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PLANNING & PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY JANUARY 12, 2026 – 5:30 PM

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
117 MACNEIL STREET
SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

TELECONFERENCE REQUESTS/DISCLOSURE

Recommend consideration of requests received for remote teleconference meeting participation made by members of the City’s legislative bodies, as permitted under the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 2449, Government Code Section 54953, and the City of San Fernando adopted Resolution No. 8215, effective March 1, 2023.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recommended the Chair request a Commissioner to lead the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommend that the Planning and Preservation Commission approve the agenda as presented.

DECORUM AND ORDER

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. PRESENTATION ON CLIMATE ACTION RESILIENCE PLAN AND GENERAL PLAN UPDATE.

Staff recommends that the Planning and Preservation Commission:

- a. Receive and file a presentation on the City's Climate Action and Resilience Plan and General Plan Updates to the Open Space, Conservation, Parks, and Recreation Element and Mobility Element; and
- b. Provide feedback and direction, as appropriate.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

COMMISSIONER UPDATES/REQUESTS TO AGENDIZE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AT A FUTURE MEETING

Commissioner(s) may request to agendize an item for discussion at a future meeting, subject to approval by the Commission. Requests should align with the commission's scope of responsibility, adhere to City Council policies, and consider the availability of staff resources and budget constraints.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting will adjourn to its next regular meeting.

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Dated: _____ at: _____

Signed By: _____

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To: Planning and Preservation Commission Chair Solorio and Commissioners

From: Ron Garcia, Director of Community Development

Date: January 12, 2026

Subject: Climate Action Resilience Plan and General Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Planning & Preservation Commission:

- a. Receive and file a presentation on the City's Climate Action and Resilience Plan and General Plan Updates to the Open Space, Conservation, Parks, and Recreation Element and Mobility Element; and
- b. Provide feedback and direction, as appropriate.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The CARP is the City's roadmap for addressing climate change and increasing adaptive capacity. It outlines strategies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, adapt to environmental impacts, and build community resilience through renewable energy, sustainable mobility, urban greening, and climate-ready infrastructure. These initiatives also improve quality of life while positioning the City to secure State and Federal funding.

The General Plan is the City's long-term "blueprint" for growth and development, guiding land use, housing, transportation, parks, and conservation. Updating the General Plan confirms that City policies align with State mandates, reflect community priorities, and advance sustainability goals. The current updates address the Circulation Element (transitioning to a Mobility Element) and the Open Space/Conservation/Parks and Recreation Element, and both elements are being revised to integrate CARP strategies.

Together, the CARP and the General Plan Updates will help San Fernando meet State climate targets, improve community health and mobility, strengthen natural resource protection, and enhance eligibility for competitive grant funding. In September 2025 the Draft CARP and General Plan Updates were presented to the Planning & Preservation Commission and City Council for preliminary review and feedback. During these meetings, the Planning & Preservation Commission and City Council generally approved of the plans, however, requested minor revisions to: urban greening, trees, and parks; mobility, trolley, and active transportation; energy, electric vehicles, and buildings; water use and availability; equity, Tribal partnership, and community context, and implementation, clarity, and process. Each of these topics was

addressed in the current CARP and General Plans. Therefore, staff is requesting that the Planning & Preservation Commission confirm that updates have been made in accordance with prior direction.

Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP).

Phase 1 of the CARP was completed in February 2024 and included development of the City's GHG emissions inventory, a climate change vulnerability assessment, and related data collection. The results were presented to City Council as part of this scope of work. Phase 2 was recently completed and focused on developing measures and actions to improve climate resilience, reduce emissions, and support environmental justice. This work is being carried out in partnership with Pacoima Beautiful, FTBMI, and Climate Resolve (Attachment, A).

Systems are broad areas of focus that guide the plan's measures and actions. They represent the "big picture" priorities that organize the City's climate response, while more detailed measures and actions define how action is carried out within each system. For the CARP, the systems are:

- **Social and Governance System:** Embeds climate and equity considerations into municipal operations, strengthens institutional capacity, and demonstrates how the City can lead by example through actions like decarbonizing City facilities and transitioning the vehicle fleet to zero-emission technologies.
- **Mobility and Land Use System:** Reduces reliance on single-occupancy vehicles, promotes active transportation and transit, supports passenger and commercial electric vehicle adoption, decarbonizes off-road equipment, and links urban ecosystems with building systems.
- **Buildings and Utilities System:** Focuses on decarbonizing and weatherizing buildings, increasing carbon-free electricity procurement, enhancing energy resilience, reducing outage risks, and supporting cleaner, sustainable energy in line with State goals.
- **Urban Ecosystem:** Increases organics diversion and tree canopy, strengthens water system resilience, reduces water use, protects water quality, and integrates natural systems and traditional ecological knowledge.

In addition to this system's approach, a **Cornerstone Measure** was developed to embody the City's values and long-term vision around sustainability and climate resilience. The Cornerstone Measure highlights the City's commitment to protect community members, advance equity, and empower community leadership, serving as a central example of how climate strategies can reduce risks, strengthen community connections, and promote a safer, healthier, and more sustainable future.

Specifically, the Cornerstone Measure states: Expand and strengthen neighborhood resilience by supporting the development of year-round community resilience hubs within trusted local facilities. These hubs would provide residents with accessible resources to address the city's most pressing climate hazards.

The Cornerstone measure and systems incorporate strategies that align with State requirements (SB 32, AB 32, SB 743, AB 1358, SB 1425) and community input, positioning the City to address challenges such as extreme heat and poor air quality.

General Plan Update – Circulation (Mobility) Element.

The Circulation Element is being updated to a Mobility Element that emphasizes multimodal transportation, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction, and regional connectivity while incorporating CARP strategies and State requirements. Development of the Mobility Element is underway, with adoption targeted for April 6, 2026 (Attachment, C).

General Plan Update – Open Space/Conservation/Parks and Recreation Element.

The Open Space/Conservation/Parks and Recreation Element is being updated to focus on protecting natural resources, expanding urban greening, and ensuring park and recreation facilities are climate-ready and accessible. This update is being developed in alignment with CARP strategies, with adoption targeted for April 6, 2026 (Attachment, B).

The CARP and General Plan updates align City policies with State mandates, integrate community priorities, and position San Fernando for future funding opportunities. Staff requests that the Planning & Preservation Commission confirm that all updates have been made in accordance with prior direction.

Community Outreach.

With staff coordination and the City's consultant, an extensive community engagement effort was led by Pacoima Beautiful, FTBMI, and Climate Resolve. Community outreach activities consisted of hosting Pop Ups, community and tribal meetings, advisory group meetings, workshops, and walk shops where community members took a walk throughout the city using tools that measured heat, noise, and air pollution. A total of 12 community engagement activities took place throughout the development of the plans, and over 175 surveys in both English and Spanish were collected. The survey results showed the following:

- Over 55% of respondents participated in the planning process for the first time.
- 80% of respondents were concerned about climate change, citing extreme heat, poor air quality, drought and water supply, flooding, wildfires, and the decline of native plants and animals in the ecosystem, as major issues.
- 48% of respondents noted that they are renters and do not have the authority to make home upgrades which is the greatest barrier to climate action and resilience upgrades.
- 67% are very satisfied or satisfied with the availability of parks and open space, with desired amenities including restrooms, shade structures, fitness equipment, dog parks, outdoor seating, cultural and historical elements, and splash pads.

Receive and File a Presentation Regarding the City's Climate Action Resilience Plan and Associated General Plan Update

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On July 25, 2025, Summer Movie Night at Pioneer Park marked the final community engagement activity. Booklets were handed out and posted on the City's website to further understand the City's living roadmap for a healthier, safer, and more connected future as it relates to challenges climate change presents to the San Fernando community.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

The Climate Action Resilience Plan and General Plan Update is funded by an Adaptation Planning Grant from the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) through January 31, 2026. The project must be finalized by the deadline, and copies of the completed documents will be provided to LCI. However, per the requirements of Senate Bill 18, which mandates Tribal consultation for General Plan updates, the consultation process must be completed prior to adopting the plans. Tribal consultation letters were sent via certified mail to tall Tribes listed on the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) list on November 24, 2025. Therefore, Tribal consultation will continue through February 22, and LCI has confirmed that minor modifications resulting from this consultation may be incorporated at that time.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the Planning & Preservation Commission receive and file the presentation and confirm that all updates have been made in accordance with prior direction. The grant funded project aligns with the City Council 2024 Strategic Goals of Strengthening Climate Resilience and Environmental Justice.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Draft San Fernando Climate Action and Resilience Plan
https://ci.san-fernando.ca.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/San-Fernando-CARP_Public-Review-Draft_wApps_01.06.2025.pdf
- B. Draft Open Space, Conservation, Parks and Recreation Element of San Fernando General Plan
https://ci.san-fernando.ca.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/San-Fernando_Open-Space-Conservation-Parks-and-Recreation-Element.pdf
- C. Draft Mobility Element of San Fernando General Plan
https://ci.san-fernando.ca.us/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/San-Fernando_Mobility-Element.pdf