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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 21, 2026

**TO:** North Tustin Advisory Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Staff will present information on the updates to the Comprehensive General Plan Update (GPA 24-01)

**APPLICANT:** County of Orange

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RECOMMENDATION

By motion find that:

1. The Advisory Committee received the proposed project memorandum.

SUMMARY

The County is undergoing a Comprehensive General Plan (GP) update. This process formally began with the authorization from Planning Commission to initiate the Comprehensive GP Update (GPA 24-01) on February 14, 2024. Staff provided an update to the Planning Commission on September 25, 2024. Since 2024, the County focused on collecting and analyzing existing conditions and evaluating its current General Plan document and review public input from the public outreach efforts. Throughout 2025, the County prepared the Draft General Plan policy document.

BACKGROUND

The goals of the Comprehensive GP Update are as follows: (1) examine General Plan goals, objectives, and policies to ensure that a high quality of life is maintained as the community matures and evolves; (2) incorporate changes required by state law; (3) reformat the document to be user-friendly.

DISCUSSION

The Comprehensive GP Update includes goals, policies, and actions to provide guidance to the County on how to direct change, manage growth, and conserve resources over the 20-year life of the General Plan. To ensure that the goals and policies in the General Plan are effectively implemented, a series of actions, or implementation measures, have been developed, and are presented in each Element alongside the goals and policies they implement. The revisions do not propose any land use changes (no changes in General Plan designation for any area) and no changes are being proposed in the recently adopted Housing Element.

The Comprehensive GP Update is being prepared to address the updated requirements of State law and the relevant items addressed in Government Code Section 65300 et seq. Examples of recent State legislation that have been addressed through this General Plan Update include:

- Senate Bill (SB) 1425, which requires updating the open space plans to address equitable access to open space, climate resilience and rewilding opportunities;

- Assembly Bill (AB) 1889, which requires the conservation element of general plans to consider the impact of development on wildlife movement and habitat connectivity; and
- SB 1000, which added to the required elements of the General Plan an environmental justice element that identifies disadvantaged communities within the area covered by the general plan and requires the general plan to identify objectives and policies to reduce the unique or compounded health risks in disadvantaged communities, promote civil engagement in the public decision-making process, and prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of disadvantaged communities.

The updates include revisions to style, language, tables, and figures to update existing conditions and to better reflect the existing regulatory environment relative to more recent updates to the 6th Cycle Housing Element and Comprehensive Zoning Code. Overall, the goals, policies, and actions in each General Plan Element (excluding the Housing Element) are updated.

The Comprehensive GP Update proposes technical revisions that revise and reorganize existing objectives, policies, and implementation programs into a set of new goals, policies, and actions. The proposed goals, policies, and actions provide additional clarity and policy direction, consistent with State laws, policy documents, and guidance that have occurred since the adoption of the existing General Plan.

The documents are available for public review and comment through February 27, 2026. A virtual workshop will be held on February 11, 2026 at 6:00pm. Public hearings with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors are expected to occur in later Spring/early Summer 2026.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA

This action is not a project within the meaning of CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is therefore not subject to CEQA, since it does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The approval of this item does not commit the County to a definite course of action regarding a project since the action is a status update of the Comprehensive GP Update. This proposed activity is therefore not subject to CEQA. Any future action connected to this approval that constitutes a project will be reviewed in compliance with CEQA.

#### **Attachment:**

1. Comprehensive General Plan (Public Review Draft January 2026):

<https://planoc.generalplan.org/documents-maps>