

City of Menifee General Plan Annual Progress Report

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Introduction

The City of Menifee has prepared this Annual Progress Report (APR) for submission to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). This report has been prepared to satisfy Government Code Section 65400(a)(2), and reflects the programs and actions undertaken to implement the City's General Plan between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022. The State of California Government Code Section 65400 requires the planning agency of cities to provide an annual review to their legislative body, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and California Housing and Community Development (HCD) on the status of the City's General Plan and progress. The report highlights completed areas of the General Plan and future priorities and amendments. State law requires that the annual report be completed and submitted to the State by April 1 of each year.

Date of presentation/acceptance by the legislative body (City Council):

- Planning Commission – February 22, 2023
- City Council – March 15, 2023

The City's current General Plan, adopted December 18, 2013, contains a thorough accounting of past and current (2013) conditions, and the vision of the future (2035). The City of Menifee General Plan is accessible on the City's website at:

<http://www.cityofmenifee.us/221/General-Plan>

As shown in Table 1 below, General Plan contains eight (8) elements, including 46 goals and 278 policies as required by the California Government Code, and OPR General Plan Guidelines.

Table 1 Contents of General Plan		
Element	Number of Goals	Number of Policies
Land Use (includes Environmental Justice goals & policies)	6	27
Housing	4	22
Circulation	6	25
Open Space and Conservation	10	54
Community Design	6	57
Economic Development	4	15
Safety	8	58
Noise	2	20
Total	46	278

General Plan Implementation Actions - 2022 Progress

The General Plan contains an Implementation Program, which is comprised of “Actions” to achieve the goals and policies of each general plan element. For reference, the General Plan Implementation Actions and Housing Element Implementation Actions are included as Appendix A and B of the Report, respectively. The Housing Element Implementation Actions were also amended as part of the Housing Element Update. The Housing Implementation Actions aim at providing additional housing opportunities, removing governmental constraints to affordable housing, improving the condition of existing housing, and providing equal opportunities for all residents.

Table 2 below identifies 2022 progress towards completion of City of Menifee General Plan Goals, Policies, and Implementation Actions. “On-going” efforts, or those, which rely on standardized processes (such as California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance), are not included. The list of items below are a snapshot of significant programs or targeted efforts. Please refer to Appendices A and B of this Report for greater detail on all General Plan Implementation Actions and progress on implementation.

Implementation Actions for 2022			
General Plan (excluding Housing Element)			
Summary of Major Accomplishments for 2022			
(See Appendix A for complete list of General Plan Program Actions and their status)			
Action #	Abbreviated Description	Goals / Policies	2022 Accomplishments
LU-2	Prepare Annual Report on the General Plan	All	This 2022 Annual Report of the City of Menifee General Plan implements this Action item.
LU-8	Update the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to reflect updated General Plan Land Use map revisions and new land use designations	Goal CD-3 Policies CD-3.1 through CD-3.22	On January 19, 2022, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-333 approving a Change of Zone for a total of 11 sites/parcels (approximately 74 acres). The Change of Zone involves rezoning of land to accommodate the City's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) as identified in the City's recently adopted 6 th cycle, 2021-2029 Housing Element.
LU-16	Annually Review the Capital Improvement Program for consistency with the General Plan	Goal C-1 Policies C-1.1 through C-1.5	Capital Improvement Program (CIP): On June 15, 2022, the City Council adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2022/23 through 2026/27 and found the CIP consistent with the General Plan. CIP programs to implement General Plan Goals and Policies over the next 5 years consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transportation Projects (31 projects) - Traffic Signal Projects (23 projects) - Street Improvement Projects (26 project) - Pavement Management Projects (23 projects) - Street Light Projects (4 projects)

			<p>- Public Facility Projects (15 projects)</p> <p>- Parks, Trails and Recreation Projects (19 projects)</p> <p>Notable FY 2022/23 CIP projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holland Road Overpass groundbreaking ceremony held January 2023 & construction to begin. Bradley Road Bridge Over Salt Creek McCall Blvd./I-215 Interchange Scott Road/Bundy Canyon Road Widening – in design phase Street widening projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valley Blvd. & Missing Links McCall Blvd. Baily Park Blvd. Complete Streets Plan <p>Funding for these efforts comes from many sources, including a substantial amount of funding from Measure DD, a 1 percent sales tax approved by the voters in November 2016.</p> <p>Notable CIP projects completed in 2022:</p> <p>In 2022, 14 CIP projects completed - \$10 million in investment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gail Web Kids R#1 Sports Action Park pump track (partial build of Evans Park - Phase 1) and conceptual plans for the northern portion of Evans park currently under review. Completion of Lazy Creek Park Recreation Center expansion and improvements (recreation center, parking lot and increased youth services). Completion of Paloma Wash Trail improvements. Completion of McCall Boulevard AC resurfacing (Encanto Drive to Antelope Road) Groundbreaking and start of construction of the Holland Road/I-215 Freeway overpass. Groundbreaking and start of construction of new Fire Station No. 5. <p>Other non-City CIP projects under construction or completed within Menifee in 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mount San Jacinto College 5,000 seat college stadium & \$40 million STEM building. Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) awarded \$2.5 million to support next phases of the Quail Valley septic to sewer conversion project – Subarea 4 hybrid approach to start design in fall of 2022. Menifee Justice Center under construction. A \$90 million project by the State of California
OSC- 1, OSC-3, OSC-10	Recreational Trails – Parks, Trails, Open Space &	Goals OSC-1 & OSC-2	The Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation Master Plan was initially adopted in 2016. In 2022, the City began a comprehensive update to the Parks Master

OSC-14	Recreation Master Plan	Policies OSC-1.1 through OSC-1.10 & OSC-2.1 through OSC 2.8	Plan and has conducted public outreach for input on the Plan and is anticipated to be adopted in May 2023.
OSC-10	CIP to address shortage of parks and recreation facilities	Goal OSC-1 Policies OSC-1.2 & OSC-1.3	<p>CIP: Parks projects completed in 2022 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gail Web Kids R#1 Sports Action Park pump track (partial build of Evans Park - Phase 1) and conceptual plans for the northern portion of Evans park currently under review. Completion of Lazy Creek Park Recreation Center expansion and improvements (recreation center, parking lot and increased youth services). Completion of 2-mile Paloma Wash Trail improvements including work-out equipment. <p>Other Non-CIP Park Projects completed as part of new residential development in 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talavera Park, a 3-acre neighborhood park - Grand Opening held February 2022. Underwood (Shadow Mountain) Park – 9-acre park within the Underwood (Shadow Mountain) residential development. Remington Park, a 5-acre park within the Remington/McCall Mesa residential development. Sunset Park, a 1.5-acre neighborhood park in the Audie Murphy Ranch community
OSC-11	Develop park at Craig & Bradley Road	Goal OSC-1 Policies OS-1.2 & OS-1.3	Gail Web Kids R#1 Sports Action Park pump track (partial build of Evans Park - Phase 1) and conceptual plans for the northern portion of Evans park currently under review.
OSC-66	Air Quality - Complete a solar analysis and implement a five-year plan to establish solar energy generation on municipal buildings.	Goal OSC-9.1 Policies OS-9.1 OS-9.3 OS-9.4 & OS-9.5	Community Services Department participated in a pilot project with WRCOG to develop an Energy Resilience Plan to identify how to keep critical infrastructure running in the event of power outages. WRCOG utilized the Kay Ceniceros Senior Center as the focus of the study in Menifee which will provide direction on next steps for all municipal buildings.
LU-17	Work w/ agencies to secure external funding to construct a new sewer system for Quail Valley	Goal LU-3 Policies LU-3.1 & LU-3.2	<p>Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) Quail Valley Sewer Improvement Project:</p> <p>EMWD working on obtaining funds to complete the sewer connections of the remaining residences in Subarea 9 and Subarea 4.</p> <p>EMWD awarded \$2.5 million to support next phases of the Quail Valley septic to sewer conversion project –</p>

			Subarea 4 hybrid approach to start design in fall of 2022.
C-13 through C-20	Bikeway and Pedestrian Actions (e.g., seek funding for bikeway and pedestrian)	Goals C-2 & C-4 Policies C2.1 through C2.5 & C-4.1	<p>CIP: Citywide Pedestrian Safety Improvements ongoing.</p> <p>Complete Streets Plan: The City is beginning the preparation of a Complete Streets Plan in early 2023.</p> <p>Local Roadway Safety Plan. The City adopted a Local Roadway Safety Plan on October 5, 2022</p> <p>In addition, on November 18, 2020, the City Council adopted Menifee's Active Transportation Plan (ATP) to meet the City's goals and vision for providing a transportation system that supports walking, cycling, public transit and automobiles. The ATP recommends a total of 93 bikeway projects that equate to 183.3 miles of new bikeways consisting of 4% multi-use paths, 60% bicycle lanes, and 36% bicycle routes. The ATP identifies a variety of programs to support walking & biking such as educational events and health related programs.</p>
C-7	Upgrade and Maintain Traffic Signal Interconnect Systems	Goal C-1 Policies C-1.1 & C-1.2	<p>On June 15, 2022, the City adopted the 2022/23 – 2026/27 Five-Year CIP Budget, which includes 23 traffic signal projects. Priority projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menifee Road/La Piedra Road traffic signal • Murrieta Road/Sun City Blvd. traffic signal • Murrieta Road/Rouse Road traffic signal • Menifee Road/Garban Road traffic signal • Antelope Road/MSJC Entrance traffic signal • Murrieta Road/La Piedra Road traffic signal • Hwy 74/3rd Street traffic signal • Menifee Road/Mathews Road traffic signal • Goetz Road/Vista Way traffic signal • Menifee Road/Fire Station No. 76 entrance traffic signal
S-37	Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)	Goal S-6 Policy S-6.1	The City completed its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) which has been reviewed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As of the date of this report, the LHMP is scheduled for Council review and adoption on March 1, 2023. Final FEMA approval is pending.

2021-2029 Housing Element

Summary of Major Accomplishments for 2022

(See Appendix B, Sheet D for complete list of Housing Element Program Actions and their status)

Action #	Abbreviated Description	Goals / Policies	2022 Accomplishments
#3	Rezone Program to accommodate Low and Very Low Income RHNA	Goal HE-1 HE Policies 1.1 & 1.6	Completed: On January 19, 2022, the City Council adopted Ordinance 2022-333 approving the rezone of 11 sites/parcels, of which, eight parcels totaling approximately 55 acres (all vacant land) were rezoned from Economic Development Corridor (EDC)

			zones to the High Density Residential (HDR) Zone to accommodate the City's Low and Very Low Income RHNA.
#4	Rezone Program to accommodate Moderate Income RHNA	Goal HE-1 HE Policies 1.1 & 1.6	Completed: On January 19, 2022, the City Council adopted Ord. 2022-333 approving the rezone of 11 sites/parcels, of which, one parcel totaling approximately 9.27 acres of vacant land was rezoned from Economic Development Corridor – McCall Blvd. (EDC-MB) Zone to the Medium Density Residential (MDR) Zone and two parcels totalling 10.12 acres were rezoned from Economic Development Corridor – Newport Road (EDC-NR) Zone to the Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR) Zone to accommodate the City's Moderate Income RHNA.
#5	Non-Vacant Sites used in Previous Housing Element	Goal HE-1 HE Policies 1.1 & 1.6	A Code Amendment has been drafted and is scheduled for City Council for adoption April 2023 Completion of Program Action 5 is the last item to complete for f HCD certification of the City's adopted Housing Element and full compliance with State law.
#6	Promotion of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) & Permit-Ready ADU Plans	Goal HE-1 HE Policy 1.4	Completed: With SB 2 Planning Grant Program (PGP) Funds provided by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the City developed building code compliant permit-ready accessory dwelling unit (ADU) plans for use by the public in obtaining permits for construction of an ADU. The plans were launched and made available on the City's website in August 2022 and consist of eight different floor plan options ranging in size from 305 to 1,100 square feet and offering four architectural styles. Promoting on City website, news releases and Menifee Matters (citywide publication).
#9	Minor Home Repair - Issue grants for up to 10 households annually. Request County to expand program to cover mobile home units. CDBG	Goal HE-3 HE Policies 3.1, 3.5 & 3.6	The City assisted 11 households in 2022 and continues to incorporate the Senior Minor Home Repair Grant Program in the annual CDBG Program activities 5-year Consolidated Plan (2017-2021) and will continue the program into the 6th cycle. The City launched a new Minor Home Repair Grant Program in January 2023. Grants are available to homeowners with no age restrictions and funded through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds.
#11	Habitat for Humanity - Allocate funds to sub-recipients who assist in improving housing needs	Goal HE-3 HE Policies 3.1, 3.5 & 3.6	The City works with Habitat for Humanity on projects for home repairs within the City. Habitat for Humanity provided service to 46 households for home improvements during the 2022 calendar year.
#14	SB 35 Objective Design Standards	Goal HE-3 HE Policies 3.3 & 3.5	Completed: In April 2022, the City Council adopted Objective Design Standards to facilitate streamlined, ministerial review of multi-family residential development as required by Senate Bill 35. In April

			2022 the City Council adopted a Zoning Code Amendment to establish an SB 35 Multi-Family Ministerial Review Permit process and incorporate the Multifamily Objective Design Standards by reference into the Development Code.
#18	Development Fee Monitoring Program and Entitlement Streamlining	Goal HE-1 HE Policy 1.5	The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) awarded Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant funds to the City for planning efforts to streamline and remove barriers to housing production, of which \$85,000 is for an Entitlement streamlining program to reduce review times and improve permit processing. In 2021, enCodePlus upgraded and updated the City's web-based enCodePlus municipal code software capabilities, including the development of calculators, GIS features, custom indexing and eReader.
#20	CDBG Funds for Community Service Providers	Goal HE-3 HE Policies 3.3 & 3.5	The City allocates CDBG funds to the Assistance League, Boys & Girls Club, Community Cupboard, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice of the Valley, Michelle's Place, RUHS, and SAFE Family Justice Center. All sub-recipients assist Low-Income residents within Menifee with either school clothing; before & after school assistance, hunger, and malnutrition, living conditions, care for terminally ill patients, resources to cancer patients, homeless outreach, and services to those who experience abuse and violence.
#24	Housing for People with Disabilities	Goal HE-3 HE Policies 3.3 & 3.5	The City annually advertises its CDBG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to seek services for people with disabilities, including developmental disabilities.
#29	Housing Market Impact Study	Goal HE-3 HE Policies 3.3 & 3.5	In Progress: In February 2023, the City selected and entered into an agreement with a consultant to prepare the study, which will be completed in 2023.
#30	Inclusionary Housing Feasibility Study	Goal HE-3 HE Policies 3.3 & 3.5	In Progress: The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) awarded Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant funds to the City for planning efforts to streamline and remove barriers to housing production, of which \$45,000 is for the development of an Inclusionary Housing Feasibility Study. In February 2023, the City selected and entered into an agreement a consultant to prepare the study, which will be completed in 2023.
#41	Annual Housing Reporting Program	Goal HE-4 HE Policy 4.1	This 2022 Annual Housing Report of the City of Menifee General Plan implements this action item.

Housing Element Reporting Requirements

As required by State law, the City completed its 2022 Housing Element Annual Progress Report (APR) to show progress towards implementation of its General Plan Housing Element Goals. Annual reporting specific to the Housing Element is also required at the same time as the General Plan APR. Therefore, the Housing Element APR is included as part of this General Plan APR.

Housing Element Annual Progress Report

State Law, specifically Government Code Section 65400, requires the City to provide an Annual Housing Element Progress Report to show progress on the General Plan Housing Element. This report provides an overview on the Housing Element including an update on the progress in meeting the Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) for the 6th Housing Element Cycle. The 2022 Annual Housing Progress Report forms are included as Appendix C of this report.

General Plan 6th Cycle Housing Element

The Housing Element identifies and plans for the City's existing and projected housing needs. It also contains a detailed outline and work program of the City's goals, policies, quantified objectives, and programs for the preservation, improvement, and development of housing for a sustainable future. State law requires regular updates to the Housing Element to ensure relevancy and accuracy. The time from one update to the next is called a housing cycle. The 2022 APR reporting period covers progress for the City's 6th cycle, eight-year housing element planning period from 2021-2029.

On December 15, 2021, the City of Menifee adopted its 6th Cycle, 2021-2029 Housing Element. At that time, the Draft Housing Element had been reviewed twice by HCD and two rounds of revisions completed by the City, with HCD approval of Housing Element still pending. The revised Housing Element was submitted to HCD on December 14, 2021, for a third review. Since then, further revisions were required by HCD in their review letter of February 11, 2022. Revisions were submitted to HCD (fourth HCD review) on July 11, 2022. After HCD's conditional approval of the Housing Element on September 9, 2022, the City re-adopted the Housing Element on November 16, 2022, and submitted its adopted Housing Element to HCD for final review and certification on November 23, 2022. On January 19, 2023, HCD made their determination that in order for the City's Housing Element to be found in full compliance by HCD, the City needs to complete Program Action 5 of the Housing Element.

Housing Element - Progress in Meeting Regional Housing Need Allocation

RHNA is a housing production goal calculated by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), based upon a State established goal, for the Housing Element planning period and provides data to assist cities in accommodating the estimated housing needs of the projected population and employment growth during the planning period.

State Housing law does not require that market-rate and affordable housing units be

constructed to meet RHNA projects. Instead, State law requires that the cities adopt policies, zoning standards, regulatory provisions, and review processes that will accommodate the housing need identified by SCAG. The Housing Element is also required to identify potential sites for development, and/or propose a rezoning program to create the required capacity to accommodate the RHNA units. Once these policies and programs are in place, the expectation is that the private market will construct new units to meet the established goal.

As shown in Table 3 below, the City's 6th cycle, 2021-2029 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) obligation is 6,906 total units. The City's RHNA allocation is divided into four income categories (Very Low, Low, Moderate and Above Moderate-Income) based on the County of Riverside's median income for a family of four. The 2022 HUD Median Family Income (MFI) for Riverside County is \$87,400.

Table 3: 6 th Cycle RHNA Allocation (2021-2029)				
Income Category	% of Median Family Income	Income Range*		RHNA Allocation (Housing Units)
		Min.	Max.	
Very Low Income	0-50% MFI	--	\$43,700	1,761 units
Low Income	51-80% MFI	\$43,701	\$69,920	1,051 units
Moderate Income	81-120% MFI	\$69,921	\$104,880	1,106 units
Above Moderate Income	>120% MFI	\$104,881	--	2,691 units
Total:				6,609 units
*Income range is based on the 2022 HUD Median Family Income (MFI) for Riverside County of \$87,400.				

Table 4 below, illustrates the City's 6th Cycle RHNA allocation and the number of building permits issued by affordability from October 15, 2021, through October 15, 2029. In 2022, building permits were issued for a total of 905 housing units for the 6th Cycle planning period.

Table 4: Building Permits Issued by Affordability – 6 th Cycle												
Income Category	RHNA	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total Units to Date	Total Remaining RHNA
Very Low	1,761		4								4	1,757
Low	1,051		4								4	1,047
Moderate	1,106	1	5								6	1,100
Above Moderate	2,691	287	892								1,179	1,512
Total RHNA	6,609	288	905								1,193	5,416

OPR General Plan Guidelines Compliance

The following overview addresses topics specified by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's (OPR's) General Plan Annual Progress Report Guidance (2016).

Collaborative Planning with Military Lands and Facilities:

The March Air Reserve Base/Inland Port Airport (MARB/IPA), situated between the cities of Riverside, Moreno Valley and Perris, is located approximately eight (8) miles northerly of the City of Menifee. Portions of the City of Menifee located northerly of Newport Road are within MARB/IPA Airport Influence areas and land use compatibility zones established by the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission. The City of Menifee's collaborative planning related to military operations of the MARB/IPA consists of ensuring development in the City of Menifee is compatible with the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission's 2014 MARB/IPA Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. As required by State law, on February 7, 2018 the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2018-233 amending the City's General Plan to add policies to the Land Use Element and Implementation Actions to ensure consistency with the MARB/IPA Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.

In 2017/2018, the Department of the Air Force prepared an updated AICUZ Study to address recent changes in aircraft operations. This study will likely result in a future amendment to the MARB/IPA Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. The City will amend its General Plan as needed to be consistent with future Compatibility Plan amendments.

Consultation with Native American Tribes:

The City has established positive relationships with Native American tribes in the area, particularly after the State Legislature adopted Assembly Bill 52. Today the City regularly conducts AB52 consultation with two (2) tribes:

- Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians
- Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians

Other tribes that have requested AB 52 consultation notification of projects subject to AB 52 are:

- Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians
- Torrez Martinez Band of Luiseno Indians
- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

In reviewing the Planning Commission agendas for 2022, three projects involved CEQA review requiring AB52 consultation with Native American tribes. These projects included the Riverwalk Village 198-unit detached townhome development, Menifee Commerce Center 1.25 million square-foot industrial development, and the Quail Hills 130-unit single-family residential subdivision. Related to tribal cultural resources, the Open Space and Conservation Element of the Menifee General Plan states:

"The City of Menifee is a community with a dynamic topography; hills and small mountains that can be found dispersed throughout the city alongside low-lying plains and waterways. The steepest slopes and largest cluster of hillsides can be found north of Menifee Lakes, traveling northward across McCall Boulevard. Quail Valley also has a number of steep hillsides that influence development patterns in the area. Menifee's 2 tallest peaks-Quail Hill at 2,250 feet and Bell Mountain at 1,850 feet-are important landmarks in the city and have been important to the Native American tribes who have ancestral territories within the city. In addition, rock outcroppings and large boulders often contain archaeological features associated with the Native American tribes who inhabited this area prehistorically and whose descendants still live in and around the city proper. Preserving these features whenever feasible will further preserve and protect the unique history of the city, while adding to the future character of Menifee. Menifee's prominent natural hillsides are one of the city's most identifiable features."

Open Space and Conservation Element Goals and Policies related to tribal cultural resources are:

- **Goal OSC-3** Natural landforms. Undisturbed slopes, hillsides, rock outcroppings, and other natural landforms that enhance the City's environmental setting and rich cultural and historical past and present. Examples of policies in support of this Goal are:
 - **Policy OCS-3.4:** Support the preservation of natural vegetation and rock outcroppings during and after the construction process.
 - **Policy OCS-3.5:** Develop suitable long-term preservation plans with appropriate Native American tribes who have ancestral lands within the city to ensure the perpetual preservation of cultural resources, boulders, and rock outcroppings protected under this policy.
- **Goal OSC-5** - Archeological, historical, and cultural resources that are protected and integrated into the city's built environment. Under Goal OSC-5, Policies OCS-5.1 through OSC-5.6 are all policies related to protecting tribal cultural resources.

Environmental Justice Considerations:

The term "environmental justice" has traditionally been used to define a need to provide equity and protect lower income communities from the impacts of pollution. In 2016, the State Legislature adopted Senate Bill (SB) 1000, which mandates the inclusion of environmental justice policies and programs within general plans. Additionally, SB 1000 expands the meaning of environmental justice to include a broader context of community health, as the legislation requires cities to promote public facilities, food access, safe and sanitary homes, and physical activities. It also requires the promotion of civil engagement in the public decision-making processes and requires that specific

improvements and programs be identified to address the needs of disadvantaged communities.

Environmental Justice policies have been included in the Land Use Element of the General Plan and are intended to direct resources to disadvantaged communities to improve health, recreation, and economic mobility through cleaner air, better access to transportation, education, and employment. The Environment Justice policies included in the Land Use Element are:

- **Goal EJ-1:** Reduced Rates of Obesity, Eating Disorders, and Chronic Disease Such as Heart Disease and Breast Cancer. Improve individual and community health through prevention, screening, education, and treatment strategies regarding nutrition and physical activity related health issues.
 - **Policy EJ-1.1:** Support neighborhood-oriented, specific sources of healthful foods, such as farmers' markets and local outlets. Support food banks, pantries, and other sources that help provide federal food assistance to low-income residents so that all families, seniors, schools, and community-based organizations are able to access, purchase, and increase intake of fresh fruits, vegetables, and other nutritious foods.
 - **Policy EJ-1.2:** Support community education programs on healthy eating habits and lifestyles, including topics such as nutrition, physical activity, and vegetable gardening.
 - **Policy EJ-1.3:** Collaborate with the Riverside County Department of Public Health, Menifee Global Medical Center and other non-profit health sector groups to encourage existing neighborhood markets or convenience stores in nutrition deficient neighborhoods to sell fresh fruits and vegetables.
- **Goal EJ-2:** Strengthen Partnerships with Social Service Groups that Serve the Community.
 - **Policy EJ-2.1:** Support social service programs that reduce homelessness and ensure that children have safe and stable homes.
 - **Policy EJ-2.2:** Ensure that new policies, services, and programs improve the lives of those more vulnerable to poor health outcomes, including persons living in poverty, older adults, children, persons with disabilities, people of color, and immigrants.
- **Goal EJ-3:** Encourage Community Health Best Practices, Diversity in Housing, & Strong Public Engagement.
 - **Policy EJ-3.1:** Establish relationships and collaborate with local health officials, planners, nonprofit organizations, hospitals, local health clinics,

and community groups to monitor trends of City's health and wellness and improve community health.

- **Policy EJ-3.2:** Encourage safe, high quality, and affordable childcare services for residents and workers in or near housing, transportation, and employment centers.
- **Policy EJ-3.3:** Encourage partnerships with regional and national organizations to promote programs to reduce dependence on substances harmful to health, including drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
- **Policy EJ-3.4:** Establish the community's trust by holding open meetings available to any community member to attend and participate. The City will proactively and meaningfully engage residents in planning decisions that impact their housing and neighborhoods through these public meetings.

2022 Legislative Actions

During the 2022 calendar year, the following legislative actions occurred. There were no specific plans/specific plan amendments.

General Plan Amendments

- **October 19, 2022:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-1251 approving General Plan Amendment No. PLN21-0100 amending the General Plan land use designation of assessor parcel numbers APN 331-140-021 AND 331-110-027 from Heavy Industrial (HI) to Specific Plan (SP) and APN 331-140-021 and 331-140-018 from Business Park (BP) to Specific Plan (SP). General Plan Amendment for the Core5 1.64 million square-foot industrial development project on 72 acres.
- **November 16, 2022:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-1265 approving minor and technical clarifying revisions to the City's adopted 6TH Cycle, 2021-2029 Housing Element. The revisions to comply with State Housing Element law, were required by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) after the City Council's December 15, 2021, adoption of Resolution No. 21-1111 approving General Plan Amendment No. PLN21-0022 for the 6th Cycle, 2021-2029 Housing Element update project.

Ordinances/Code Amendments

- **January 19, 2022:** The City Council adopted Ord. 2022-333 approving Change of Zone No. PLN21-0408 the rezone of 11 sites/parcels. This included:
 - Eight parcels totaling approximately 55 acres (all vacant land) rezoned from Economic Development Corridor (EDC) zones to the High Density Residential (HDR) Zone to accommodate the City's Low and Very Low Income RHNA.

- One parcel, approximately 9.27 acres of vacant land, rezoned from Economic Development Corridor – McCall Blvd. (EDC-MB) Zone to the Medium Density Residential (MDR) Zone, and two parcels totalling 10.12 acres rezoned from Economic Development Corridor – Newport Road (EDC-NR) Zone to the Low Medium Density Residential (LMDR) Zone to accommodate the City's Moderate Income RHNA.
- **March 16, 2022:** The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-337 approving Change of Zone PLN21-0408 to amend the Menifee Municipal Code by revising Table 9.140.030-1 (Economic Development Corridors Zones) and amending the definitions of Manufacturing, Warehousing, Logistics/Distribution, Fulfillment Centers, and Research and Development.
- **March 16, 2022:** The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-338 approving Code Amendment LR21-0287 to amend the Development Code (Title 9 of the Menifee Municipal Code) to comply with State law (Senate Bill 35) by establishing a multifamily ministerial review application procedure and requirement for multifamily ministerial review. This amendment incorporated by reference into the Development Code, the City's Multifamily Objective Design Standards which were adopted on March 2, 2022.
- **September 21, 2022:** The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-350 adding Chapter 8.24 to Title 8 of the Menifee Municipal Code setting forth procedure for expediting permit process for electric vehicle charging systems.
- **September 21, 2022:** The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-351 approving Code Amendment LR22-0140, amending the Development Code (Title 9 of the Menifee Municipal Code), consisting of clean-up amendments to several chapters of the Development Cod, including minor technical corrections, clarifying language, amendments for General Plan consistency, and changes to industrial parking requirements.
- **October 5, 2022:** The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-356 approving Code Amendment LR22-0130, to amend the Menifee Municipal Code and Menifee North Specific Plan No. 260 Zoning Ordinance establishing battery energy storage as an allowed use in Planning Areas 2 & 3 of the Menifee North SP.
- **November 2, 2022:** The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-362 approving Change of Zone No. PLN22-0101, to change the zoning classification of four properties consisting of 6.4 acres located east of Trumble Road, west of Dawson Road, south of Ethanac Road, and north of McLaughlin Road from Heavy Industrial and Business Park to Menifee North Specific Plan.

- **November 2, 2022:** The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2022-363 approving Specific Plan Amendment No. 2019-006, to change the zoning classification of four properties consisting of 6.4 acres located east of Trumble Road, west of Dawson Road, south of Ethanac Road, and north of McLaughlin Road from Heavy Industrial and Business Park to Menifee North Specific Plan.

Other Planning Guidance & Regulatory Documents

- **March 2, 2022:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-1126 approving Good Neighbor Industrial Policies as an appendix to the City's Design Guidelines.
- **March 2, 2022:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-1127 approving the City of Menifee Permit Ready Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Plans and ADU Guidebook for use by the public in obtaining permits for construction of an ADU per City requirements.
- **March 2, 2022:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-1132 approving City of Menifee Multifamily Objective Design Standards for compliance with State law (Senate Bill 35) and to be incorporated by reference in the Development Code (Title 9 of the Menifee Municipal Code).
- **June 15, 2022:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-1168 adopting the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 through 2026-2027.
- **October 5, 2022:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-1228 approving the Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) and pledging to take action to provide motorized, non-motorized, and pedestrian safety through education, planning and engineering.
- **2022** - The City adopted two major foundational plans: 1) a Master drainage plan; and 2) a pavement management plan that includes maintenance strategies for roads.
- **2022** – Smart Cities/Broadband Master Plan - The City has completed a Draft Smart Cities/Broadband Master Plan technology driven strategies to improve service and access to all segments of the community. The adoption of this Plan is pending in 2023.

Major Development Project Entitlements in 2022

- Riverwalk Village 198-unit detached townhome development.
- Menifee Commerce Center 1.25 million square-foot industrial development
- Quail Hills 130-unit single-family residential subdivision