to fund the purchase, improvement, and maintenance of the Town park system.	OSC1-3		CS & TM		

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OSC 9	Update the Land Use Map when necessary to designate newly identified hazard zones as open space areas.	OSC1-1 OSC2-3		CDD & PW/ENG		
OSC 10	Review development proposals adjacent to designated open space lands and assure that land uses are compatible, and buffers and/or linkages are provided when necessary to maintain natural resource value.	OSC1-5 OSC1-6		CDD		
5.2 Recreational Trails						
OSC 11	Promote the development of pedestrian/multi-use/bike paths/lanes as an alternative mode of transportation to vehicular travel.	OSC3-3 OSC3-2	Air Quality, Circulation	CS		
OSC 12	Coordinate with local utility purveyors, County Flood Control District and other appropriate parties to include the development of a multi-use trail system within easements and rights-of-way to the greatest extent possible.	OSC3-3		CS, CDD & PW		
OSC 13	Review the Park Master Plan to assess the feasibility of trails and establish a priority list and associated implementation actions for Priority trails.	OSC3-1		CS		
OSC 14	Amend the Park Master Plan to include natural trails design standards for hiking, riding and mountain biking.	OSC3-1 OSC3-2		CS		
5.3 Biological Resources						
OSC 15	Establish standards and regulations that implement, support, and protect open space, wildlife corridors, and protected biological resources.	OSC4-1 OSC4-2 OSC4-5 OSC4-7		CDD		
OSC 16	Establish standards and regulations in the Development Code which minimize impacts of new development on open space and conservation areas.	OSC4-1 OSC4-2		CDD		
OSC 17	Develop flexible development guidelines, standards, and regulations that encourage the provision of open space amenities within new development.	OSC4-2 OSC4-4		CDD		
OSC 18	Adopt a comprehensive grading ordinance that will protect and conserve open space and natural and visual resources.	OSC4-1 OSC8-7		CDD		
OSC 19	Revise landscape standards and guidelines to encourage the retention and use of existing native and approved non-native drought tolerant plant species in development.	OSC4-2 OSC4-6		CDD & PW/ENG		

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OSC 20	Identify and assess lands, based upon site specific biological resources evaluations within the WCEAs and OSRAs that are suitable for preservation and may be preserved as public or private lands and as passive or active open space.	OSC4-11 OSC4-1		CDD & PW/ENG		
OSC 21	Develop standards and guidelines for the WCEA and OSRA areas that includes the following strategies: a) Maintain residential land use designations with low and very low densities in WCEA and OSRA areas. b) Discourage conversion of low density residential uses in the WCEA and OSRA to higher density or non-residential uses, retaining on-site areas for undeveloped, natural open space. c) Apply design features in the WCEA and OSRA that interface with the natural environment such as: limiting the amount of grading that can occur on site or identifying the type of fencing that can be installed that supports wildlife movement. d) Develop and implement standards and guidelines which limit the maximum disturbance of the land in WCEAs and OSRAs. Design standards and guidelines shall address wildlife corridor connectivity, limitations of ground disturbance, and the retention of native, undisturbed open space.	OS 4-1 OSC4-4 OSC4-5 OSC4-10 OSC4-11 OSC8-4 OSC8-7 OSC8-8		CDD		
OSC 22	Explore the possibility of developing a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) ordinance, to allow the transfer of units or square footage from one property to another to preserve properties with significant biological resources, hillside areas and natural slopes. This may result in an increased density or intensity of the "receiving site" to preserve property development potential.	OSC4-1 OSC8-1 OSC8-2		CDD		

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5.4 Water Resources						
OSC 23	Continue to support the Hi-Desert Water District's groundwater recharge program, while protecting recharge sites from potential impacts of proposed development.	OSC5-2 OSC5-3 OSC6-1		CDD		
OSC 24	Track data collected by HDWD's groundwater quality data monitoring program.	OSC5-2 OSC5-3		CDD		
OSC 25	Continue to work with HDWD in the pursuit of outside financial resources to reduce the costs to property owners for wastewater system implementation.	OSC5-4 OSC6-2		TM		
OSC 26	Update water efficient-landscape guidelines, which address the use of drought-tolerant plant materials and irrigation standards in the Development Code in accordance with State law.	OSC6-3		CDD		
OSC 27	Provide development standards and guidelines for the construction of on-site storm water retention facilities that are consistent with community design standards and local and regional drainage plans.	OSC5-3 OSC5-4 OSC6-6				
5.5 Cultural Resources						
OSC 28	In cooperation with local historical associations, the Town shall periodically review the historical and archaeological resources of the area for possible application for status as a historical landmark or inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.	OSC7-1		CDD		
OSC 29	Maintain an inventory of archeological and paleontological resources.	OSC7-1 OSC7-4				
OSC 30	Maintain information, including mapping that identifies specific locations of sensitive cultural resources, in a confidential manner, and access to such information shall be provided only to those with appropriate professionals and organizations.	OSC7-1		CDD		
OSC 31	Review projects to ensure compliance with SB 18 (traditional tribal cultural places) requirements.	OSC7-1		CDD		
5.6 Scenic Resources						
OSC 32	Evaluate the benefits of pursuing official designation of SR 247 and 62 as scenic highways and enact a Corridor Protection Program. The program could:	OSC8-3 OSC8-4		CDD & PW		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Mitigate activities within the corridor that detract from its scenic quality by requiring proper siting, landscaping or screening. b) Prohibit billboards so that they do not detract from scenic views. c) Make development more compatible with the environment and in harmony with the surroundings. d) Regulate grading to prevent erosion and cause minimal alteration of existing contours. 					
OSC 33	<p>Develop a Hillside Ordinance that establishes standards and regulations which implement measures in the following areas, at a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Requires structures in areas with slopes ranging from 15% to less than 30%, to conform to the natural topography and natural grade by using appropriate techniques, including stepped or split-level foundations, stem walls, stacking, and clustering. Walls shall be as natural appearing as possible. Conventional grading may be considered for limited portions of a project when its plan includes special design features, extensive open space, or significant use of greenbelts. b) Restricts development on slopes 31% to less than 40% to sites where it can be demonstrated that safety will be maximized while environmental and aesthetic impacts will be minimized. Use of large parcels, variable setbacks, and variable building structural techniques (e.g., stepped foundations) shall be expected. Extra erosion control measures may be included as conditions of approval. c) Prohibits pad grading in slopes 41% or greater. 	<p>OSC8-6 OSC8-7 OSC8-8</p>		CDD & PW		

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OSC 34	In conjunction with the hillside development regulations, establish and maintain maps that identify those hillsides and associated areas subject to the regulations.	OSC8-1 OSC8-2		CDD		
OSC 35	Consider establishing a density bonus program, providing density incentives for those projects which minimize and eliminate impacts to hillsides and ridgelines.	OSC8-8		CDD		

5.7 Energy Resources

OSC 36	Participate in the regional energy management and conservation efforts and encourage the expanded use of energy efficient and alternative fuels, buses with bike racks, and other system improvements including infrastructure for alternative energy vehicles that enhance overall energy efficiency and conservation.	OSC9-1		CDD		
OSC 37	Coordinate with the County to review land use applications proposing to develop solar or windfarms to protect view sheds and scenic resources of the community.	OSC9-2		CDD		
OSC 38	Continue the Town's efforts on community participation in reducing, reusing, and recycling household and business waste.	OSC9-4		CDD & PW		
OSC 39	Provide informational materials and non-Town incentive program information to residents regarding available alternative energy and energy efficiency programs and rebates.	OSC9-1 OSC9-3 OSC9-9		CDD & PW		
OSC 40	Evaluate the Town's ability to create a program to waive or reduce the permit fees on solar installation projects and promote state, federal, and private rebate programs.	OSC9-7 OSC9-8 OSC9-9		CCC & PW		

5.8 Air Quality

OSC 41	Amend the Development Code to identify land use sources of toxic air contaminants and adopt standards for the regulation of location and protection of sensitive receptors from excessive and hazardous emissions.	OSC10-3		CDD		
OSC 42	Actively promote and pursue expansion of an air quality monitoring station within Yucca Valley that monitors all criteria pollutants (O3, NOx, SOx, CO, and PM 2.5 and PM10).	OSC10-1		CDD		
OSC 43	Continue to proactively work with the MDAQMD in conjunction with other local and regional agencies in the development	OSC10-2		CDD		

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	and application of air quality regulations.					
OSC 44	Require all projects that have the potential to generate significant levels of air pollution to provide detailed impact analyses and design mitigation that incorporates the most advanced technological methods available. Prior to the issuance of construction permits, the Town shall review and determine the effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures and set additional measures as needed.	OSC10-2 OSC10-4		CDD & PW		
5.9 Greenhouse Gases						
OSC 45	Establish a goal for solar installations on new and existing homes as well as new commercial/industrial development to be achieved before 2020.	OSC11-2	SANBAG Regional GHG Reduction Strategy	CDD		
OSC 46	Pursue partnerships with other governmental entities and with private companies and Southern California Edison to establish incentive programs for renewable energy.	OSC11-1		CDD & PW		