

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024 — 6:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Diaz.

II. ROLL CALL

Chair Shawver (arrived during Item IV.A) and Commissioners Diaz, Hanson, Warren (arrived during Item IV.A), Jones, and Gabbard were present.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission and are not contained in tonight's agenda.

Mike Wellborn, President of Friends of Harbors, Beaches, and Parks (FHBP), commented on newly initiated FHBP project known as the Park Legacy Project, an online site with information about regional parks in Orange County.

IV. PRESENTATION(S) (ITEM(S) A)

A. BERT ASHLAND CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE

Bert Ashland has served on the Commission for several years since 2008 and he has recently resigned. The Commission and OC Parks would like to present Bert Ashland with a certificate of recognition and gratitude for his many years of service to the Commission and to OC Parks.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, provided information on this item and presented Bert Ashland with a certificate of recognition and gratitude.

Bert Ashland accepted the certificate of recognition and gratitude and thanked the Commission.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A)

The following item(s) on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commissioner requests to pull a specific item.

A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 3, 2024 MEETING

*Motion: Commissioner Gabbard
2nd: Commissioner Diaz
Approved 6–0*

VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–C)

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A. TALBERT REGIONAL PARK MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

Staff will provide a presentation on the Talbert Regional Park Master Plan.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, introduced staff presenting on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Sheila Cedervall, OC Parks Senior Project Landscape Architect, presented on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

*Motion: Commissioner Warren
2nd: Commissioner Gabbard
Approved 6-0*

B. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

Staff will provide an update to the Commission regarding the October 10, 2024 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee meeting.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, introduced staff presenting on the item.

Jeaniene Casiello, OC Parks Planning and Design Manager, provided an update on the October 10, 2024 OC Parks Trails Subcommittee Meeting.

Mike Wellborn, President of FHBP, commented on the need for trail safety and commented on the need for continued enforcement and public awareness efforts.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

*Motion: Commissioner Jones
2nd: Commissioner Gabbard
Approved 6-0*

C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025

The bylaws of the Commission require that the Commission elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the calendar year on an annual basis.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Nominate and select Commissioners to serve in the following positions for the remainder of Calendar Year 2024 and Calendar Year 2025:

1. Orange County Parks Commission Chair

Nominee: Chair – Chair Shawver

Motion: Commissioner Jones

2nd: Commissioner Gabbard

Approved 6–0

2. Orange County Parks Commission Vice Chair

Nominee: Vice Chair – Commissioner Warren

Motion: Chair Shawver

2nd: Commissioner Gabbard

Approved 6–0

VII. OC PARKS DIRECTOR’S REPORT (ITEM(S) A–B)

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, provided updates and answered the Commissioners’ questions.

Mike Wilson, OC Parks Deputy Director, answered the Commissioners’ question.

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Explore! Fossils of the Ancient Sea Floor – Clark Regional Park – Saturday, November 16 – 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

- Join us for a guided tour of the Clark Regional Park hillside fossil bed, followed by a trip to the Interpretive Center. Closed-toe shoes are required due to uneven terrain, and sun protection and water are recommended. Registration is required.

Biking the Bay – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Friday, November 22 – 8 – 10:30 a.m.

- Join OC Parks for an interpretive bike ride around Upper Newport Bay! Participants will have the opportunity to get their heart rate up and pedal around the Bay, all while learning about local ecology and

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history. This moderately-paced ride will cover a 10-mile section of the Back Bay Loop Trail with 155 feet of elevation gain over the course of 2.5 hours. The route will remain on the paved portion of the trail and will have interpretive stops along the way. Participants must provide their own bike and helmet. Registration is required.

VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

IX. ADJOURNMENT *7:02 p.m.*



GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

FALL 2024
PROJECT BRIEFING

WHAT IS A GENERAL PLAN?

- State Law requires every city and county to adopt a General Plan
- A comprehensive blueprint for the future
- Long-range planning document projecting 20+ years
- Built on community goals and priorities
- Most of the County's current General Plan dates to the early 2010s (last comprehensive updated in 2005)
- The County's Zoning Code implements the General Plan



GOALS OF THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

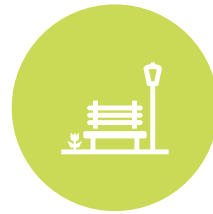
- Update General Plan goals, policies, and actions to help maintain a high quality of life over time
- Incorporate changes required by State law
- Update language to reflect current plans and projects
- Reformat the document to be user-friendly and more easily accessible to all



WHAT TOPICS ARE COVERED IN OUR GENERAL PLAN?



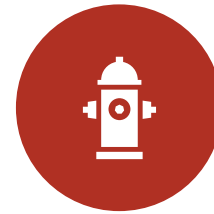
LAND USE



OPEN SPACE



CONSERVATION



SAFETY



NOISE



CIRCULATION



ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE



HOUSING (UPDATED
SEPARATELY)



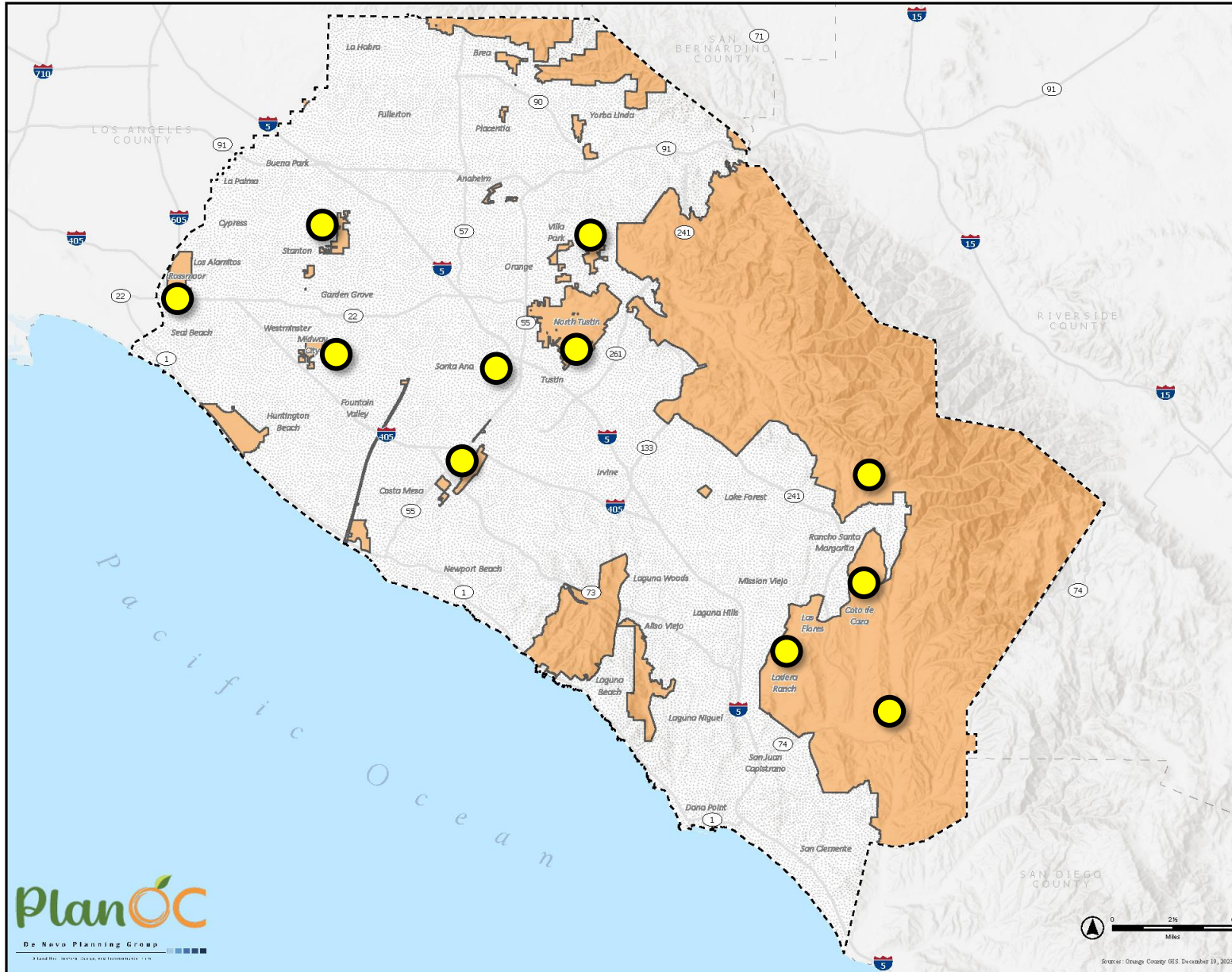
PUBLIC SERVICES
AND FACILITIES



GROWTH
MANAGEMENT

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Direct mailer sent to every property in an unincorporated County of Orange area
- Advertisements on the County's website: <https://ocds.ocpublicworks.com/>
- Dedicated project website <https://planoc.generalplan.org/>
- Online community “vision and values” survey in six languages (English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese Simplified, Chinese Traditional)
- General Plan Update educational video
- Advisory Committee Presentations
- General Community Meetings (Midway City: 6/6 | RMV: 6/11 | West Anaheim: 6/20)
- Consultation to other agencies, utilities, and stakeholders



LEGEND

-  Orange County Boundary
-  Unincorporated Orange County
-  Incorporated Areas of Orange County
-  Community Meeting Location

WHAT HAVE WE HEARD?

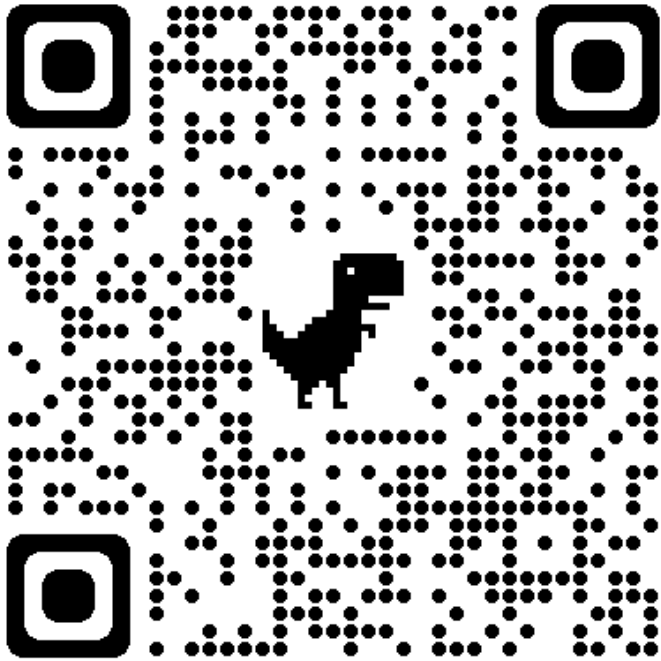
Assets	Vision	Challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural open space• Parks and recreation• Sense of community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preservation of open space areas• Sustainable development• Quiet and safe neighborhoods• More ways to get around (car, bike, walking, transit)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managing growth• Infrastructure needs

- Different assets, vision, and challenges unique to each unincorporated community (i.e., rural features, equestrian amenities, family-friendly communities, access to goods and services)
- General Plan will customize goals, policies, and programs for the different types of communities throughout the County's unincorporated areas

NEXT STEPS AND PROJECT SCHEDULE

Timeframe	Activities
Fall 2023	Launch Comprehensive General Plan Update
Winter 2024	Vision and Values Community Outreach Existing Conditions Report
Spring 2024	Advisory, Committee, and Community Meetings
Summer 2024	Vision Plan
Fall 2024 (now)	Kickoff Draft General Plan and Environmental Impact Report
2025	Complete Draft General Plan
Spring 2025	Complete Technical Environmental Studies
Summer 2025	Complete Draft Environmental Impact Report
Fall 2025	Circulate Draft General Plan and Environmental Impact Report for Public Review
Winter 2026	Public Hearings

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



- Sign-up online for email notifications at <https://planoc.generalplan.org/>
- Complete future surveys (online or in-person)
- Attend future Open Houses
- Email general comments to: PlanOC@ocpw.ocgov.com
- Participate in future public hearings

PLEASE SHARE!

- Please share any of the following materials with your contacts to help us spread the word!
 - Business cards (English only)
 - Project Fact Sheet
 - Community Meeting Flyers
 - FAQ

Digital versions are available on the website

The County of Orange General Plan (GPU) which serves as the primary guide for future growth and development decisions in the County's unincorporated areas is currently being updated to prepare for important issues such as new growth, housing needs and environmental protection. The General Plan serves as a blueprint for future physical and economic development and addresses regional services and facilities provided by the County such as regional parks, roads, and flood control facilities.

We need your help with updating the General Plan to make it a success!

There will be opportunities to share your opinion on decisions that will inform the General Plan. There will be community events and a virtual engagement to understand your vision and priorities for the County. Community meeting information will be posted on the project website PlanOC.GeneralPlan.org, as it becomes available.

What is a General Plan?
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Why is the County updating its General Plan?
The Orange County General Plan underwent its last update in the early 2010s, but it has since revised certain sections to ensure compliance with State Law. As part of this General Plan Update effort, the County will review land uses consistent with the County's regional context and location in Southern California. The General Plan must consider these factors and how they influence land use within the County. The Update must also address State directives, including legislation regarding climate change, housing affordability, and greenhouse gas emissions.

What geographic areas of the County will be the focus of this project?
While the County of Orange General Plan primarily focuses on the unincorporated area that is not located within a city—the plan also addresses regional services and facilities provided by the County such as regional parks, roads, flood control facilities, etc. Unincorporated areas of the County are located throughout the County, with larger areas in the east and south, including small "islands" of property spread throughout.

What is included in the General Plan Update project?
The General Plan Update entails preparation of a variety of important plans and reports that will guide the County through 2045. These include:
Existing Conditions Report – will describe current conditions and regulations affecting the County's unincorporated areas including land use and growth, circulation and mobility, market trends, historic resources, community services and facilities, conservation, climate change, safety and noise, and environmental justice. It is prepared early in the process and serves as a resource for decision-makers, the public, County staff, and consultants.

Will the General Plan change the boundaries of the unincorporated areas or include any plans for annexation?
No. The General Plan will not propose to change the boundaries of the unincorporated areas or direct any potential future annexations.

Is the General Plan subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)?
Yes. The General Plan is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is usually required for adoption of a comprehensive or major update to a General Plan.

Will there be zoning changes in the updated General Plan document?
No. The General Plan update does not modify any zoning districts within the unincorporated County of Orange areas.

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2024 Existing Conditions: Explore current conditions and regulations. Listening & Visioning: Public survey, public workshops, key stakeholder presentations, online engagement activities.

2024-2025 Policy & Plan Development: Develop policies for eight General Plan elements.

2025-2026 Environmental Analysis: Review and address potential environmental impacts.

2026 Review & Adoption: Public hearing, Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors.

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THANK YOU

ORANGE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

FROM: Pam Passow, Director, OC Parks

DATE: December 5, 2024


SUBJECT: OC Parks Commission's Proposed 2025 Meeting and Field Trip Schedule

A proposed schedule of 2025 meeting and field trip dates is provided below for the Commission's review. Seasonal field trips provide the Commission with valuable onsite experiences at various County facilities.

January 2	Cancelled Meeting
February 6	Regular Meeting
March 6	Regular Meeting
April 3	Cancelled Meeting
April 4	Commission Field Trip — Newport Sea Base and Harbor Patrol
May 1	Regular Meeting
June 5	Regular Meeting
July 3	Cancelled Meeting
August 7	Regular Meeting
September 4	Cancelled Meeting
September 12	Commission Field Trip — Carbon Canyon Regional Park
October 2	Regular Meeting
November 6	Regular Meeting
December 4	Regular Meeting

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Commission's 2025 meeting and field trip schedule.


Pam Passow