

*Calaveras County*  
*General Plan Update*

Community Workshop #1:  
San Andreas

May 1, 2007

## **Overview**

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- **Updating the County's General Plan**
- **Questions and Answers**
- **Interactive Exercise**

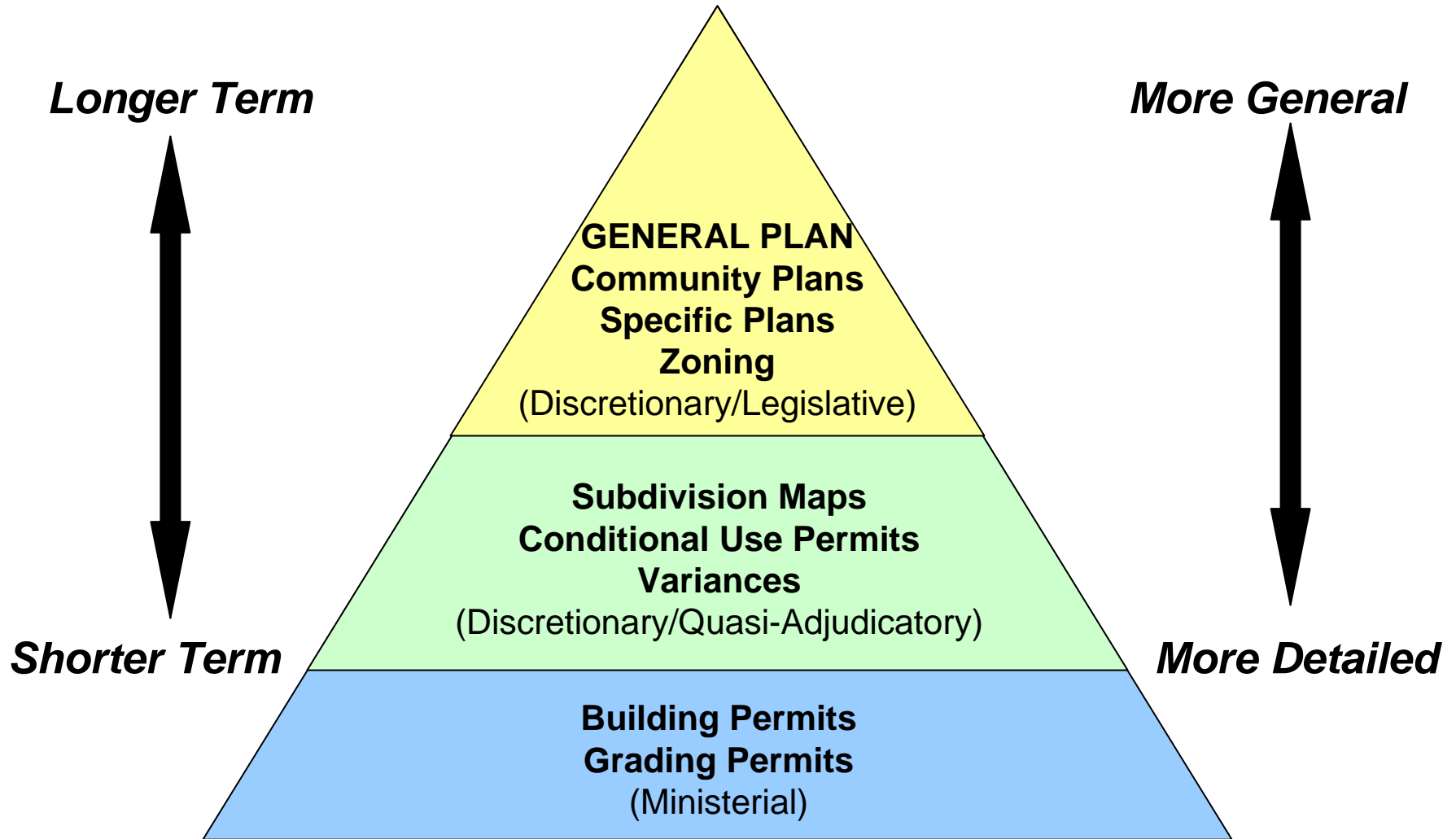
## What is a General Plan?

- Long range planning document
- Blueprint or constitution for physical development in a community
- Addresses a comprehensive list of issues
- Contains goals, policies, programs, and land use & circulation diagrams

## Why Prepare a General Plan?

- Legal requirement
- Information base
- Community vision
- Clear development standards
- Intergovernmental coordination
- Citizen involvement
- Implementation guide
- Conflict resolution

# General Plan Overview



## Basic Content Requirements

- **Comprehensive**
  - Geographic
  - Issues
- **Long-term (*timeframe*)**
- **Internally consistent (*horizontal consistency*)**
  - Equal status among elements
  - Consistency among elements
  - Consistency within elements
  - Area plan consistency
  - Text and diagram consistency

## Mandatory elements

- The **Land Use Element** designates the general distribution and intensity of all uses of land in the community. This includes residential uses, commercial uses, industrial uses, public facilities, and open space, among others.
- The **Circulation Element** identifies the general location and extent of existing and proposed major transportation facilities, including major roadways, rail and transit, and airports. It also addresses utilities
- The **Housing Element** is a comprehensive assessment of current and projected housing needs for all segments of the community and all economic groups that also embodies policies and programs for providing adequate housing.

## Mandatory elements (*continued*)

- The **Conservation Element** addresses the conservation, development, and use of natural resources including water, forests, soils, rivers, and mineral deposits.
- The **Open Space Element** details plans and measures for preserving open space for wildlife habitat, agricultural and timber lands, parks, trails, and scenic vistas, among other open space uses.
- The **Noise Element** identifies noise problems and includes policies to protect the community from excessive noise.
- The **Safety Element** establishes policies and programs to protect the community from risks associated with seismic, geologic, flood, wildfire, and other hazards.



## Shoe fits provision

- **CA Government Code Section §65301(c) provides that each State-mandated element need address only those issues that are relevant to the county's planning area and at a level of detail that reflects local conditions.**

## How Issues are Addressed

- **Baseline information**
- **Goals**
- **Policies**
- **Standards**
- **Implementation programs**
- **Quantified objectives**
- **Diagrams (e.g., land use and circulation diagrams)**

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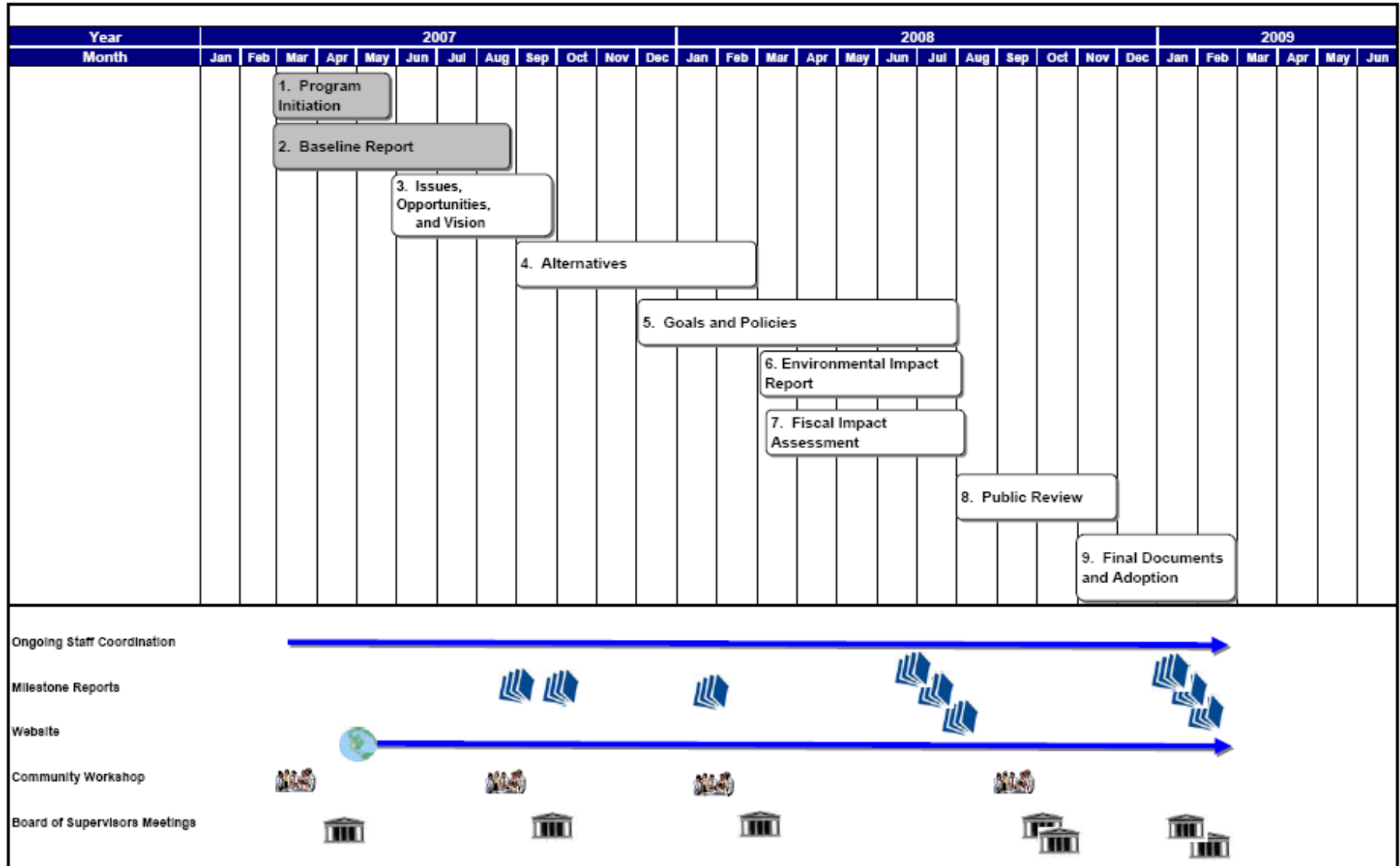
## General Plan Update Documents

- **Baseline Report =** Snapshot of where the county is today
- **Issues & Opportunities =** Identifies range of concerns and choices
- **Vision Statement =** Paints a picture of the county 25 years in the future
- **Alternatives Report =** Provides different paths/ways to achieve the vision
- **Policy Document =** Plan to achieve the vision
- **Environ. Impact Report =** Identifies problems and suggests ways to minimize or eliminate impacts

## Work Program

- **Phase 1: Program Initiation**
- **Phase 2: Baseline Report**
- Phase 3: Issues, Opportunities, and Vision
- Phase 4: Alternatives
- Phase 5: Goals and Policies
- Phase 6: Environmental Impact Report
- Phase 7: Fiscal Impact Assessment
- Phase 8: Public Review
- Phase 9: Final Documents and Adoption

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## Phase I: Program Initiation

### ▪ Major Tasks

- Discuss overall format and organization
- Collect initial documents from County
- Determine/confirm community plan boundaries
- Create General Plan Update website
- Conduct joint Board/Commission study session (4/24)
- Review, define, and format land use and GIS information
- Define and format base maps for use in update
- Conduct community workshops
  - 6 total
  - #1: May 1<sup>st</sup>

- **Consultant and County both have responsibilities in completing major tasks**

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## Phase II: Baseline Report Outline

### ■ Introduction

- Regional Setting
- Planning Areas and Community Plan Boundaries
- Organization and Purpose of the Baseline Report

### ■ Population and Demographics

- Population Trends and Demographic Characteristics

### ■ Land Use

- Existing Land Use
- Existing County Plans
- Existing Zoning Summary
- The City of Angels and Surrounding County General Plans
- LAFCO Spheres of Influence and Annexation Procedures
- Regional Plans and Policies
- Federal and State Plans and Policies

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## Phase II: Baseline Report Outline (cont.)

- **Scenic and Community Character**
  - Scenic Highways
  - Rural Landscape
  - Community Character
  
- **Housing *[existing Housing Element]***
  
- **Transportation/Circulation *[to be completed by the County/COG]***
  - Roads and Highways
  - Public Transportation
  - Aviation
  - Pedestrian Facilities and Bikeways
  
- **Public Facilities, Services and Utilities**
  - Financing
  - Domestic Water
  - Wastewater
  - Storm Drainage
  - Solid and Hazardous Waste
  - Natural Gas and Electric Service
  - Law Enforcement/Jail
  - Courts/ DA/ Probation, etc.
  - Fire Protection
  - Schools
  - Communications
  - Library Services
  - Hospital, Ambulance, and Emergency Services



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## Phase II: Baseline Report Outline (cont.)

- **Recreation and Cultural Resources**
  - Tourism
  - Recreation/Parks
  - Archeological and Historical Resources
  - Arts/Culture
- **Natural Resources**
  - Biological Resources
  - Water Resources
  - Mineral Resources
  - Timber Resources
  - Agricultural Resources
- **Safety**
  - Geologic and Seismic Hazards
  - Flood Hazards
  - Fire Hazards
  - Human-Made Hazards
  - Airport Safety
  - Flooding and Dam Failure Inundation
  - Hazardous Materials/Waste
  - Air Quality
- **Noise**
  - Existing Regulatory Framework
  - Existing and Future Noise Environment
  - Community Noise Survey

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## Questions & Answers

## Exercise #1: San Andreas community

- Please identify your community's most important assets.
- Please identify your community's biggest problems.

## Exercise #2: Countywide issues

- Please identify the county's most important assets.
- Please identify the county's biggest problems.

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