

## APPENDIX 3.1-A: REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANS AND LAWS INVENTORY

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**Table 1 Transportation**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<p><b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013), Transportation and Circulation Element.</b> This element of the general plan establishes goals, policies and programs to address the circulation of people, vehicles, and goods throughout the county. It specifies roadway classifications and level-of-service standards for existing roadways.</p>
	<p><b>2014 Regional Transportation Plan for Merced County (2014).</b> The Regional Transportation Plan includes goals, objectives, policies and programs regarding transportation throughout the county.</p>
	<p><b>Short Range Transit Plan 2012–2017 (Transit JPA for Merced County 2012).</b> Reviews the public transit services within Merced County, lays out a 10-Year Vision for an enhanced transit network, and proposes a stepwise approach to pursuing that vision over the next 5 years, under two potential scenarios.</p>
Madera County	<p><b>Draft Madera Countywide Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (2015).</b> Contains the individual Compatibility Plan for the Chowchilla Municipal Airport. As a public-service airport owned and operated by the city, the Chowchilla Municipal Airport is subject to an airport master plan and land use compatibility plan prepared by the Madera County Airport Land Use Commission, for regulating land use within airport safety zones to minimize airport hazards and risk of accidents.</p>
	<p><b>2014 Madera County Regional Transportation Plan (2014).</b> This long-range transportation plan establishes policies, goals, and objectives to ensure that the County's transportation system and implementation policies and programs safely and efficiently accommodate the growth envisioned in the general plans of Madera County and its cities.</p>
	<p><b>Madera County 2004 Regional Bicycle Transportation Plan (2004).</b> Addresses the needs of commuting and recreational cyclists throughout the county, and suggests needed improvements and additions to the bikeway routes and facilities. The plan also serves as a basis for future investment in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and identifies development priorities, funding sources, and grant opportunities.</p>
	<p><b>Madera County General Plan (1995).</b> The county plan establishes goals and policies for the long-range planning and development of the county's roadway system to ensure the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.</p>
City of Chowchilla	<p><b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011), Circulation Element.</b> This element of the general plan establishes goals, policies and programs to address the circulation of people, vehicle, and goods throughout the county. It specifies roadway classifications and level-of-service standards for existing roadways, and identifies existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities.</p>
City of Merced	<p><b>City of Merced 2013 Bicycle Transportation Plan (2013).</b> A comprehensive planning document that describes Merced's existing bikeway system, a vision for its future, and a prioritized list of projects to be constructed. The Merced Bicycle Transportation Plan also enables the City of Merced to compete for state funds for bike-related improvements.</p>

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Stanislaus County	<b>Stanislaus County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) (2015).</b> This plan contains the individual Compatibility Plan for the Oakdale Municipal Airport. The basic function of the plan is to promote compatibility between the airport and the surrounding land uses to the extent that the surrounding area has not already been developed in incompatible uses. The plan accomplishes this function through establishment of compatibility criteria applicable to new development within certain boundaries of the airport.

Source: Madera County, 1995, 2014a; MCAG, 2014; Merced County, 2013a, 2013b; City of Chowchilla, 2011a; City of Merced, 2013; Stanislaus County, 2015

**Table 2 Air Quality**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013).</b> The plan includes elements that aim to reduce air quality effects from new development projects.
Madera County	<b>Madera County General Plan (1995).</b> The plan includes goals and policies to improve overall air quality in the county, integrate air quality into transportation planning, and guidance for air quality planning and management. <b>Madera County General Plan (2010a), Air Quality Element.</b> The Air Quality Element provides goals, policies and objectives that will lead to improved air quality within its jurisdiction.
City of Chowchilla	<b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011).</b> The general plan includes policies to reduce air pollution through land use, transportation, and energy use planning.
Fresno County	<b>Fresno County General Plan (2003), Open Space and Conservation Element.</b> The Open Space and Conservation Element of the Fresno County General Plan contains goals and policies aimed at improving air quality and minimizing the effects of air pollution within the County.
Stanislaus County	<b>Stanislaus County General Plan (2016), Open Space Element.</b> The Open Space Element of the Stanislaus County General Plan includes goals and policies aimed at reducing the air quality effects of new projects.
City of Merced	<b>Merced Vision 2030 General Plan (2015a), Sustainable Development Element.</b> The Merced Vision 2030 General Plan Sustainable Development Element contains goals and policies aimed at reducing air quality emissions and to accurately determine and fairly mitigate the local and regional air quality impacts of projects proposed in Merced.
City of Waterford	<b>Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan (2006), Sustainable Development Element.</b> The Sustainable Development Element of the Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan contains goals and policies aimed at reducing air quality emissions and to accurately determine and fairly mitigate the local and regional air quality impacts of projects proposed in Waterford.

Sources: Fresno County, 2003; Stanislaus County, 2016a; Merced County, 2013a; Madera County, 1995, 2010a; City of Chowchilla, 2011a; City of Merced 2015a; City of Waterford, 2006

**Table 3 Noise and Vibration**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013), Health and Safety Element.</b> The Health and Safety Element of this general plan establishes policies and noise level standards that guide decisions concerning land uses and protect people from exposure to excessive noise.
Madera County	<b>Madera County General Plan (1995), Noise Element.</b> The intent of this noise element is to protect Madera County residents from exposure to excessive noise and vibration through the implementation of standards and policies for transportation and non-transportation noise sources.
	<b>Madera County Noise Regulations (2001), Code, Chapter 9.58.020 – General Noise Regulations.</b> This chapter of the Madera County Code establishes noise regulations to protect persons from excessive noise within or near residences, schools, churches, hospitals, or public libraries.
Fresno County	<b>Fresno County General Plan (2003), Noise Element.</b> Fresno County's Noise Element identifies existing and future noise sources, and establishes policies to protect residents from exposure to excessive noise and to guide the development of compatible land uses.
	<b>Fresno County Code of Ordinances (2016), Chapter 08.40.060, Noise Source Exemptions.</b> Noise sources associated with construction, provided such activities do not take place before six a.m. or after nine p.m. on any day except Saturday or Sunday, or before seven a.m. or after five p.m. on Saturday or Sunday.
Stanislaus County	<b>Stanislaus County General Plan (2016), Noise Element.</b> The intent of this noise element is to protect Stanislaus County residents from exposure to excessive noise and vibration through the implementation of standards and policies for transportation and non-transportation noise sources.
City of Chowchilla	<b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011), Noise Element.</b> Chowchilla's Noise Element identifies existing and future noise sources, and establishes policies to protect residents from exposure to excessive noise and to guide the development of compatible land uses.
City of Merced	<b>City of Merced Vision 2030 General Plan (2012), Noise Element.</b> The intent of this element is to protect Merced residents from exposure to excessive noise and vibration through the implementation of standards and policies for transportation and non-transportation noise sources.
City of Waterford	<b>City of Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan (2006), Noise Element.</b> This noise element identifies existing and future noise sources, and establishes policies to protect residents from exposure to excessive noise and to guide the development of compatible land uses.

Source: Merced County, 2013a; Madera County, 1995; Stanislaus County, 2016a; Fresno County, 2003; City of Chowchilla, 2011a; City of Merced, 2012; City of Waterford, 2006

**Table 4 Electromagnetic Fields and Electromagnetic Interference**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013), Public Facilities and Services Element.</b> This element of the general plan establishes policies that address the provision of utilities in Merced County and require minimization of electromagnetic impacts on residents and mitigation of electrical interference to adjacent land uses.
Madera County	<p><b>Madera County General Plan (1995), Public Facilities and Services Element.</b> This element of the general plan establishes policies to guide the placement of electrical utilities and minimize impacts (e.g., electromagnetic) on residents.</p> <p><b>Madera County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18.78.</b> The code includes regulations for electrical or electronic inference, including Chapter 18.78.010 A.1 (a) Airport/Airspace Overlay District.</p>
City of Chowchilla	<p><b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011), Public Facilities and Services Element.</b> This element of Chowchilla's general plan establishes policies that are designed to provide adequate public utilities.</p> <p><b>City of Chowchilla Code of Ordinances.</b> The code includes regulations related to electrical interference, including 14.08.060 Airport/Airspace Zoning.</p>

Source: Merced County, 2013a; Madera County, 1995; City of Chowchilla, 2011a

**Table 5 Public Utilities and Energy**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<p><b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013), Public Facilities and Services Element.</b> The Public Facilities and Services Element of the general plan establishes policies that address the provision and placement of public utilities and services, including gas and electric, communications, telecommunications, water, sewer, and storm water drainage. The natural resources element addresses efficient energy use and conservation.</p> <p><b>Merced County Code, Title 9 (2009) – General Health and Safety.</b> Title 9 of the Merced County Code establishes standards for refuse disposal and collection, for pollutants in stormwater discharges, and for the location, construction, maintenance, abandonment and destruction of wells.</p> <p><b>Merced Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (2013).</b> This plan encourages sustainable water uses through the implementation of a series of water management objectives.</p> <p><b>Storm Water Management Program (2007).</b> The stormwater management program addresses stormwater drainage and management through the county.</p>
Madera County	<p><b>Madera County General Plan (1995).</b> The plan lays out goals and policies to guide development, including policies on placement of public utilities and services and storm water drainage in the county.</p> <p><b>Madera County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (2014).</b> The main objectives of the plan are water resource management optimization, evaluating and increasing water supplies, water quality protection and improvement, and flood control planning.</p>

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
	<b>Madera County Municipal Code (2016).</b> The municipal code Title 13 and 14 addresses water utility practices, economic and efficient development, protection of groundwater quality, and development and management of sewage disposal methods and systems in unincorporated parts of the county.
Fresno County	<p><b>Fresno County General Plan (2003), Public Facilities Element.</b> The Fresno County General Plan Public Facilities Element implements policies for the safe and efficient disposal or recycling of solid waste.</p> <p><b>Fresno County Municipal Code, Title 8 and Title 14 (2016).</b> These titles address disposal waste facilities and wastewater treatment systems.</p>
City of Chowchilla	<p><b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011), Public Facilities and Services Element.</b> The Public Facilities and Services Element of Chowchilla’s general plan establishes policies that are designed to provide adequate infrastructure (i.e., water, sewer, storm drainage, natural gas, electrical and communication lines and facilities, and solid wastes collection) for existing and future development. The Open Space element encourages energy-efficient development.</p> <p><b>City of Chowchilla Municipal Code, Title 13 (2015) – Public Services.</b> Title 13 of the Chowchilla Municipal Code establishes standards and requirements for water service, sewer systems, and collections.</p>
City of Merced	<b>Merced Vision 2030 General Plan (2015a), Public Services Element.</b> The goals and policies contained in the public services element address the provision of public services and facilities necessary to meet the demands of Merced’s residents now and in the future.

Source: Merced County, 2007, 2013a, 2013b; Madera County, 1995, 2014b; Fresno County, 2003; Fresno County, 2016; City of Chowchilla, 2011a; City of Merced, 2015a

**Table 6 Biological Resources and Wetlands**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013), Natural Resources Element.</b> The Natural Resources Element addresses protection, preservation, and enhancement of biological resources in Merced County.
Madera County	<b>Madera County General Plan (1995).</b> The plan includes goals and policies to encourage the preservation of wetland and riparian areas and to protect, restore, and enhance fish and wildlife habitat.
Fresno County	<b>Fresno County General Plan (2003).</b> The Fresno County General Plan contains goals and policies addressing long-term preservation, enhancement, and enjoyment of plant, wildlife, and aquatic habitat resources in the Fresno area by protecting, improving, and restoring these resources and also direct the County to maintain and restore, where feasible, the ecological values of the San Joaquin River corridor. It also aims to protect, restore, and enhance habitats in Fresno County that support fish and wildlife species so that populations are maintained at viable levels and preserve valuable vegetation resources as well as wetland communities.
Stanislaus County	<b>Stanislaus County General Plan (2016).</b> The Stanislaus County General Plan addressed the protection, preservation, and enhancement of biological resources, including areas of sensitive wildlife habitat, oak woodlands, waterways, and habitats of rare and endangered fish and wildlife species, in Stanislaus County.

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
City of Chowchilla	<b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011), Open Space and Conservation Element, Biological Resources Section.</b> Objective OS-13 encourages the provision of open space areas through the preservation and enhancement of natural features or the joint use of other public facilities and/or rights-of-ways.
City of Merced	<b>Merced Vision 2030 General Plan (2015a), Open Space and Conservation Element.</b> The Open Space and Conservation Element of the Merced Vision 2030 General Plan contains policies protecting wildlife habitats supporting rare, endangered, or threatened species as well as to preserve and enhance creeks in their natural state throughout the City.
City of Waterford	<b>Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan (2006), Open Space and Conservation Element.</b> The Open Space and Conservation Element of the Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan contains policies protecting wildlife habitats supporting rare, endangered, or threatened species as well as to preserve and enhance water quality and creeks in their natural state throughout the City.

Source: Merced County, 2013a; Madera County, 1995; Fresno County, 2003; City of Chowchilla, 2011a; City of Madera, 2009; City of Merced, 2015a; City of Waterford, 2006.

**Table 7 Hydrology and Water Resources**

Regional	Regional Regulation (Year)
Central Valley Wye	<b>RWQCB's Order No. R5-2013-0074 (NPDES No. CAG95001).</b> Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Dewatering and Other Low-Threat Discharges to Surface Waters (General Dewatering Permit), updates the regulation of discharges to surface water from dewatering activities.
City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<p><b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013).</b> The 2030 Merced County General Plan establishes goals, policies, and programs that provide guidance for reducing flood risk, protect soils from erosion, protect natural lands and special habitats, control stormwater runoff, and minimize impacts on existing drainage facilities.</p> <p><b>Merced County Code of Ordinances (2013).</b> The Merced County Code contains the following policies related to hydrology and water resources:</p> <p><b>Chapter 16.16 Building Code, Section 16.16.010</b> Adoption of the International Building Code</p> <p><b>Title 18 (Zoning), Section 18.41.030:</b> Dust, No urban land use shall create dust, dirt or mud, which leaves the boundaries of the project site.</p>
Madera County	<p><b>Madera County General Plan (1995).</b> The Madera County General Plan contains establishes goals, policies, and programs to address soil erosion, reduce flood risk, preserve and protect natural lands and water bodies, mitigate negative effects to storm drainage systems, and manage stormwater runoff, hydrology and water resource issues.</p> <p><b>Madera County Code of Ordinances Title 14 Buildings and Construction, Chapter 14.50 Grading and Erosion Control (2005).</b> Title 14 Buildings and Construction, Chapter 14.50 Grading and Erosion Control sets minimum standards for the construction of landfills, excavations and related activities so as to prevent erosion, sedimentation and other environmental damage and to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the community.</p>

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Fresno County	<p><b>Fresno County General Plan (2003), Land Use and Public Facilities Elements.</b> The Fresno County General Plan contains goals and policies aimed at preventing sedimentation and erosion, overdraft of groundwater, adverse effects of construction activities to local streams, as well as requiring consideration of designated floodways in determining the locations of future development.</p>
Stanislaus County	<p><b>Stanislaus County General Plan (2016), Conservation and Open Space Element.</b> The Stanislaus County General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element contains policies protecting water quality and groundwater aquifers, as well as to conserve water resources and to protect waterways from bank erosion and siltation in Stanislaus County.</p> <p><b>Stanislaus County Code of Ordinances Chapter 14.14.010, Storm Water Management and Discharge Control Ordinance (2008)</b> protects and promotes the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Stanislaus County by controlling non-stormwater discharges to the storm water conveyance system from spills, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater, and by reducing pollutants in urban stormwater discharges to the maximum extent practicable.</p>
City of Chowchilla	<p><b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011).</b> The City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan contains the policies that provide guidance for implementing the Master Plans for water, wastewater collection and treatment, and storm water collection and disposal which address future growth demands and address public facilities and services including schools in a coordinated and comprehensive manner.</p> <p><b>City of Chowchilla Code of Ordinances, Title 17 Subdivisions, Chapter 17.32 Design and Improvement Standards, Section 17.32.060 Grading Plan (1998).</b> This section states that an applicant may appeal the decision of the Zoning Administrator or Planning Commission within ten days of the determination. An appeal to the City Council shall be taken by filing a letter of appeal, in duplicate, with the Planning Department and by concurrently paying to such department a fee in the amount established by City Council resolution.</p>
City of Merced	<p><b>Merced Vision 2030 General Plan (2012), Open Space, Conservation, and Open Space Element and Public Services Element.</b> The Merced Vision 2030 General Plan contains the policies that guide the preservation of natural resources, including waterways, and aim to protect groundwater supplies and water quality within the City.</p>
City of Waterford	<p><b>Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan (2006), Open Space and Conservation Element.</b> The Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan contains goals and policies aiming to preserve natural resources, to enhance Tuolumne River and Dry Creek, and to preserve and enhance water quality within the City.</p>

Sources: Merced County, 2013; Madera County, 1995; Madera County Planning Department, 2012; Fresno County, 2003; Stanislaus County, 2008; Stanislaus County, 2016a; City of Chowchilla, 2011a; City of Merced, 2012; City of Waterford, 2006



**Table 8 Geology, Soils, Seismicity, and Paleontological Resources**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<p><b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013), Natural Resources Element, Health and Safety Element, and Recreation and Cultural Resources Element.</b> The Natural Resources Element of the Merced County General Plan provides the policy context for Merced County to achieve its vision for the management and preservation of natural resources, including soils and minerals. The Health and Safety Element of the General Plan establishes policies to protect residents and property from risks, such as geologic and seismic hazards, by guiding the location and type of new development. The Recreation and Cultural Resources Element encourages the protection of cultural, archaeological, and paleontological resources.</p> <p><b>Merced County Code, Chapter 16 and Chapter 18 (2016).</b> The code establishes building code standards and performance standards for development, including provisions for clearing, grading, earth moving, and other site preparation activities.</p>
Madera County	<p><b>Madera County Code, Chapter 14 (2016).</b> The code adopts the California Building Code and establishes grading and erosion control rules for new development.</p> <p><b>Madera County General Plan (1995).</b> Provides goals, policies, and implementation programs to protect and enhance natural qualities of streams, creeks, and groundwater; to conserve mineral resources; and to minimize loss of life, injury, and property damage due to seismic and geologic hazards including landslide hazards, unstable slopes, steep slopes, and expansive soils.</p>
Fresno County	<p><b>Fresno County General Plan (2003).</b> The Fresno County General Plan contains goals and policies aimed at protecting Fresno County's important paleontological and geological sites, and addresses seismic and geological hazards through policies and implementation programs designed to minimize the loss of life, injury, and property damage.</p>
Stanislaus County	<p><b>Stanislaus County General Plan (2016).</b> The Stanislaus County General Plan addresses seismic and geological hazards through policies and implementation programs designed to minimize the loss of life, injury, and property damage.</p>
City of Chowchilla	<p><b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011), Public Safety Element.</b> This element of Chowchilla's General Plan identifies measures to minimize community exposure to harmful impacts caused by natural hazards, such as seismic activity or flooding. This is accomplished through policies that guide development and require geologic and engineering studies for all critical, public facility projects.</p> <p><b>City of Chowchilla Code, Chapter 15 (2014).</b> The code establishes the adoption of the 2013 California Building Code, as amended.</p>

Source: Merced County, 2013a; Madera County, 1995; Fresno County, 2003; Stanislaus County, 2016a; City of Chowchilla, 2011a

**Table 9 Hazardous Materials and Wastes**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<p><b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013), Public Facilities and Services Element.</b> This element of the general plan details policies that focus on the collection and safe disposal of solid and hazardous waste generated in Merced County.</p>

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
	<p><b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013), Health and Safety Element.</b> Merced County's Health and Safety Element addresses the location, storage, transportation, and safety of hazardous materials and wastes.</p> <p><b>Merced County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2014).</b> This plan outlines the hazard mitigation strategy to reduce long-term risk from natural hazards and disasters.</p> <p><b>County of Merced Emergency Operations Plan (2013).</b> This plan addresses Merced County's planned response to emergency situations associated with natural disasters, technological incidents, and national security emergencies in or affecting Merced County.</p>
Madera County	<p><b>Madera County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan (2010).</b> This plan establishes an Emergency Management Organization, describes the role of the Emergency Response Center, and outlines the county's actions during a response to an emergency and during the recovery process.</p> <p><b>Madera County, California: Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2011).</b> This plan outlines the hazard mitigation strategy to reduce long-term risk from natural hazards and disasters.</p> <p><b>Madera County General Plan Policy Document (1995).</b> The general plan includes policies regarding the use and disposal of hazardous materials and waste.</p>
City of Chowchilla	<p><b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011), Public Safety Element.</b> This element of Chowchilla's General Plan outlines measures to minimize community exposure to risks associated with the transport, distribution, use, and storage of hazardous materials.</p> <p><b>City of Chowchilla Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2011).</b> This plan outlines the hazard mitigation strategy to reduce long-term risk from natural hazards and disasters.</p>
City of Merced	<p><b>Merced Vision 2030 General Plan (2015), Safety Element.</b> The Merced Vision 2030 General Plan contains policies that aim to minimize the community's exposure to hazardous materials and wastes.</p>
City of Waterford	<p><b>Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan (2006), Safety Element.</b> The Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan contains goals and policies aiming to minimize human exposure to hazardous materials and wastes within the City.</p>

Source: Merced County, 2013a, 2013c, 2014; Madera County, 1995, 2010b, 2011; City of Chowchilla, 2011a, 2011b; City of Merced, 2015a; City of Waterford, 2006

**Table 10 Safety and Security**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<p><b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013).</b> The 2030 Merced County General Plan contains goals and policies that provide guidance to encourage safe bicycle and pedestrian systems, maintain and expand rail transportation systems, minimize exposure of residents of the effects of urban and wildland fires, and provide timely and adequate emergency services for county residents.</p>

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
	<p><b>Merced County Emergency Operations Plan (2013).</b> The Merced County Emergency Operations Plan establishes the emergency management organization required to mitigate any significant emergency or disasters, identifies the policies and procedures required to protect the health and safety of communities from the effects of natural and technological emergencies and disasters, and establishes the operational concepts and procedures.</p> <p><b>Merced County Municipal Code, Chapter 2.72: Office of Emergency Services and Operational Area Council (2013).</b> This code directs the preparation and carrying out of plans for the protection of persons and property within the county in the event of an emergency, the direction of the emergency organization, and the coordination of the emergency functions of the County with all other public agencies, corporations, organizations, and affected private persons.</p>
Madera County	<p><b>Madera County General Plan (1995).</b> The Madera County General Plan contains policies and goals that provide guidance to promote safe and efficient mass transit system, provide a safe system of non-motorized transportation system, minimize risk and damage from unwanted fires, coordinate emergency response and preparedness, and protect public health and safety through provision of emergency services.</p> <p><b>Madera County Emergency Operations Plan (2010).</b> The Madera County Emergency Operations Plan addresses the planned response to extraordinary emergency situations associated with natural disasters, technological incidents, weapons of mass destruction, and national security emergencies in or affecting Madera County.</p> <p><b>Madera County Municipal Code, Title 2.78: Emergency Services and Disaster (2013).</b> This code establishes the Madera County disaster council and the county emergency services organization. It also provides for the preparation and carrying out of the plans for the protection of persons and property within the county in the event of an emergency; the direction of the emergency organization; the coordination of the emergency functions of the county with all other governmental agencies, incorporated areas, corporations, organizations, and affected private persons.</p> <p><b>Madera County Municipal Code, Chapter 18.88.040: Public Utilities (1989).</b> Communications equipment buildings, substations, underground and overhead transmission lines and power lines above seventy KV, trunk and interregional communication lines, and supporting structures shall be permitted in any district, subject to review by the zoning administrator.</p> <p><i>Public utility</i> distribution and transmission lines, both overhead and underground, shall be permitted in all districts without limitation as to height except in AAO airport/airspace overlaid districts, and without the necessity of first obtaining a use permit; provided, however, that the routes of proposed electric transmission lines shall be submitted to the planning commission for recommendation prior to acquisition of rights-of-way therefor.</p>
Fresno County	<p><b>Fresno County General Plan (2003), Health and Safety Element.</b> The Fresno County General Plan contains goals and policies protecting new development, including public infrastructure, from seismic hazards, including fault rupture, ground shaking, lateral spreading, lurch cracking, fault creep, liquefaction, subsidence, settlement, landslides, mudslides unstable slopes, and avalanche.</p>

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
	<p><b>Fresno County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (2009).</b> This plan documents Fresno County’s hazard mitigation planning process and identifies relevant hazards and vulnerabilities and strategies the County and participating jurisdictions will use to decrease vulnerability and increase resiliency and sustainability in Fresno County. Fresno County and 12 other jurisdictions prepared this local hazard mitigation plan to guide hazard mitigation planning to better protect the people and property of the County from the effects of hazard events.</p>
Stanislaus County	<p><b>Stanislaus County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2016).</b> The Stanislaus County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies risks posed by disasters, and identifies ways to minimize damage from those disasters. The plan is a comprehensive resource document that serves many purposes, including: enhancing public awareness and understanding, creating a decision tool for management, promoting compliance with State and Federal program requirements, enhancing local policies for hazard mitigation capability, and providing inter-jurisdictional coordination.</p> <p><b>Stanislaus County Emergency Operations Plan (2015).</b> The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) addresses the planned response to extraordinary emergency situations associated with natural or human-caused disasters, technological incidents, and national security emergencies in or affecting the County of Stanislaus. The EOP serves as the basis for response as well as recovery efforts and activities within the County.</p> <p><b>Stanislaus County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (2014).</b> This plan contains the individual Compatibility Plan for three airports in Stanislaus County: the Modesto City-County Airport, the Oakdale Municipal Airport, and the former Crows Landing Air Facility. As adopted by the Stanislaus County Airport Land Use Commission, the basic function of the plan is to promote compatibility between these airports and the land uses surrounding them to the extent that these areas have not already been devoted to incompatible uses. The plan accomplishes this function through establishment of a set of compatibility criteria applicable to new development around each airport.</p>
City of Oakdale	<p><b>Oakdale Municipal Airport Master Plan (1996).</b> This plan evaluates existing airport facilities, assesses airport demand, and recommendations for prudent and proper protection and development of the Oakdale Municipal Airport. The Oakdale Municipal Airport Master Plan defines primary, approach, transitional, horizontal, and conical surfaces.</p>
City of Chowchilla	<p><b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011).</b> The City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan contain policies and goals that provide guidance to address fire impacts and mitigation, provide effective fire and emergency medical services, minimize risk of hazards associated with aircraft operations, and the enhancement and maintenance of pedestrian routes.</p> <p><b>Chowchilla Municipal Code, Chapter 2.28: Emergency Services Act (2012).</b> This code states that the preparation and carrying out of plans for the protection of persons and property within this city in the event of a disaster. It also states that coordination of all public agencies, private persons, corporations and organizations must be in compliance with the state of California’s Standardized Emergency Management System.</p>
City of Merced	<p><b>Merced Vision 2030 General Plan (2015), Safety Element.</b> The Merced Vision 2030 General Plan contains policies that aim to protect all public facilities and infrastructure from damage due to seismic events.</p>

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
	<p><b>City of Merced Draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2015).</b> On March 16, 2015, the City of Merced City Council adopted the City of Merced Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies potential natural hazards that threaten communities, such as flooding, earthquakes, fire, and fog. The intent of the plan is to help save lives and reduce property damage. The public is encouraged to participate and comment on the Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan during its drafting stages.</p>
City of Waterford	<p><b>Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan (2006), Safety Element.</b> The City of Waterford General Plan includes policies that aim to protect all public facilities and infrastructure from damage due to seismic events.</p> <p><b>City of Waterford Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (2011a).</b> This plan is a preparedness document and is designed to be read, understood, and exercised prior to an emergency. It was developed in accordance with the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).</p> <p><b>City of Waterford Emergency Operations Plan (2011b).</b> The purpose of City of Waterford Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is to establish a comprehensive approach to various identified natural, man-made and technological disasters. The EOP provides an overview of operational concepts; identifies the components of the City's Emergency Management Organization; and describes overall responsibilities of federal, state and local agencies.</p>

Sources: Fresno County, 2003, 2009; Merced County, 2013a, 2007, 2013b; Madera County, 1995, 2010b; Stanislaus County Airport Land Use Commission, 2014; Stanislaus County, 2015, 2016b; City of Chowchilla, 2011a; City of Merced, 2015a, 2015b; City of Waterford, 2006, 2011a, 2011b; City of Oakdale, 1996.

**Table 11 Socioeconomics and Communities**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<p><b>Merced County Regional Transportation Plan 2014–2040 (2014).</b> This long-range planning document establishes transportation-related goals and policies that would influence urban planning, local circulation, accessibility to transit, development of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and air quality.</p> <p><b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013).</b> The Merced County General Plan is a comprehensive, long-term plan that guides the County's future development and establishes the County's land use, circulation, housing, economic, and social goals.</p> <p><b>Merced County General Plan (2016), Housing Element.</b> The Housing Element of the general plan includes policies regarding the preservation of existing character and integrity of residential neighborhood.</p>
Madera County	<p><b>Madera County 2014 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategies (2014).</b> The purpose of the Madera County Regional Transportation Plan is to promote the development of a coordinated multimodal transportation system that is integrated with the County's land management strategies and air quality goals.</p> <p><b>Madera County General Plan (1995).</b> The Madera County General Plan is a comprehensive, long-term plan that guides the County's future development and establishes the County's goals and policies related to land use, circulation, public facilities and services, recreational and cultural resources, agricultural and natural resources, health and safety, and noise.</p>

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
	<b>Madera County General Plan (2015), Housing Element Update.</b> The Housing Element Update includes goals to encourage affordable housing, conserve and improve the existing housing stock, and provide decent housing and quality living environment for all residents.
Fresno County	<b>Fresno County General Plan (2003).</b> The Fresno County General Plan contains polices promoting the long-term conservation of productive and potentially productive agricultural lands within the County.
Stanislaus County	<b>Stanislaus County General Plan (2016).</b> The Stanislaus County General Plan contains goals and policies protecting and promoting the agricultural industry within Stanislaus County, as well as to help foster stable economic growth.
City of Chowchilla	<b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011).</b> Chowchilla’s general plan is a long-term planning document that guides community growth and future development and establishes the City’s land use, circulation, housing, economic, and social goals.  <b>City of Chowchilla Plan (2010), Housing Element 2009–2014.</b> The Housing Element of the general plan includes policies regarding the conservation of existing housing stock and neighborhoods.
City of Merced	<b>Merced Vision 2030 General Plan (2015).</b> The Merced Vision General Plan contains goals and policies protecting existing neighborhoods from incompatible developments and minimizing air quality impacts of proposed projects within the City.
City of Waterford	<b>Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan (2006).</b> The Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan contains goals and policies protecting existing neighborhoods from incompatible developments and minimizing air quality impacts of proposed projects within the City.

Source: MCAG, 2014; Merced County, 2013a, 2016; Madera County, 1995, 2014a, 2015; Fresno County, 2003; Stanislaus County, 2016a; City of Chowchilla, 2010, 2011a; City of Merced, 2015a; City of Waterford, 2006

**Table 12 Land Use and Development**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<p><b>2014 Regional Transportation Plan for Merced County (2014).</b> This document establishes transportation-related goals and policies that influence urban development and land use.</p>
	<p><b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013), Land Use Element.</b> This plan documents designates the type, intensity, and general distribution of uses of land for housing, business, industry, open space, education, public buildings and grounds, waste disposal facilities, and other categories of public and private uses within unincorporated Merced County.</p>
	<p><b>Merced County Municipal Code, Chapter 18.</b> Chapter 18 of the Merced County Municipal Code pertains to zoning issues; its purposes are to implement the goals, objectives, and policies of the County general plan; assure compatibility between land uses; and encourage development that protects and promotes the public health, safety, and general welfare of the unincorporated areas of the county. * Chapter 18.02 A-1, A-1-40, and A-2 designate agricultural zones to preserve, develop, and grow agriculture in the county.</p>
Madera County	<p><b>Madera County General Plan (1995), Land Use Element.</b> The Madera County General Plan's Land Use Element identifies proposed land uses from Madera County and describes the allowable uses and standards for each land use designation.</p>
	<p><b>Madera County Code, Title 18.</b> Title 18 of the Madera County Code of Ordinances designates agricultural zones to preserve, develop, and grow agriculture in the county. It also includes dairy operations standards and regulatory standards that identify procedures and management practices for implementation that provide pollution protection for surface and groundwater resources.</p>
	<p><b>Madera County 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (2014).</b> This document establishes transportation-related goals and policies that influence urban development and land use.</p>
	<p><b>Madera County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (2015).</b> This plan promotes and establishes compatibility between the County's airports and surrounding land uses. The plan sets forth criteria by which the surrounding land use actions, master plans of existing airports, and plans for new airports or heliports are compatible with the land use zones.</p>
Stanislaus County	<p><b>Stanislaus County General Plan (2016).</b> The Stanislaus County General Plan contains goals and policies aimed at retaining agricultural lands in agricultural uses and directing development away from productive agricultural areas.</p>
City of Chowchilla	<p><b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011), Land Use Element.</b> This element of the general plan describes current and planned land uses and their relationship to Chowchilla's long range vision. It addresses land use classifications, objectives, policies, and implementation measures to manage growth and inter-jurisdictional relationships.</p>
	<p><b>City of Chowchilla Municipal Code, Title 18.</b> Title 18 of the City of Chowchilla Municipal Code, pertains to the zoning ordinance of the City of Chowchilla and designates all relevant zoning districts.</p>
City of Merced	<p><b>Merced Vision 2030 General Plan (2015).</b> The City of Merced General Plan Land Use Element identifies proposed land uses in Merced and describes the allowable uses and standards for each land use designation.</p>

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
City of Waterford	<b>Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan (2006), Land Use Element.</b> The Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan Land Use Element contains goals and policies protecting existing neighborhoods from incompatible developments and minimizing air quality impacts of proposed projects within the City.

Source: San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council, 2010; MCAG, 2014; Merced County, 2013a; Madera County, 2015, 1995, 2014a; Stanislaus County, 2016a; City of Chowchilla, 2011a; City of Merced, 2015a; City of Waterford, 2006

**Table 13 Agricultural Farmland**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013), Agricultural Element.</b> The Agricultural Element of the 2030 Merced County General Plan provides the policy context for Merced County to achieve its vision for the protection, preservation, and expansion of productive agriculture. Agriculture is the prominent economic segment in the County and accounts for more than 90 percent of all land area.
	<b>Merced County Code, Title 18 (2002).</b> Chapter 18.02 A-1, A-1-40, and A-2 designates agricultural zones to preserve, develop, and grow agriculture in the county.
	<b>Merced County Code, Title 17 (2011).</b> Merced County Code (Title 17) has adopted a Right-to-Farm ordinance, which states that residents moving into areas with existing agricultural activities should be prepared to experience inconveniences arising from typical agricultural operations.
	<b>2014–2040 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (2014).</b> The plan includes objectives to preserve productive farmland.
Madera County	<b>Madera County General Plan (1995).</b> The Madera County General Plan contains policies that provide guidance and programs to maintain agriculturally designated areas, encourage increased agricultural activity, minimize conflicts for development projects near agricultural land, and mitigate noise from new transportation noise sources on noise-sensitive land.
	<b>Madera County Code, Title 6 (2012).</b> The County Right-to-Farm ordinance ensures that residents of the county have the right to perform agricultural activities on their property.
	<b>Madera County Code, Title 18 (2014).</b> Madera County Code, Title 18 designates agricultural zones to preserve, develop, and grow agriculture in the county. It also includes standards for dairy operations and regulatory standards to provide pollution protection for surface and groundwater resources.
	<b>Final 2014 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (2014).</b> The plan includes objectives to protect and conserve existing agricultural land.
Fresno County	<b>Fresno County General Plan (2003).</b> The Fresno County General Plan contains goals and policies protecting agricultural activities from incompatible land uses and to conserve existing agricultural lands within the County,
Stanislaus County	<b>Stanislaus County General Plan (2016).</b> The Stanislaus County General Plan provides the policy context aimed at protecting the County’s most productive agricultural areas



City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
City of Chowchilla	<b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011).</b> The City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan contains policies that provide guidance to protect, preserve, and maintain agricultural land and provide sound barriers for noise sensitive land.
City of Merced	<b>Merced Vision 2030 General Plan (2015).</b> The Merced Vision 2030 General Plan contains open space policies aimed at protecting regional agricultural resources.
City of Waterford	<b>Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan (2006).</b> The City of Waterford General Plan contains plans and policies aimed at protecting and conserving agricultural areas outside of the City's urban growth area.

Sources: Merced County, 2013a; Madera County, 1995, 2014a; Fresno County, 2003; Stanislaus County, 2016a; City of Chowchilla, 2011a; City of Merced, 2015a; City of Waterford, 2006

**Table 14 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<b>Merced County Code of Ordinances (2013).</b> This code states that in order to implement the goals and objectives of the Merced County General Plan and to mitigate impacts caused by new development within Merced County.
	<b>Merced County General Plan, Part II, Recreation and Cultural Resources Element (2013).</b> Goal RCR-1: Preserve, enhance, expand, and manage Merced County's diverse system of regional parks, trails, recreation areas, and natural resources for the enjoyment of present and future residents and park visitors.
Madera County	<b>Madera County Code of Ordinances (2013), Titles 14 and 18.</b> The code includes titles for building and construction, including open-space regulations.
	<b>Madera County General Plan, Section 4, Recreational and Cultural Resources (1995).</b> This element contains goals and policies to encourage the promotion of recreational facilities, establishes a requirement for dedication of land and/or payment of fees, and encourages the preservation of open space along transportation corridors.
City of Chowchilla	<b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011a), Land Use Element.</b> The Land Use Element of the City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan contains an objective to provide for an integrated recreation facility in cooperation with the Chowchilla Water District and private property owners to utilize Berenda Reservoir, Ash Slough and Berenda Slough as a recreational and open space trail system.
	<b>City of Chowchilla Municipal Code, Chapter 12.24 (2014).</b> Section 12.24.010: Defines the "City park" designation and outlines regulations that govern their use.
City of Merced	<b>Merced Vision 2030 General Plan (2016), Chapter 7, Open Space, Conservation, and Recreation.</b> Merced's General Plan contains goals and policies that aim to protect the City's park, recreation, and open space facilities.
	<b>City of Merced Park and Open Space Master Plan (2004).</b> The plan describes current recreational assets; describes community needs for park and open space resources and recreational programming; identifies recommendations for facility upgrades and other opportunities for the city to pursue; and describes potential funding options to implement recommendations in the plan.
	<b>City of Merced Municipal Code.</b> The municipal code includes regulations for the city's parks and open space areas.

Sources: Merced County, 2013a; Madera County, 1995; City of Chowchilla, 2011a; City of Merced, 2004

**Table 15 Aesthetics and Visual Quality**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013).</b> This element of the general plan establishes policies to address the use and development of land to promote and protect the County’s scenic resources by preserving open space, protecting scenic vista from scenic highways, considering landscape and views in development of new roads, requiring good lighting practices to limit light pollution, and coordination of new utility facilities to limit visual impacts.
Madera County	<b>Madera County General Plan (1995), Land Use Element.</b> The general plan establishes policies to protect the County’s visual and scenic resources and to develop a system of scenic routes
Fresno County	<b>Fresno County General Plan (2003), Open Space Element.</b> The Fresno County General Plan contains goals and policies providing the context to preserve scenic views and vistas, as well as to protect scenic amenities in the right-of-way from the detrimental effects from overhead transmission lines.
Stanislaus County	<b>Stanislaus County General Plan (2016).</b> The Stanislaus County General Plan contains goals and policies aimed at preserving scenic resources, particularly where lands are designated Agriculture.
City of Chowchilla	<b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011), Circulation Element.</b> The general plan establishes policies, goals, and objectives to limit visual impacts and promote diverse pedestrian areas. It designates West Robertson Boulevard, SR 233, as a Scenic Corridor from SR 99 to SR 152.
City of Merced	<b>Merced Vision 2030 General Plan (2015).</b> Merced’s General Plan contains goals and policies to promote the protection and enhancement of designated scenic routes.

Source: Merced County, 2013a; Madera County, 1995; Fresno County, 2003; Stanislaus County, 2016a; City of Chowchilla, 2011a; City of Chowchilla and Chowchilla Redevelopment Agency, 2008; City of Merced, 2015a

**Table 16 Cultural Resources**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013).</b> The 2030 Merced County General Plan establishes policies and goals to protect and preserve the cultural, archaeological, and historic resources of the County in order to maintain its unique character.
Madera County	<b>Madera County General Plan (1995).</b> The Madera County General Plan establishes policies and goals to identify, protect, and enhance Madera County’s important historical, archaeological, paleontological, and cultural sites and their contributing environment.
Fresno County	<b>Fresno County General Plan (2003), Open Space Element.</b> The General Plan Open Space Element addresses the identification, protection, and preservation of historical, cultural, and geological resources. A number of policies describe the steps to be taken to ensure the identification, protection, and preservation of significant cultural resources. Other policies require communication with local Native American groups.

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Stanislaus County	<b>Stanislaus County General Plan (2016).</b> The Stanislaus County General Plan contains policies and goals to identify, protect, and enhance the County's important historical, archaeological, paleontological, and cultural sites and their contributing environment.
City of Chowchilla	<b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011).</b> The City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan contains goals and policies to preserve Chowchilla's cultural and historical resources by promoting an understanding of the significance of the city's cultural resources. The plan also contains goals and policies that provide guidance and criteria to identify, study, preserve, and enhance archeological, cultural, and historical resources.
City of Merced	<b>Merced Vision 2030 General Plan (2015).</b> The Merced Vision 2030 General Plan Addresses the identification and protection of historical, cultural and paleontological resources; diverse cultural resources; and long-term historic preservation planning.
City of Waterford	<b>Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan (2006).</b> The Waterford Vision 2025 General Plan contains policies and goals to identify, protect, and enhance important historical, archaeological, paleontological, and cultural sites and their contributing environment.

Sources: Merced County, 2013a; Madera County, 1995; Stanislaus County, 2016a; City of Chowchilla, 2011a; City of Waterford, 2006;

**Table 17 Regional Growth**

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
Merced County	<p><b>2030 Merced County General Plan (2013).</b> The Merced County General Plan has five “guiding principles” which are intended to steer management direction in the city, including agriculture, economic development, environmental quality, public facilities and services, and transportation.</p> <p><b>Regional Transportation Plan, 2014–2040, Sustainable Communities Strategy (2014).</b> This regional transportation plan incorporates the new sustainable communities’ strategy in compliance with the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008. The county includes the city of Merced and several smaller jurisdictions, such as Atwater, Livingston, Gustine, Los Banos, and Dos Palos. The plan has the following seven overarching goals or vision themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide a good system of roads that are well maintained, safe, and efficient and meet the transportation demands of people and freight</li> <li>▪ Provide a transit system that is a viable choice</li> <li>▪ Support full-time employment with livable waters</li> <li>▪ Preserve productive agricultural land/maintain strong agricultural economy and quality of life</li> <li>▪ Support orderly and planned growth that enhances the integration and connectivity of various modes of transportation</li> <li>▪ Support clean air and water and avoid, minimize, or mitigate negative impacts on the environment</li> <li>▪ Provide funds for building, operating, and maintaining the existing and future regional transportation system, and ensure funding transportation investments are cost-effective</li> </ul>

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
	<p>Specifically, the plan identifies a goal and several policies for passenger rail service. The goal is that the rail system should provide safe and reliable service for passengers. This applies to passenger service on Amtrak routes in the San Joaquin Valley and includes the HSR system connecting the cities of Merced and Los Banos to Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area (Bay Area), as well as Fresno and destinations farther south. The plan commits Merced County to supporting the HSR planning process and actively providing comments and input. With a HSR station planned for the city of Merced, the plan also includes statements about coordinating future land use patterns and the transportation system, including HSR, to foster economic prosperity and integrated mixed-use communities. This goal encompasses transit-oriented land uses around the planned Merced Station.</p>
Madera County	<p><b>Madera County General Plan (1995).</b> The plan lays out goals and policies to guide development in the county.</p> <p><b>Madera County 2014 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (2014).</b> The plan reflects the horizon year of 2040 to ensure that the transportation system and implementation policies and programs will safely and efficiently accommodate growth envisioned in the general plan land use elements adopted by the Cities of Chowchilla and Madera and Madera County. The strategy is a new element of the regional transportation plan that demonstrates the integration of land use, transportation strategies, and transportation investments with the goal of showing that Madera County can meet the California Air Resources Board regional greenhouse gas reduction target of 5 percent.</p> <p>The plan identifies eight broad policy goals to guide Madera County in the pursuit of quality growth and highly integrated transportation systems. Related to the California HSR Program, these goals for Madera County include enhancing transportation system coordination, efficiency, and intermodal connectivity considering that no HSR stations would be located in the county. The plan documents the participation of the Madera County Transportation Commission, the Cities of Madera and Chowchilla, and Madera County in the California High-Speed Rail Authority's program to implement service from Southern California to the Bay Area via the San Joaquin Valley. The route through Madera County follows SR 99. The Madera County Transportation Commission has been participating in planning activities, such as the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participating in the project development process</li> <li>▪ Providing guidance on local issues, development plans, and policies</li> <li>▪ Assisting in the development and evaluation of alternatives</li> <li>▪ Participating in public involvement activities and events</li> <li>▪ Serving as liaisons to local communities</li> </ul>
Fresno County	<p><b>Fresno County General Plan (2003, 2016).</b> The plan includes general policy elements that guide growth and development in the county.</p> <p><b>Fresno County Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (2014).</b> This plan addresses transportation improvement needs for existing multi-modal transportation systems operating in Fresno County and its 15 cities. It also considers associated financial constraints to improve the highway, streets, non-motorized, transit, rail, and aviation systems. It will be challenging to meet the planned transportation objectives because of continued population growth, a largely rural population, higher rates of unemployment, lower levels of</p>

City/County	Regional and Local Plan / Law (Year)
	<p>education attainment, low median household income, and higher poverty rates compared to statewide characteristics.</p> <p>The plan focuses on preserving existing facilities and services, sound financial management that leverages existing funds, and balancing transportation needs with future land use. This includes promoting higher-density land development in and around existing urban centers and encouraging annexation prior to urban development on the unincorporated fringe. In addition, the plan calls for reducing auto use, increasing transit use (including the HSR system), interconnecting modes of transportation, and planning transportation to national parks in the county's eastern portion.</p> <p>With respect to HSR planning and construction, the Fresno Council of Governments' plan states its support for providing a regional connection with the other major population centers in the San Joaquin Valley. In particular, the plan supports the location and development of the heavy maintenance facility in Fresno County. When the HSR is operational, the plan proposes linking the planned regional bus rapid transit system as well as building a new streetcar line to connect with the planned HSR station. The plan integrates the HSR system into the regional transportation plan to maximize its benefits for the county.</p>
City of Chowchilla	<b>City of Chowchilla 2040 General Plan (2011, 2017).</b> The plan outlines the City's priorities for growth and development, and includes a housing element that describes the City's plan for housing.
City of Merced	<b>City of Merced General Plan (2015, 2016).</b> The plan includes goals and policies that outline the cities priorities for growth and development.
City of Madera	<b>City of Madera General Plan (2009, 2015).</b> The general plan includes general policy elements that identify the city's goals and objectives for the physical growth and development of the city.
City of Fresno	<b>City of Fresno General Plan (2014).</b> Fresno's vision is for a balanced city that includes an appropriate growth and investment proportion focused downtown, in established neighborhoods, and along planned bus rapid transit corridors proposed for infill development and neighborhood rehabilitation through 2035.

Sources: Merced County, 2013a; City of Merced, 2015 and 2016; Madera County, 1995, 2014a; City of Chowchilla, 2011a, 2017; City of Madera, 2009 and 2015; Fresno County, 2003 and 2016; City of Fresno, 2014.

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