

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS A GENERAL PLAN?



The General Plan is a regulatory document that provides a framework for decision making by **establishing goals and policies to guide a community in realizing its future vision**. California Government Code Section 65300 requires the legislative body of each city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term General Plan for the physical development of the community and provides a list of topics that must be addressed by the general plan. City councils and planning commissions use the goals and policies of a General Plan to make decisions regarding land use, housing, mobility, infrastructure, and open space and recreation needs. General Plans focus on long-term goals and policies and looks at least 20 years into the future.

The City of Rio Vista's entire General Plan was last updated in 2001. Since then, the City updated the Housing Element in 2014 as required by State law. Other elements have been amended or modified by minor amendments, but have not been comprehensively updated. This effort provides a timely opportunity for the City to review the effectiveness of the General Plan to assess how it has been functioning and to provide text refinements and updated language to go in the plan.

RIO VISTA GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS

- Land Use
- Community Character and Design
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Circulation and Mobility
- Open Space and Recreation
- Resource Conservation
- Safety
- Noise
- Public Services and Facilities

OVERVIEW OF THE RIO VISTA GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

The General Plan Update will provide a framework for decision-making to establish goals and policies that will guide Rio Vista in realizing its future vision. The General Plan Update provides an exciting opportunity to continue shaping the future of Rio Vista. Through the Update process, the City, with input from the public and stakeholders, will consider many topics including, land use, circulation, housing, safety, and downtown design elements. This process will ensure that Rio Vista continues to thrive and advance as a small city.



GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

The General Plan Update will take about 18 months from initiation to adoption. The following timeline shows the key tasks and milestones of the project:

TIMELINE AND MILESTONES

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS

Review existing reports and policies; Community Mtg. #1 Fall 2021-Winter 2022

DEVELOP DRAFT GENERAL PLAN

Prepare General Plan Elements and policies

Spring-Summer 2022

REVIEW & ADOPT GENERAL PLAN

Adoption of Final General Plan Spring-Summer 2023

LISTENING & VISIONING

Develop vision and guiding principles; Community Mtg. #2 Spring 2022

PREPARE PUBLIC DRAFT GENERAL PLAN

Prepare Public Draft General Plan/EIR; Community Mtg. #3

Fall 2022 - Winter 2023



GET INVOLVED!

A successful General Plan will reflect the community's priorities and your input is needed to confirm the community's values and establish its vision.

WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT

Visit the General Plan website to learn more about the project, fi nd out more about upcoming public meeti ngs, and the progress of the General Plan. Also, please visit the MindMixer website to submit ideas for the future vision of Rio Vista and respond to survey questions.

City's project webpage: RioVista2045.com MindMixer: RioVista2045.Mindmixer.com



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