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GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Join Us!

UPCOMING KEY DATES:

October 1, 2011

Informational Booth at the
City's 25th Anniversary Event
12 noon to 4 pm at the
San Dieguito Heritage Museum

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future outreach or General
Plan related events.



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2010 Picture Your Place Project
Olivenhain Pine Elementary School

Weekly Newsletter

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The City's General Plan is one of the most important documents - it lays out a systematic set of long-term goals policies that will be utilized to guide citywide decision-making for the next 20+ years. On September 1, 2011 the City released the draft General Plan for public review. There are a lot of new issues addressed in the draft General Plan, as articulated through the public participation process. This newsletter will be updated weekly to highlight some of the new goals and policies that will ultimately help shape our future.

The third General Plan Update Newsletter highlights some of the new policies related to [protecting Encinitas residents and workers from exposure to hazardous materials during and after project development.](#)

Public Safety Element:

11.11 Project Coordination. If investigation of the environmental history of a site reveals the presence of contaminated soils, and/or if a site investigation of existing soil, groundwater, and sediment and surface conditions identify hazardous materials, the City shall coordinate with the appropriate agencies throughout the development review process to achieve the following:

- Ensure remediation of hazardous materials is in compliance with county, federal and other applicable standards;
- Prevent or minimize any impacts associated with future construction (handling and exposure) and/or on-site use operations; and
- Communicate with the surrounding neighborhood from initial investigation/studies through the grading permit/remediation process, consistent with Land Use compatibility policies.

Public Health Element:

8.1 Pesticides on Agricultural Land. Create and periodically update a master database of local agricultural land, nurseries and greenhouses. To the extent feasible, include information on soil quality (e.g., pesticide contamination) and any other historic health related hazards so the City has accurate information to use when considering new development proposals or soil mitigation projects.

Land Use and Community Design Element:

7.8 Agricultural/Greenhouse Conversion. When an existing agricultural/greenhouse operation converts to another use, require pesticide/hazardous material analysis through the County Department of Environmental Health (DEH). Develop a process that keeps the surrounding community informed of the existing chemicals and pesticides on-site from the initial assessment to the grading/remediation process.

To understand the context of these environmental health policies and/or to read more draft policies, please visit www.encinitas2035.info.