

Working Group (WG) Mtg. #16 Summary

April 26, 2010

Durango Library 4-6:30pm

NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA

May 10th at 4 pm to 6:30 pm @ LPC Fairgrounds Lightner Room

Agenda:

1. Discuss process to review/revise strategies (revised draft attached incorporating 7 WG member comments, online survey, and comments from workshops).
2. Review/discuss procedure for incorporating CEAP strategies (Aileen Tracy with 4Core to attend).
3. Review/discuss procedure for incorporating Ag Subcommittee strategies (3 representatives of SubC to attend and memo attached). (Received May 6)

NEXT WG MEETING DATES

May 17 at Lightner Room- Joint meeting with LPC BoCC (LPC Planning Commission also invited to attend) and review/refine strategies.

May 24 at DRO Library- Review/refine strategies and review next steps.

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Participants:

Staff/Consultants: Charlie Deans, Robby Overfield, Jason Meininger

Meeting Participants: Peter Tregillus, Wade Moore, Roy Horvath, Sally Bellerue, Barbara Jefferies, Dick White, Jeanine Justice, Brian Kimmel, Dick Norton, Jeanine Justice, and BoCC Joelle Riddle

Discussion:

Discussion began with overviewing protocol on when WG discussions (meeting or e-mails) are sent to the BoCC. After extensive discussion, the group decided they would like to stay with the original agreed upon process for communication of meeting summaries and group discussion emails that will not include the addition of the BoCC and/or County Manager unless it is made clear that the BoCC is to be added to a discussion thread. Jason reiterated the board decided in the summer that he would serve as the Plan liaison between the BoCC & the PC.

The purpose of the strategies review at this level was to delete or modify strategies which have low levels of support, and also to possibly combine strategies to reduce the overall number to 2 or 3 per goal. This is the first step in the process of narrowing and refining the strategies. The next step is to consolidate the strategies into a draft Comprehensive plan and take back to the community for their review and prioritization. The draft Plan includes the Community profile, Community process description, Guiding principles, Vision, Goals, and Strategies.

Next round of meetings need education and advocacy component on why/how these strategies can benefit the community. This will be accomplished in the Implementation Workbook that will result from the strategy review. Dialogue on whether or not the Comp. plan should include strategies that include more than what the County is responsible for. Should planners also review strategies to see how they fit into a particular system or regulatory authority related to the County? Does the county have the ability to recognize its own capacity through the Comp. plan and recognize there are other members and organizations in the community who may better serve or fulfill a specific interest?

Reviewed the preliminary timeline (next steps) for understanding of how this present step fits into the overall Plan program. Began discussions about the potential need to enhance/change the WG participants. If there is a need to change: who, how many, from where? Recognition of a need for a representative from SE, rural Bayfield, Vallecito.

There was discussion on staff disseminating the existing list of participants and organizations and engaging with these organizations as the strategies are refined. Planning staff to develop communication strategies to get people involved and reacting.

**First Draft Preliminary Tasks in Preparing
LPC Comprehensive Community Plan and Revised Development Code** (4/27/10)
(WG = Working Group; PT= Planning Team of consultants and staff; SPAC = Sector Plan Area Committee)

1.	Revise DRAFT Implementation strategies	WG	April-May
2.	Prepare first draft of assembled LPC Comp Plan	PT	May-June
3.	Review draft LPC Comp Plan	WG	June
4.	Community workshops on draft LPC CP and prioritize strategies		July
5.	Develop Implementation Workbook with priorities/ costs/timeframe/responsible entity and matrix of collaborations/programs/land use topics and alignment with other County and organizations' plans	PT/WG	August
6.	Joint work-study session with LPC PC and BoCC	PT/WG	August
FUTURE LAND USE PLAN			
7.	Initiate mapping analysis for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sector Plan areas (revised District Plan boundaries) • Opportunities and Constraints Overlay mapping • Suitability Analysis with weighting scheme • Fiscal Impact Analysis 	PT/WG PT/WG PT/WG PT/WG	May June July July
8.	District Planning Groups meeting on draft Sector Plan boundaries (recruit WG additions)	PT	June
9.	Draft Build-Out Scenarios	PT/WG	August
10.	Community Workshops on draft BO Scenarios and FLUP alternatives		September
11.	Draft Preferred Future Land Use Plan (FLUP)	PT/WG	October
12.	Community workshops by Sectors on FLUP		Nov/Dec
13.	PC and BoCC Public meetings on LPC Comprehensive Community Plan adoption	PT/WG	Jan/Feb
REVISING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE			
14.	Initiate revising Development Code with zoning designations based on FLUP	PT/WG	March
15.	Sector planning subcommittees develop Zoning based on Sector FLUP	PT/SPAC	Apr- June

RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO STRATEGIES

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Economic Vitality Element

Economic Vitality Goals and Strategies

1. Develop incentives for economic activities that promote business sustainability and diversity.

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~~a) Increase the local preference percentage in county procurement policies. ALSO SUGGESTED TO LEAVE IN)~~

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~~b)a) Expand Buy-local programs in partnership with local governments agencies and non-government organizations (such as), ~~La Plata County Economic Development Action Partnership (LEAD), local chambers of commerce, and the Durango Area Tourism Office (DATO).~~~~

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~~e)b) Reduce the time and steps required in the permitting processes (planning, building, road and bridge).~~

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~~e)c) Develop a business incubator and commercial kitchen in partnership with local governments. agencies and non-government organizations (such as), ~~La Plata County Economic Development Action Partnership (LEAD), Region 9 Economic Development~~~~

~~District, Fort Lewis College, and Southwest Colorado Community College.~~ that also serves as a one-stop shop that focuses on business recruitment and retention activities.

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~~e) Create a one-stop shop for economic development in partnership with local governments and economic development entities that focuses on business recruitment and retention activities.~~ Add to c above.

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~~f) Work to augment student internships, vocational and technological programs, teacher tours, entrepreneurship programs and other programs to connect students and educators with local industries in partnership with Southwest Colorado Community College; Ft. Lewis College; Durango, Bayfield, and Ignacio high schools, local chambers of commerce; the Colorado Workforce Center; and La Plata County Economic Development Action Partnership (LEAD).~~

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~~g)d) Establish incentives for business to that utilize sustainable practices based on a score-card of sustainability indicators.~~

2. Actively collaborate with the municipalities, Sovereign Nations, State and Federal agencies, private sector and non-profit entities to promote economic diversity and sustainability.

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a) Initiate a referendum to make La Plata County a home rule county.

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~~b) Develop community and region-side support for ...(leave in) Create programs with advanced degrees at Ft Lewis College.~~

3. Support the development and management of infrastructure necessary for a sustainable local economy: water, energy, waste, communications, housing and transportation.

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a) Provide assistance to property owners to create improvement districts in designated rural centers.

~~**a)b)** Pursue "economic density" for its known cost savings and productivity enhancements. (economic density is a key goal of "smart growth" policies.)~~

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~~**b)** Create a water and sewer authority.~~

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~~**c)** Involve all jurisdictions in land use decisions including potential expansion of water and sewer.~~

~~**d)** Formalize an understanding with the other jurisdictions to absorb their share of growth.~~

4. Preserve and enhance our cultural landscape, scenic resources, recreational opportunities, and county-owned assets for residents, tourists and businesses.

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~~**a)** Build and operate recreational facilities that stimulate the local economy, funded through voter approved financing and implement user fees that cover the operating costs. ~~recover their operations costs with the revenues they generate in partnership with local state and federal governments, non-profits and private enterprises.~~~~

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~~b)a) Build and operate recreational facilities that stimulate the local economy that are funded through voter approved financing.~~

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e)b) Develop incentives, ~~such as density bonuses,~~ to encourage the dedication of unique open space ~~conservation easements~~ and public trails in future subdivisions and other development projects.

5. Stimulate economic vitality by maintaining an adequate supply of land for businesses and industries and attracting and expanding businesses and industries that strengthen our community and provide livable wages.

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a) Designate rural centers in existing rural communities where future non-residential and residential development will be encouraged.

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~~b) Designate future business park location(s) in appropriate locations on adopted land use plans.~~

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e)b) Establish an expedited county permitting process for development in designated rural centers and business parks.

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~~d) Set a livable minimum wage in the County.~~

6. Support agricultural innovations and sustainable technologies; promote and stimulate local markets as well as export markets for locally-produced agricultural products; encourage development of facilities for value-added products.

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a) Adhere to "right to farm regulations. (and delete) Adopt a "right to farm" ordinance that promotes ~~family-owned-traditional~~ agriculture.)

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b) Provide development fee discounts or waivers for activities directly associated with agricultural operations, such as application fees, building fees, plumbing and mechanical fees, planning permit fees, impact fees and road and bridge inspection fees.

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c) Identify and remove regulatory barriers to value-added production of agricultural products that fit the county's goals for neighbor-friendly industries.

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~~e)d~~ Support State economic development grants for new markets for both local and export markets. (MOVE TO EV SINCE IT SHOULD APPLY TO MORE THAN AG).

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~~e)e~~ Allow land uses on agricultural lands that support an agricultural operation as the primary use.. (does this mean that every farm needs a gravel pit, forestry operation and/or slaughter house, etc?)

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f) Exempt county sales tax on locally grown food.

~~e)g~~ Support processing and distribution for locally grown food.

Sustainable Development Element

Sustainable Development Goals and Strategies

1. Support the enhancement of local food, fiber and forest production systems (growing, processing, marketing, consumption).

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~~a) Develop a land link program so new farmers can identify agricultural land available for production.~~

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~~b) Support commercial kitchens for value-added production with locations throughout the county.~~

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~~Support State economic development grants for new markets for both local and export markets. [\(RELOCATED TO ECON VIT\)](#)~~

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~~c)a) Provide consumer education programs that emphasize benefits of local agriculture.~~

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~~d) Use a voter approved financing tool to support farm and agricultural organizations and land acquisitions projects.~~

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~~e) Develop definitions and performance standards for permitted agricultural uses.~~

~~2. Support the enhancement of renewable natural resource systems (forest and range products, fisheries, wildlife). [\(RELOCATED TO NAT ENV\)](#)~~

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~~a) Request the CO Dept of Wildlife to purchase development rights on lands valuable for wildlife habitat.~~

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~~b) Promote Forestry operations on private land that are economically and environmentally sustainable.~~

3.2. Promote access to healthy, affordable, culturally-influenced, and sustainably produced food, sourced as locally as possible.

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~~a) Work with the Durango, Ignacio and Bayfield School Districts to purchase locally produced products.~~

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~~b)a) Investigate the use of agricultural cooperatives and value added agricultural products and provide related education and information through formation of an agricultural coop.~~

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~~c)b) Promote local food production and agriculture uses during the development review process.~~

4.3. Promote resource-efficient growth and settlement patterns.

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a) Designate future growth areas supported by the provision of new or enhanced infrastructure or utilization of existing infrastructure.

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~~b) Allow agricultural uses and limited retail development in designated rural centers throughout county and along highway corridors, but not large scale commercial development outside urban growth areas.~~

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~~c)b) Determine through capacity analysis the maximum build-out for the county and allocate growth accordingly to minimize sprawl. (SUGGESTED TO LEAVE IN)~~

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~~d) Create site-based design guidelines and regulations that provide standards to develop on sensitive lands that are appropriate to the scale and context of the proposed development.~~

c) Encourage community gardens.

d) Provide incentives for greenhouses to extend the local growing season.

5.4. Meet local energy and materials needs as much as possible through efficiency and with locally or regionally renewable resources.

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a) Encourage the locations of solar and wind farms and private co-generation.

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b) Allow ~~Promote~~ sawmills in appropriate locations that ~~will~~ ~~ould~~ provide affordable lumber to support affordable housing.

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c) Maintain access to gravel that reduces transportation distance.

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d) Encourage development of renewable fuel infrastructure.

a-e) Provide incentives and regulations to enhance energy efficiency and incorporate renewable energy in new construction and major renovations.

d)f) Pursue "economic density" for its known cost savings and productivity enhancements.

6.5. Support investment in adequate and sustainable water resources for social, environmental and economic purposes.

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a) Educate the community about the use of efficient water distribution and irrigation techniques without compromising water rights.

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b) Advocate for legislation to create agricultural water-banking to protect water rights and promote conservation.

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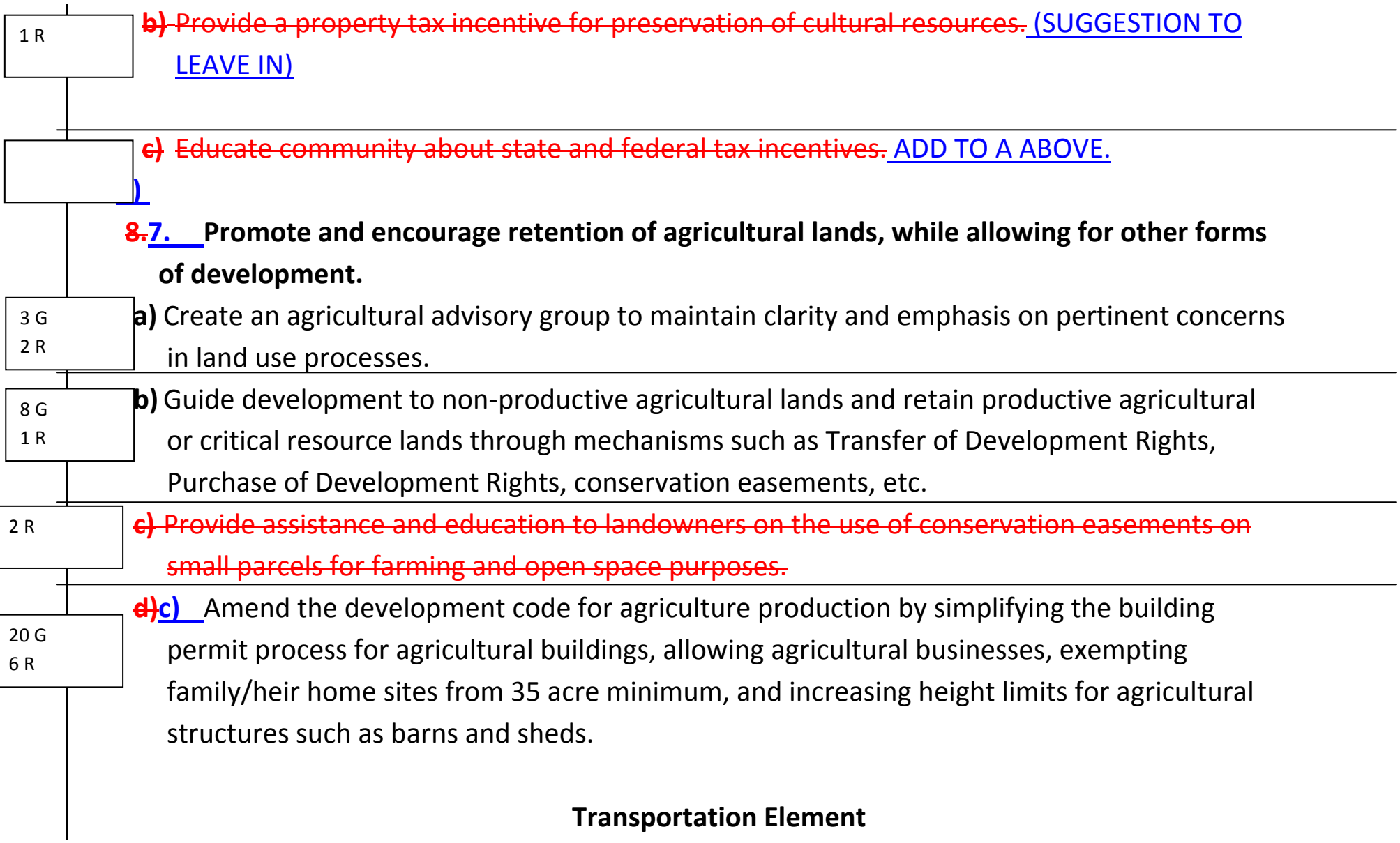
c) Promote the use of water harvesting and gray water systems and reclaimed water to the degree permitted under State statutes, and increase the use of permeable surfaces.

7.6. Protect historic and prehistoric sites and promote cultural preservation to enhance heritage tourism and increase restoration of these sites.

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a) Provide education about state and federal -incentives to developers and property owners to voluntarily retain historic structures, trails, and ditches.



Transportation Element

Transportation Goals and Strategies

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1. Promote development that is accessed with multiple modes of transportation.

a) Adopt and implement zoning that promotes higher density development nodes.

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~~b) Dedicate additional county staff support with appropriate expertise to work with developers.~~

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~~e)b)~~ Prepare a comprehensive “multimodal development planning checklist” for use by developers to encourage inclusion of multimodal elements and by staff during the review process.

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~~d)c)~~ Implement a range of process-based and financial incentives for developers to meet multimodal goals, such as additional staff support, faster review turn around, lower review fees, and possible tax incentives.

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~~e)d)~~ Prepare a community-based transportation plan concurrently with the future land use plan.

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~~f)e)~~ Where regular transit service is available, Rrequire developments adjacent to county and state roads/highways to be designed “transit ready”.

g)f) Pursue "economic density" for its known cost savings and productivity enhancements.

2. Prioritize a road and transportation network that connects existing developments.

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a) Update street standards to provide flexibility so that County can accept currently sub-standard private roads that will interconnect neighborhoods.

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~~b) Prepare a feasibility study for establishing practicable locations for multimodal connectivity/easements and establish priorities.~~

3. Promote a regional public transportation system that includes communities beyond the state and county boundaries.

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~~a) Evaluate and document governance and funding options for a regional multimodal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).~~

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~~b)a) Undertake a survey of County voters to a~~ Assess support of a La Plata/Durango RTA, and possible funding source(s) for transportation services and improvements.

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b) Formalize and enhance coordination and communication between La Plata Co, Southwest Council of Governments, Farmington MPO and Northwest New Mexico RPO. (DELETE IF THIS IS ALREADY DONE)

~~c) Consider intercity transit as a means for transporting goods.~~

4. Recognize historic rights of livestock passage on and across county roads.

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~~a) a. Work with the agricultural community to identify key passage routes on county and state roadways and develop a voluntary system to alert drivers through electric message boards and/or county distribution lists when flocks/herds will be moving.~~ ~~and implement electric message boards on county and state roadways.~~
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~~b) Provide electronic notification via email when flocks/herds will be moving on roadways.~~

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5. Minimize conflict between traffic and animals, both wildlife and livestock.

a) Adopt a Best Management Practices plan for wildlife control and crossings.

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~~b) Coordinate wildlife crossing opportunities with bike and pedestrian pathways where there are the lowest negative impacts to wildlife.~~

6. Encourage an interconnected network of streets and paths that promote multi-modal transportation options.

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a) Design and plan an interconnected multimodal network of streets, paths and trails.

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~~b) Define interconnectivity requirements in development standards.~~ ALSO LEFT IN AND REVISED.

7. Encourage the use of the most efficient, safe and environmentally healthy transportation designs and technologies.

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a) Adopt and implement a “complete streets” policy and plan that understands the cumulative effects of traffic generated by new development.

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b) Formalize collaboration and partnerships with CDOT and municipalities.

~~c) Design, fund, and install bus pullouts for any new or expanded services.~~

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~~d) Require installation of all-weather bike racks and access to existing racks.~~

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c) Pursue "economic density" for its known cost savings, productivity enhancements, and enabling of multi-modal transportation options.

8. Support the use of telecommunications infrastructure as a substitute to daily commuting and travel.

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a) Conduct an analysis to determine areas with poor internet service levels, and foster private provision of internet services in those areas.

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b) Partner with Internet Service Providers in areas where fully-private service is not attainable.

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c) Provide internet service where no alternatives are available.

9. Encourage land use patterns that reduce per-capita average daily trips and vehicle miles traveled.

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a) Implement a park-and-ride infrastructure plan.

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~~**b)** Collaborate with oil and gas industry to minimize service traffic.~~ (REQUEST TO LEAVE IN)

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~~**c)** Encourage flexible work hours, and onsite amenities (showers, lockers) to facilitate bicycling.~~

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b) Adopt county wide zoning and a future land use plan that identifies nodes that support transit and multimodal, including defining locations for activity nodes.

~~**d)**~~ **c)** Develop transportation metrics and use them to review policy effectiveness.

10. Promote the expansion of aviation services (number of flights, frequency, destinations) and support viable rail connectivity.

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~~**a)** Undertake a preliminary feasibility study for railroad connectivity.~~ (REQUEST TO LEAVE IN)

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~~**b)**~~ **a)** Retain and expand air service at La Plata County/Durango Regional Airport with all willing partners.

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~~**c)**~~ **b)** Support improvements at the Animas Airpark facilities, ~~and associated Business Park.~~

Natural Environment Element

Natural Environment Goals and Strategies

1. Protect and enhance healthy ecosystems.

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 a) Develop a resource management plan for keystone species and programs to monitor health of various ecosystems throughout the county.
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 b) Support educational and interpretive programs to connect residents from urban and suburban communities to the natural environment.

~~c) Research and/or develop ecosystem management protocols for our area.~~

2. Encourage preservation and restoration of wildlife corridors, wetlands and riparian habitats.

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 a) Map and designate wildlife corridors, wet lands and riparian habitats in collaboration with federal, state and tribal agencies.

~~b) Develop preservation and restoration guidelines for preserving and restoring wildlife corridors, wetlands and riparian habitats.~~

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~~c)~~ b) Provide incentives to land owners who implement restoration and preservation guidelines on the portions of their property that are identified as wildlife corridors, wetlands and riparian habitats.

5 G ~~d) Implement grade separated wildlife corridor crossings on major roadways in collaboration with CO Department of Wildlife and CO Department of Transportation.~~

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9 R ~~e) Install deer and elk fencing and/or crossing facilities and structures along county roads and major highways.~~

3. Reduce wildfire hazards.

5 G a) Educate the public about insurance incentives available for reducing wildfire hazards around structures, and ways to reduce fire hazard through defensible space and thinning operations.

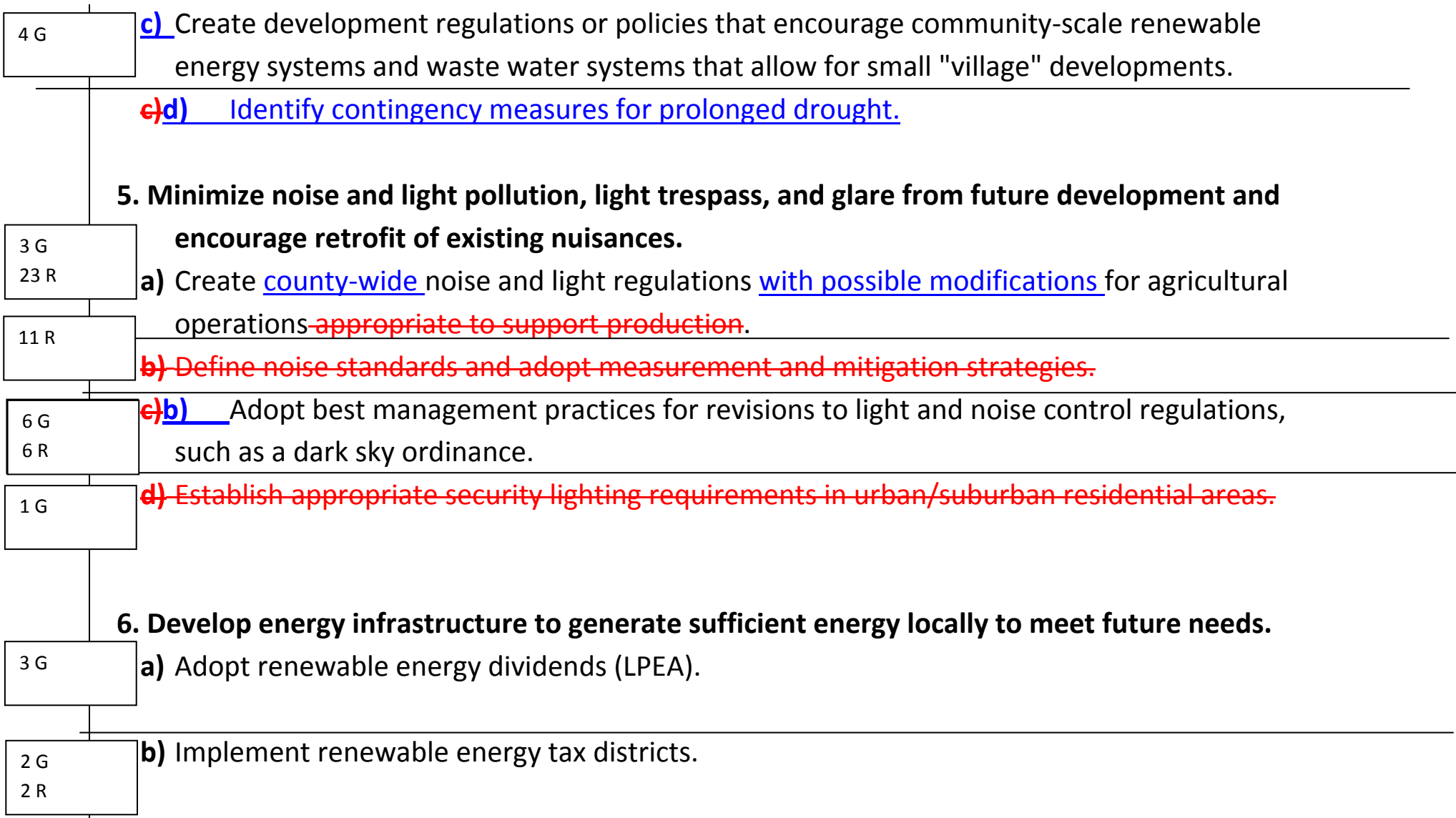
1 G b) Develop guidelines for property owners on fire-wise house design, location and fuelwood management of the site.

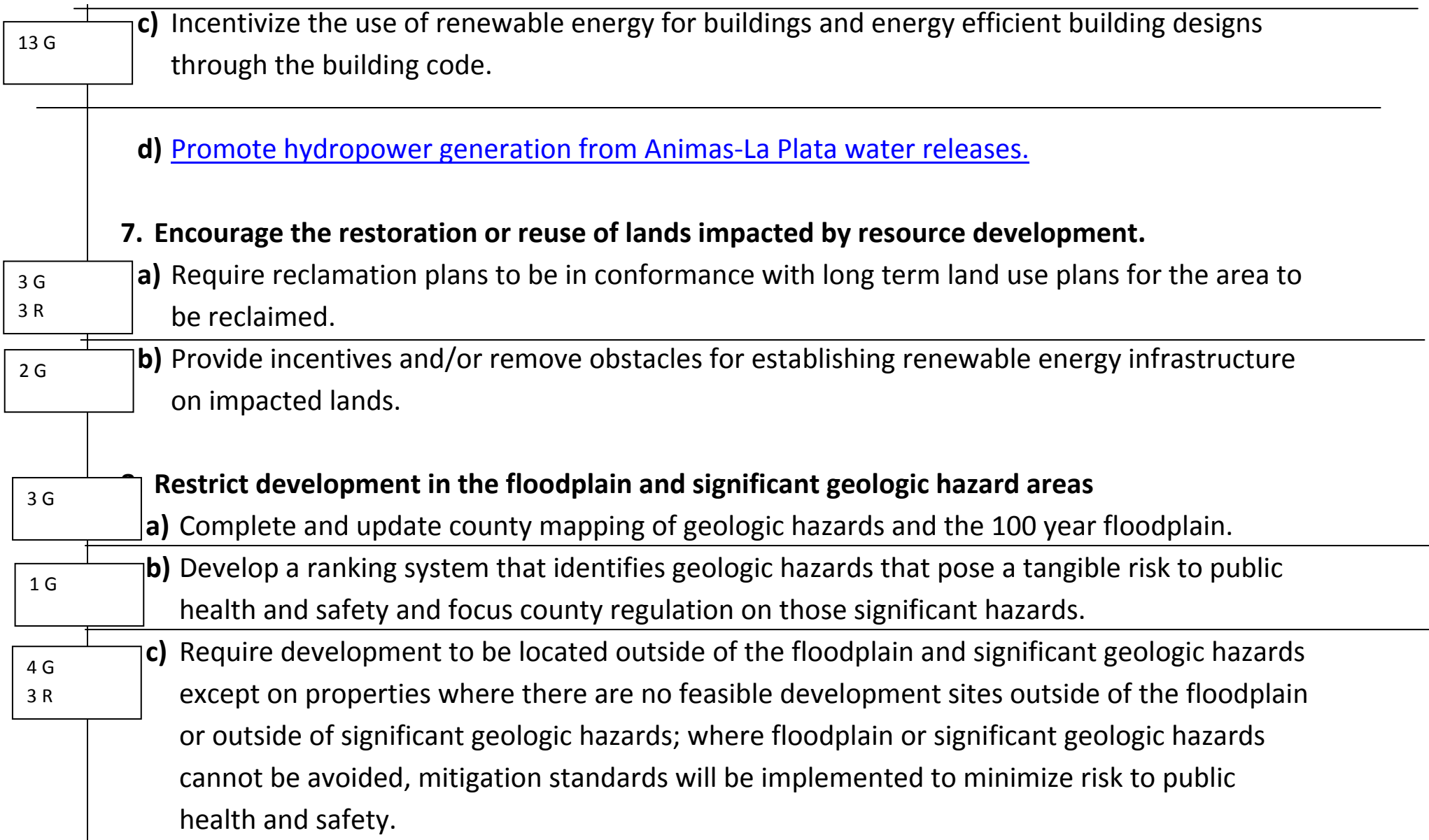
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1 R c) Develop wildfire management overlay zones for high risk areas that control new development regarding building location, design and fuel management on the site.

4. Address risks to our natural environment and long-term water resources by appropriate mitigation and adaptation measures.

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10 R a) Require oil and gas industry to inform county of any chemicals used in the extraction or production processes, and test for chemicals in ground and surface waters.

5 G b) Incorporate in the development standards best management practices for protecting natural drainage systems and aquifer recharge.





9. Protect and improve air and water quality and manage noxious weeds through collaboration with federal, state, Sovereign Nations, and local agencies.

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a) The County should implement noxious weed controls in county right-of-ways.

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b) Require notifications be sent to landowners when public right of way or well pad is sprayed with herbicide.

~~e) Engage with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs (such as Conservation Reserve Program) to allow for native vegetation and to reduce noxious weeds in the county.~~

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d) Expand the 50 ft. stream bank setback on enclosed structures to require a 50 ft or greater setback for on-site wastewater systems as defined by the San Juan Basin Health Department.

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~~e) Revise the land use code so that erosion and sedimentation control standards are effective in minimizing runoff and disturbance of surrounding lands. specifically mitigate the following: disturbance of natural soil cover and vegetation; exposed soil and unstable soil conditions; protection of receiving water bodies; wetlands; construction and work in and adjacent to water bodies and wetlands; slope stability; cuts and fills; and disturbance to the surrounding soils, root systems and trunks of trees adjacent to site activity.~~

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f)e) Work in partnership with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to continue monitoring water quality as part of the oil and gas permitting process.

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g)f) Enforce the La Plata County Weed Code and implement the La Plata County Weed Management Plan.

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~~h)g)~~ Work in partnership with federal land management agencies and Sovereign Nations to prevent further proliferation of invasive plant species in La Plata County.

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~~i)h)~~ ~~Support efforts of the San Juan Public Lands Center and Mesa Verde National Park to enforce Class 1 Area air quality standards in and near La Plata County.~~ Work in concert with other agencies to enforce air quality standards in and near La Plata County.

10. Reduce, reuse, and recycle material resources.

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a) Develop a County wide comprehensive recycling program that results with an increase in the types of materials (including appliances) that can be recycled and identifies convenient locations for drop-off and collection.

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b) Create a composting program that would allow for the city/county to compost waste and promote composting by individuals.

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c) Provide tax incentives to businesses and individuals who recycle and re-use material resources.

~~e)d)~~ Collaborate locally and regionally on a "zero waste" initiative.

11. Support the enhancement of renewable natural resource systems (forest and range products, fisheries, wildlife).

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~~a) Request the CO Dept of Wildlife to purchase development rights on lands valuable for wildlife habitat.~~ SUGGESTION TO LEAVE IN)

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b) Promote Forestry operations on private land that are economically and environmentally sustainable.

Healthy Communities and Housing Element

Healthy Communities and Housing Goals and Strategies

1. Encourage and take an active role to increase the supply of affordable/attainable/workforce and senior housing.

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~~a) Create a countywide housing plan aimed at increasing the efficient use of resources for housing development and related supportive services and addressing the residential and supportive needs.~~

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~~b) Analyze ways that land could be made more affordable through public sector policies and programs. Create Private Public Partnerships (PPP) models to undertake land development building projects.~~

~~c) Create and support a countywide housing trust/investment fund for land, mortgage, and infrastructure assistance.~~

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~~d) a) Maintain an inventory of county-owned land and provide financial support for subsidized housing developments that serve populations in need. ~~development of affordable/attainable/workforce and senior rental housing.~~~~

9 G	e) Offer technical assistance and incentives to encourage for-profit affordable/attainable housing development near jobs and services. Offer planning and infrastructure assistance to encourage for-profit affordable/attainable housing development.
8 G	f)b) Explore the potential of using manufactured housing to provide affordable housing opportunities. manufactured home communities including local finance mechanisms.
6 G 1 R	g) Offer incentives, such as tax credits and financing, to businesses building affordable/attainable/workforce housing.
5 G	h) Develop incentives for compact, higher density development located near jobs and services.
4 G 1 R	i)c) Require properties that receive subsidy through the County to remain affordable over the long term.
1 G	j) Provide incentives and assistance to developers of new affordable rental housing and new senior housing.
4 G 11R	k)d) Adopt a development <u>housing</u> impact fee on new development that is graduated based on distance to infrastructure and level of housing affordability.
2. Integrate a mix of housing types near employment and services.	
2 G	a) Institute infrastructure allowances/incentives for higher density development in appropriate locations.

15 G ~~b)~~a) Provide incentives for residential and commercial land uses, such as mother-in-law units and commercial/residential mixed use projects in appropriate locations.

4 G ~~c)~~ Create policies and incentives for development of higher density housing in proximity to employment centers and ...

1 G ~~d)~~b) ~~Create policies for workforce centers and employment opportunities in locations ...~~ where multi-modal transportation routes exist or are planned.

3. Encourage the design, construction and renovation of homes to be safe, healthy and energy efficient.

4 G a) Facilitate/develop guidelines to lower the life-cycle costs of housing.

~~a)~~b) Provide incentives for rehabilitation of rental and owner-occupied housing.

2 G ~~b)~~c) Provide incentives to attract local housing production for modular, manufactured and/or housing components.

2 G ~~c)~~d) Implement in partnership with LPEA special districts for financing renewable energy.

8 G ~~d)~~e) Adopt a high performance building code that provides incentives for resource-efficient design and buildings.

4. Encourage life skills and lifelong learning opportunities.

1 G a) Identify joint or multiple use facilities for educational, cultural, community and recreational services.

~~b) Work with County school districts and higher education institutions to provide a variety of activities for residents of all ages, including tuition free classes and childcare, at their respective facilities.~~

2 G e)b) Connect educational institutions and the private sector to achieve an integrated system of basic and career education, training and retraining for the community work force.

~~d)c) Work with local agencies and institutes who promote community classes with an emphasis on local food production (including community gardens) and capacity building.~~

~~e)d) Improve and increase life skill resources and financial literacy through support of local programs at local libraries.~~

1 G **Support access to affordable healthcare and to a variety of providers.**

a) Adopt programs that encourage enrollment in healthcare educational programs.

~~b) Incentivize financial institutions to provide citizens with healthcare loans.~~

~~e)b) Provide resources and support for a 2-1-1 Program and Bridge to Success website.~~

1 G ~~d)~~c) Maintain/support rural designation for Medicare so that more Medicare patients can have a primary care physician and actively recruit healthcare providers of all modalities through programs such as loan forgiveness and tax incentives.

6. Support a continuum of choices that helps seniors and disabled persons to thrive.

2 G a) Create and regularly update a public list of resources to connect people in need with each other.

3 G b) Provide incentives to builders to include universal design in buildings and residences.

2 G c) Re-evaluate accessory home regulations in regard to smaller lots.

2 G d) Support transit options for all, including seniors and disabled, connecting residents to critical destinations throughout the County.

7. Promote healthy communities through neighborhood design, transportation networks, and public education.

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2 R a) All new subdivisions and commercial developments will include pedestrian and bicycle facilities and connections with public transportation.

5 G b) Adopt a future land use plan that includes higher density development nodes and promotes multi-modal options.

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c) Regulate mineral extraction regarding noise, ground water pollution and light pollution levels on adjacent private and public property.

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~~d) Participate in efforts to provide residents of the County such basic human needs as food, clothing and shelter.~~

8. Support quality childcare and elder care that is widely available and affordable.

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a) Provide training and support, including tax credits, for individuals to provide child and elder care in their homes.

b) Evaluate, revise or create regulations, such as zoning, parking and land use regulations, relating to child and elder care facilities to encourage county-wide service.

9. Encourage dedicated access to public open space, recreation and trails.

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a) Provide developers options for dedicating access to public open space, recreation and trails.

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b) Develop a plan for dedicated access to public lands in areas that are expected to experience significant new development.

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c) Develop, adopt and implement a county recreation plan, assess the feasibility of a County Parks Department and identify funding strategies.

~~d) Acquire public open space using grants, gifts, incentives and dedicated funds.~~

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e) Develop and maintain access, parking, restrooms and wayfinding to public trails and recreation areas, with consideration for the needs of the elderly and disabled.

10. Support and encourage partnerships with local agencies and jurisdictions in the provision of recreational and community services.

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a) Team with schools, religious institutions and grange halls to share facilities for recreational, educational, and community activities.

b) Create "kid trails" within the county and encourage local schools to offer incentives to children for their use.

11. Encourage intergenerational involvement within the community.

~~a) Develop a relationship between schools & seniors including mentorship & volunteer activities.~~

~~b)~~a) Partner with the Durango Arts Center to hold an annual arts collaboration of youth and seniors.

~~e)~~b) Support, assist and encourage community non-profits, cultural organizations, facilities and services in marketing their programs and in volunteer recruitment.

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~~d)~~c) Formalize an agreement with the school districts to use schools as neighborhood centers for community social and recreational activities and services.

Organizational Excellence Element

Organizational Excellence Goals and Strategies

1. Provide citizens with user-friendly, consistent and efficient services.

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a) Utilize best management practices that include checklists, interactive user friendly website, and extended hours.

2. Collaborate with local governments, state and federal agencies, the Sovereign Nations, businesses and other organizations, to ensure efficient and effective service delivery.

a) Establish a recurring forum for networking among social service agencies, parks & recreation department, private recreation facilities & other non-profits to eliminate duplication of efforts and to fill agency gaps in service.

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b) Support training, cooperation and asset mapping to eliminate duplication of services and to fill gaps in service.

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~~c) Dedicate staff to research and pursue grants.~~

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d)c) Formalize relations between the County government and Federal and State Public Land Agencies (NFS, NPS, BLM,) by designating a County planner as a Public Lands Liaison, who will provide monthly reports and/or updates to County Commissioner on regional public land activities and notify residents of possible impacts to private property.

3. Engage and inform citizens in local decision making and develop transparent public processes that encourage respect among all individuals and groups.

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a) Develop an interactive website that allows citizens to participate and provide input.

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b) Conduct County Commissioner regularly-scheduled meetings at different locations around the county on a rotation basis.

4. Work towards excellence in all county practices.

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a) Annually review the outcomes of development decisions and submit report of findings to BOCC.

b) At least biannually (every two years) review the outcome of development decisions and submit report of findings to BOCC.

5. Ensure two-way interaction between citizens and their county government that includes easy access to information, transparency, and opportunities for citizen input.

7 G a) Create county website for two-way communication between individuals & service providers.

3 G b) Implement a policy of "kids day" at the county to expose La Plata County students to daily operations

6 G c) Provide an online forum for the public and public officials & County staff to communicate with each other.

6. Align municipal and county goals, visions, and actions.

5 G a) Conduct joint meetings between the municipalities and county on a scheduled basis and
4 R inform the public of the results of the meetings.

8 R b) ~~Hire a Public Information Officer to provide periodic reports on collaborative efforts.~~