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FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 LONG RANGE PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

RANK	Task	Detailed Task Description	LRPWP Task #	Reference No.
1	Housing Element (6th Cycle 2024-2031) Update	Update the Housing Element from the current 5th Cycle. The 6th Cycle Housing Element will incorporate revised RHNA amounts from AMBAG and analysis of County land use policies for consistency with State HCD requirements for housing production in unincorporated County. Includes addressing affordable housing in the Coastal Zone per Board Referral 2018.28.	21-02	REF220004 (RFP only) REF220020
1	Housing Element (6th Cycle 2024-2031) Implementation - Amend Zoning ordinance and maps to rezone	Amend County zoning map, classifications, and ordinance to implement the Housing Element.	TBD	TBD
1	Housing Element (6th Cycle 2024-2031) Implementation - Amendments to Monterey County Code	Updates to Monterey County Code to be identified and prioritized for implementation of the Housing Element.	TBD	TBD
1	Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU) Ordinance (Inland)	As prioritized with Housing Element implementation. Revise MCC Title 21 in accordance with State housing regulations and minor clarifications for the inland areas.	24-04	TBD
1	Permit Process Efficiency Improvements - Update Monterey County Code and internal Standard Operating Procedures	As prioritized with Housing Element implementation. Project continues to include updating various sections of Monterey County Code geared to streamlining the land use permit process and improve efficiencies. Project will also include on-going development and refinement of internal permit processing procedures to ensure efficiency and consistency.	23-05	TBD
2	Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Ordinance	As prioritized with Priority Board Referrals. Establish regulations for BESS facilities in unincorporate Monterey County.	25-01	REF2025.15
2	Vacation Rental Ordinance Amendments	As prioritized with Priority Board Referrals. Ordinances amending Title 7, Title 20 (Coastal), and Title 21 (Inland) to modify regulations and process of vacation rental uses the County.	26-03	REF250042 (Coastal), REF250043 (Inland)
2	Rooster Ordinance	As prioritized with Priority Board Referrals. Establish regulations for keeping of roosters in unincorporated Monterey County.	25-02	TBD
3	Fire Preparedness/Home Hardening and Defensible Space	Update Monterey County codes and information related to home hardening improvements and vegetation management for defensible space.	26-02	TBD
4	Chualar Community Plan	Prepare a draft community plan based upon establishment of a specific Community Area boundary, not to exceed 350 acres over the life of the plan (20 years), and developed consistent with the Settlement Agreement between Chualar Area Concerned Citizens et al v. County of Monterey (Superior Court Case No. 107519), executed on or about October 16, 2001.	46	REF240012
5	Water Allocation Policy	Develop a water allocation policy for water allocations anticipated to be provided to the County from Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), Fort Ord allocations, and future allocations as available.	24-10	TBD
6	Safety Element Update	Update Safety Element of the General Plan to include an At-Risk Structures Inventory, and revisions in accordance with Govt. Code Sec. 65302(g).	21-11, 49	REF220004 (RFP only) REF220018
7	Conservation and Open Space Element Updates	Prioritized as part of the Environmental Justice (EJ) Element update process to comply with SB 1425.	26-03	TBD
7	Environmental Justice Element	Prepare an Environmental Justice (EJ) Element that shall identify disadvantaged communities in the County and develop objectives and policies to reduce exposure to pollution and health risks; and promote access to public facilities and services, healthy food, safe and sanitary homes, and physical activity. The EJ Element shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Govt. Code Sec.65302(h).	21-10	REF220004 (RFP only) REF220017
8	Fort Ord Habitat Resource Management Plan	Develop a site-specific habitat resource management plan for County-owned and Monterey Peninsula College-owned properties in the former Fort Ord as request by the 1997 Habitat Management Plan and per deed restriction.	21-12	REF220022
9	Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan Update	Update the Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan.	21-08	REF130060 (Original) REF210024 (2021 Update)
10	Moss Landing Community Plan and Coastal Implementation Program Update	Update the Moss Landing Community Plan (Chapter 5 of the North County Land Use Plan) and Coastal Implementation Program Parts 1 (Title 20 the zoning ordinance) and 2 (Regulations for Development in the North County Land Use Plan).	21-07	GPZ090005
11	Castroville Community Plan & Nexus Study	Update the Community Plan to reflect land use and transportation changes and current needs for improvements. Nexus Study to revise the development impact fees (e.g., traffic fees) reflecting changes.	21-03	REF220010
12	Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project	A green infrastructure project that will recreate hydrological connectivity, restore habitat, and significantly reduce flood hazards in the lower Carmel River Watershed. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project was accepted and certified by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in January 2020, and the Project was selected and approved in June 2021. All necessary State and Federal permits granted.	21-20	REF140048
	Ag Land Mitigation Ordinance Implementation	Various tasks to implement Ordinance No. 5414.	24-03 43, 154	REF220044 (Policy)
	Agricultural Winery Corridor Plan Ordinance and Map Update	Updates to County's zoning maps to implement Agricultural and Winery Corridor Plan and associated amendments to Title 21.	44, 24-07	TBD
	Carmel Lagoon Scenic Road Protective Structure (SRPS), Ecosystem Protective Barrier (EPB), and Interim Sandbar Management Plan (ISMP) Project	A multi-objective, multi-year, multi-organizational effort to improve habitat for threatened and endangered species in the lower Carmel River and Lagoon, improve natural floodplain function, and protect public infrastructure, while maintaining or improving flood risk to existing developed areas.	21-21	REF120051
	Cannabis Consumption Lounge Ordinance Amendments	Amendments to the Monterey County Code to allow for cannabis consumption lounges in unincorporated Monterey County.	24-11	TBD
	Community Climate Action and Adaptation Plan & Implementation	Develop a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Plan/Climate Action Plan to implement State legislative goals.	14	REF120045

	Development Evaluation System	Establish regulations for implementation of 2010 GP Policy LU-2.19	35	REF120030
	East Garrison - Library with Sheriff Field Office	Former redevelopment obligations at East Garrison are identified in the Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) and related agreements for the development. These include construction of an approximately 4,000 square foot Library with Sheriff Field Office.	23-08	PLN030204
	East Garrison - Phase 3 Affordable Rental Apartments	Consisting of 66 very low and low-income affordable housing units plus a manager's unit to proposed to be constructed by the Community Housing Improvement Systems and Planning Associates (CHISPA) above the Town Center commercial space (pending PLN030204-AMD2).	21-22b	PLN030204
	East Garrison - Historic Arts District	Former redevelopment obligations at East Garrison are identified in the Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) and related agreements for the development. These include planned renovation of 23 historic buildings into a Historic Arts District.	23-14	PLN030204
	Environmental Enhancement Streamline Program for Programmatic Restoration Permit	The Resource Conservation District of Monterey County (RCDMC) and other conservation organizations are working to develop a proposed program to allow the RCDMC to apply for and receive a Master Permit from the County to a suite of restoration and conservation-based practices.	21-17	PLN220112
	Fire Safety Regulations	Amend County land use regulations in accordance with updates to fire safety regulations by the Board of Forestry - pending state adoption.	21-09	REF210021
	Fracking Ban Amendments to General Plan and Local Coastal Program (Measure Z)	Measure Z amended the County's four coastal Land Use Plans (North County; Big Sur Coast; Carmel Area; Del Monte Forest) and amendments to the LUPs requires CCC certification. Measure Z also requires amendment to the Fort Ord Master Plan.	24-09	TBD
	Fort Ord Oak Woodland Conservation Area, Plan and Policies	Implementing biological policies in the Fort Ord Master Plan related to establishing an Oak Woodland Conservation Area, developing a Management and Monitoring Plan for the area, and amendments to oak woodland policies for the Fort Ord area.	21-24	TBD
	Historic Preservation Plan Update	Updates to the County's Historic Preservation Plan. This effort includes Board Referral 2023.17 Safeguarding Historic Resources.	22-03	TBD
	Inclusionary Housing Ordinance Revision	Included and prioritized as part of Housing Element implementation. Amend MCC Chapter 18.41 to align with GP policies (LU-1.19 Development Evaluation System, LU-2.11 Affordable Housing Overlay, and LU-2.13 Affordable Housing Ordinance), address changes in State legislation, and provide consistency with the 6th Cycle Housing Element.	21-01	REF220019
	Lot Merger Ordinance	Amend MCC Ch. 19.11 of the County Subdivision Regulations to rename the section from Reversion to Acreage to Reversion to Acreage and Voluntary Merger, and add a new section 19.11.060 Voluntary Merger of Contiguous Parcels, to permit property owners of two or more acres of land under common ownership to merge recorded parcels without the property reverting to acreage and extinguishment of the subdivision (pursuant to the State Subdivision Map Act Chapter 6, Article 1, Sections 66499.11-20.3)	21-16	REF210015
	Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance	Amend MCC to modify and update outdoor cultivation regulations.	22-08B	TBD
	Pajaro Community Recovery Planning	Develop a recovery plan for the community of Pajaro, subsequent to Pajaro levee breach and flooding in March 2023.	23-13	N/A
	Road Naming Conventions	Board Referral 2021.15 to develop a street naming and renaming policy.	26-04	TBD
	Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin Investigation Implementation	Amend the General Plan and implement recommendations per the SVGB Investigation.	26-01	TBD
	Senate Bill 9, The California HOME Act, Ordinance(s)	Included and prioritized as part of Housing Element implementation. Develop local ordinances to implement SB9.	22-05	REF220015
	Senior Housing at Laurel Yard	Board Referral 2023.03 to explore development of a Senior Housing project at 855 East Laurel Drive.		TBD
	Surface Mining and Reclamation Ordinance Updates	Amend MCC Chapter 16.04 Surface Mining and Reclamation for consistency with state law.	24-08	TBD
	Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance updates	Board referral 2024.07 to update County Relocation Assistance Ordinance 18.15.050.	26-06	
	Telecommunications Ordinance Update	Update to rescind and replace section 21.64.310 of chapter 21.64 to the Monterey County Code relating to the siting, design, and construction of wireless communication facilities in unincorporated County of Monterey to: 1) be consistent with revisions to federal and state laws related to unmanned telecommunication facilities; and 2) address objective design standards.	21-13	REF220016
	Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Amendment to General Plan	Amend GP policies to reflect changes in State law mandating use of VMT versus LOS (County Program)	21-25	REF200043

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