Land Use Element – Public Draft Goals, Policies, and Actions

Goal LU-G1	**Orderly, well-planned, and balanced development that prioritizes infill while maintaining the city's character and open spaces.**

POLICIES

Policy LU-P1.1	Promote sustainable and well-paced development and land use patterns that meet the existing and future needs of Modesto.
Policy LU-P1.2	Maintain a reasonable proximity and balance between job-generating uses, housing opportunities, resident services, and amenities, including through transit and active transportation connections.
Policy LU-P1.3	Prioritize, incentivize, and remove barriers to development of vacant and underutilized infill areas.
Policy LU-P1.4	Coordinate land use planning efforts among City departments and with local and regional agencies, including but not limited to Stanislaus County, the Stanislaus Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority.

ACTIONS

Action LU-A1.1	In collaboration with Stanislaus LAFCO, develop an annexation strategy to encourage annexation of unincorporated island communities.
Action LU-A1.2	Develop outreach materials and encourage marketing opportunities for vacant properties within city limits to encourage infill development.
Action LU-A1.3	Review and update the Zoning Regulations to ensure consistency with State law and the updated General Plan.
Action LU-A1.4	Periodically evaluate impact fees and implement adjustments to encourage development in underutilized or vacant infill areas.

Goal LU-G2	**Growth that meets Modesto's housing, jobs, transportation, infrastructure, and fiscal needs while protecting the environment and preserving surrounding agricultural land.**

POLICIES

Policy LU-P2.1 When reviewing new development, ensure there is adequate infrastructure in place, or planned and funded infrastructure, to support the proposed growth, consistent with adopted water, wastewater, and storm drainage master plans.

Policy LU-P2.2 Continue to require all new development to provide sufficient funding for infrastructure and public services to support the development and mitigate impacts to existing services, including sewer, water, stormwater, streets, parks, and emergency services, and avoid reducing service levels to the rest of the city.

Policy LU-P2.3 Prioritize annexation of lands with lesser farmland value, lands immediately adjacent to existing city development, lands with prior disturbance of farmland, lands that do not encroach beyond major barriers into areas of farmland not already partially developed, and/or lands that do not require cancellation or nonrenewal of a Williamson Act contract.

Policy LU-P2.4 Prior to annexation, the City must find that adequate emergency services, utility services, water supply and service, and wastewater treatment and disposal capacity can be provided. Encourage properties to annex to the City in order to receive City utilities and services.

ACTIONS:

Action LU-A2.1 Monitor growth rates to ensure they do not overburden the City's infrastructure and services, such as water, wastewater, and storm drainage systems.

Action LU-A2.2 In accordance with LAFCO's Agricultural Preservation Policy, prepare a Plan for Agricultural Preservation for a Sphere of Influence expansion or annexation of unincorporated land into the city.

Action LU-A2.3 Where applicable, implement LAFCO's Farmland Mitigation Program for the annexation and conversion of prime farmland, farmland of

statewide importance, or unique farmland, as defined by the State Farmland Monitoring and Mapping Program.

Action LU-A2.4 Periodically evaluate impact fees and implement adjustments to encourage development in areas where infrastructure is already present.

Goal LU-G3 **A collaborative, welcoming, and diverse community with a cohesive and unique identity.**

POLICIES:

Policy LU-P3.1 Support the development of a range of cultural amenities, such as museums, performing arts centers and facilities, and art exhibition spaces throughout the city.

Policy LU-P3.2 Support cultural and community-driven events, such as art festivals, farmers' markets, and community service days, that support social connections, neighborhood identity, and environmental stewardship.

Policy LU-P3.3 Promote the expansion of public art projects that reflect Modesto's culture to create a sense of ownership and belonging. Work with residents and stakeholders to ensure works of public art are appropriate for the neighborhoods where they are installed.

Policy LU-P3.4 Leverage natural features, such as parks, trails, and waterways, including the Tuolumne River Regional Park (TRRP), to strengthen community identity and connect residents to nature.

Policy LU-P3.5 Encourage or develop uses that provide safe places to gather, such as community centers, parks, public plazas, and skate parks.

Policy LU-P3.6 Encourage high standards of property maintenance and ensure rapid abatement of code violations.

Policy LU-P3.7 Require anti-vandalism designs and materials for new developments.

Policy LU-P3.8 Empower residents of all ages and abilities to volunteer toward improving conditions in Modesto and maintaining a culture within City government that supports and celebrates such volunteerism.

ACTIONS:

Action LU-A3.1 Continue to provide and modernize a streamlined process to permit and facilitate partial and temporary street closures for community-sponsored amenities and activities, such as parklets, farmers' markets, arts and cultural events, and outdoor dining, and assist applicants through the permit process.

Action LU-A3.2 Advertise opportunities for the private sector to invest in public art throughout the city.

Action LU-A3.3 Maintain and periodically update the Citywide Design Guidelines.

Action LU-A3.4 Continue to support the Modesto Landmark Preservation Commission and implement the Landmark Preservation Ordinance.

Goal LU-G4 **An innovative mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented, and activated Downtown that serves as an economically vibrant center for living, working, and recreating.**

POLICIES:

Policy LU-P4.1 Promote downtown Modesto as a hub for regional commerce and entertainment, with high-quality housing to complement commercial activity and encourage daytime, evening, and weekend activity.

Policy LU-P4.2 Encourage a variety of retail, office, civic, restaurant, and entertainment uses that bring economic vitality, enhance the downtown area, and activate the pedestrian environment.

Policy LU-P4.3 Promote mixed-use, transit-oriented development around the new Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) train station site that incorporates a mix of higher-intensity complementary uses, such as residential, retail, office, and recreational, within walking distance from the transit station.

Policy LU-P4.4 Improve transit, bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, and wayfinding between the downtown area and nearby neighborhoods, Modesto Junior College, TRRP, public and open spaces, and other areas of attraction throughout the city.

Policy LU-P4.5 Pursue opportunities to improve and maintain the street frontage in the downtown area by installing street trees and landscaping, providing outdoor seating, encouraging outdoor dining, and widening key sidewalks where appropriate and feasible.

Policy LU-P4.6 Continue to support existing cultural amenities downtown, such as the Dos Rios Arts and Cultural District, and encourage development of additional amenities that promote the city as the regional center for social activity.

ACTIONS:

Action LU-A4.1 Continue to implement the Downtown Modesto Master Plan by encouraging multistory development, allowing flexible parking standards, and supporting the temporary activation of vacant and underutilized parcels.

Action LU-A4.2 Work with other public agencies and organizations to develop and utilize all available financing tools and incentives to stimulate investment in the downtown.

Action LU-A4.3 Prepare an inventory and analysis of underutilized parcels in the downtown that could be small-scale infill opportunities, including underused surface parking lots. Explore partnerships with the private sector to facilitate incremental development as opportunities and interest arise.

Action LU-A4.4 Create a comprehensive marketing campaign with the aim of reintroducing Modesto residents to the downtown.

Goal LU-G5

Complete and compact communities that ensure livability and sustainability through a diversity of housing types near transit, jobs, and commercial, civic, cultural, and recreational amenities.

POLICIES:

Policy LU-P5.1 Encourage development, preservation, and reinvestment that strengthen the community character and advance community and neighborhood resilience. Ensure that future private and public projects provide infrastructure, parks and playgrounds, complete streets, trees and landscaping, streetscapes, signage, and sustainable building design that reflect and improve the character of the

community, along with long-term maintenance mechanisms to ensure continued benefit from the improvements into the future.

Policy LU-P5.2 Encourage housing in close proximity to jobs, retail, services, green spaces, and recreational facilities, where feasible, to encourage alternative transportation and reduce vehicle miles traveled.

Policy LU-P5.3 Encourage high-density, mixed-use development that combines employment, housing, and services near transit facilities. Such development should be planned and designed to encourage walking, micromobility, and transit use.

Policy LU-P5.4 Encourage development of housing that meets the needs of the local workforce and living-wage jobs that maximize the education, skills, and talents of city residents.

Policy LU-P5.5 Encourage new development to incorporate community benefits, such as childcare, schools, libraries, parks, hospitals, and transit stops, when feasible.

ACTIONS:

Action LU-A5.1 Stimulate investment in existing communities by using California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) infill exemptions to expedite environmental review and reduce project costs.

Action LU-A5.2 Implement approved corridor study recommendations, especially those related to urban design and streetscape concepts, regulatory guidance, and incentives that would encourage reinvestment in study areas.

Action LU-A5.3 Continue to implement principles of universal and barrier-free design so that people of all physical abilities feel welcome and can enjoy mobility and accessibility in their neighborhood.

Goal LU-G6	**Residential development that provides a variety of housing types and affordability levels to meet the needs of existing and future community members at all stages of life.**

▸ POLICIES:

Policy LU-P6.1 Attract and encourage residential development that offers a range of housing options that meet the needs and income levels of all Modesto residents, including workforce housing, senior housing, and housing for families.

Policy LU-P6.2 Promote development of affordable housing throughout the city, especially near public transit and essential services whenever possible.

Policy LU-P6.3 Encourage innovative, nontraditional housing designs and layouts in response to evolving housing trends and needs.

Policy LU-P6.4 Protect residential neighborhoods from incompatible uses and activities that can adversely affect public health and safety (e.g., noxious odor, excessive noise, pollution impacts).

Policy LU-P6.5 Encourage new residential projects to provide convenient access and connections to public transit, local destinations, and multi-use trails.

Goal LU-G7	**A variety of well-located commercial and mixed-use areas that provide jobs and services, accommodate higher-density housing, create community gathering places, and contribute to the tax base of the City.**

▸ POLICIES:

Policy LU-P7.1 Encourage retail businesses and housing development in mixed-use areas along regional transportation routes and in areas that serve local residents.

Policy LU-P7.2 Support rehabilitation of commercial centers, encouraging improvements that enhance the appearance, sustainability, and accessibility of the site.

Policy LU-P7.3 To the extent feasible, commercial and mixed-use development should incorporate high-quality design, coordinated land use planning, and circulation improvements, including the following:

- Interconnected complete streets and walkable blocks connected to transit facilities.
- Buildings with awnings, street furniture, public art, and landscaping sited around common plazas, courtyards, walkways, and open spaces.
- A complete signage program for business identification and wayfinding.
- Sidewalks, crosswalks, attractive landscaping, and lighting designed to accommodate and promote pedestrian activity.
- Clearly marked driveways, pedestrian-scaled signage, pedestrian routes, and building entries that minimize potential conflicts among trucks, autos, bicycles, and pedestrians.

Policy LU-P7.4 Support development of neighborhood-serving commercial services in and adjacent to residential areas where they can be accessed easily using multiple modes of transportation.

Policy LU-P7.5 Maximize the potential for access and connectivity with adjacent properties by encouraging shared parking, shared service areas, and limiting curb cuts by using shared vehicular access between adjacent properties, where feasible.

Policy LU-P7.6 Whenever feasible, require new commercial and mixed-use projects to include safe, well-maintained open areas, gathering places, and public amenities that create a strong sense of place.

ACTIONS:

Action LU-A7.1 Look for opportunities to encourage neighborhood-serving retail, with an emphasis on fresh food, in residential and mixed-use zoning districts where they can be accessed easily using multiple modes of transportation.

Action LU-A7.2 Encourage flexible development standards and reduced parking requirements to facilitate mixed-use and transit-oriented development along major transportation corridors and near public transportation facilities.

Action LU-A7.3 Encourage the creation of housing in the mixed-use zones by reducing barriers to development through flexible development standards and streamlined review processes.

Goal LU-G8	**Business and industrial areas that support professional and medical offices, high-tech manufacturing, bio-industrial manufacturing, research and development, production and distribution, and other sectors that anchor the City's economy.**

POLICIES:

Policy LU-P8.1 Maintain land designated for industrial uses adjacent to major transportation infrastructure, such as freeways and rail lines, and in other locations where the impacts of industrial traffic on neighborhoods and commercial areas can be minimized.

Policy LU-P8.2 Require business center and industrial uses and districts to be compatible with nearby areas, reduce the potential for off-site impacts, and limit potential exposure to environmental health hazards and pollutants.

Policy LU-P8.3 Encourage businesses to provide living-wage jobs and career advancement opportunities and to prioritize hiring local residents while minimizing environmental degradation, pollution exposure, hazardous conditions, and adverse public health impacts.

Policy LU-P8.4 Support new businesses that reinforce the agricultural roots of the local economy, such as by improving supply chains or building on existing agricultural industries.

ACTIONS:

Action LU-A8.1 Implement Zoning Regulations and other regulatory changes that facilitate conversion of vacant or obsolete space to new business centers and industrial uses, as warranted.

Action LU-A8.2 Amend the Zoning Regulations to accommodate businesses and industrial uses in appropriate zoning districts that support and anchor the City's current and future economy, including professional and medical offices, high-tech manufacturing, bio-industrial manufacturing, agricultural technology (agtech), and research and development uses.

Transportation Element – Public Draft Goals, Policies, and Actions

Goal TR-G1	**Safe, comfortable, and reliable multimodal transportation networks that reduce reliance on vehicle travel and improve access to jobs, services, goods, and recreational opportunities.**

POLICIES

Policy TR-P1.1	Plan, design, and maintain complete streets in Modesto that balance safe access and mobility for users of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, freight operators, seniors, children, and persons with disabilities.
Policy TR-P1.2	Accommodate and support planned land uses and a variety of travel choices by creating connected, accessible, and complete transportation networks that provide access to opportunities inside and outside of the city.
Policy TR-P1.3	Analyze transportation impacts related to land use proposals under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) based on vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per capita and impacts to non-automobile travel modes.
Policy TR-P1.4	Require new development to provide right-of-way and improvements consistent with the General Plan roadway classifications, cross-street section standards, and rail and pathway corridors.
Policy TR-P1.5	In addition to any required CEQA review, evaluate the traffic operations effects of proposed projects in accordance with the City's Transportation Analysis Guidelines.
Policy TR-P1.6	Encourage roadways in new development areas to be designed with multiple points of access where possible and to address barriers, including waterways and railroads, in order to maximize connectivity for all modes of transportation.

Policy TR-P1.7 Reduce use of single-occupant vehicles for trips and VMT by significantly enhancing the availability, convenience, and safety of other travel modes through infrastructure investment, policy support, and support for public transit.

Policy TR-P1.8 Encourage safe and secure bicycle parking facilities to be provided at major activity centers such as public facilities, employment sites, and shopping and office centers.

Policy TR-P1.9 Encourage major new development to incorporate and fund design features to promote safe and comfortable access to transit, such as a circulation network that facilitates efficient and connected bus travel, clear pedestrian and bicycle routes connecting origins and destinations to transit stops, sheltered bus stops, park-and-ride facilities, and highly visible transit information and maps.

Policy TR-P1.10 Promote the use of daily public transit for access to schools, employment, entertainment, and services.

Policy TR-P1.11 Work with the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority (StanRTA) to locate new public transit stops and hubs at locations that are convenient for transit users and promote increased transit ridership by providing shelters, benches, bike racks on buses, and other amenities.

Policy TR-P1.12 Encourage major employers to participate in a transportation demand management program to decrease dependence on single-occupant vehicles and reduce associated emissions by promoting other modes of transportation, such as carpooling, vanpooling, shuttles, car and bike sharing, bicycle parking, subscription bus services, transit subsidies, preferential parking, electric vehicle charging stations, and telecommuting options.

Policy TR-P1.13 Continue to improve vehicle charging infrastructure within new development on private or public property, incorporating new technologies whenever possible.

Policy TR-P1.14 Encourage emerging transportation technologies and travel options, such as autonomous/connected and zero-emission vehicles as well as transportation network companies that support emissions reductions, climate change adaptation, public safety, and equitable mobility.

ACTIONS

Action TR-A1.1 Maintain and implement the Modesto Non-Motorized Transportation Plan to provide educational resources, increase quality of life, support funding access, and improve the connectivity, safety, and accessibility of active transportation infrastructure.

Action TR-A1.2 Collaborate with the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission to plan for and construct downtown transportation improvements, including the Downtown Modesto Multimodal Transportation Network.

Action TR-A1.3 Expand and enhance first and last mile connections to the local transit network to improve accessibility and use.

Goal TR-G2

A regional transportation hub that provides for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods to and from Modesto.

POLICIES:

Policy TR-P2.1 Work with StanRTA and Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) to enhance regional transit service for residents, employees, visitors, and goods.

Policy TR-P2.2 Support extension of high-speed rail to downtown Modesto.

Policy TR-P2.3 Partner with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to improve access, traffic operations, and pedestrian and bicycle safety along State highways to and through Modesto, including the McHenry Avenue corridor.

Policy TR-P2.4 Continue to support roadway improvements that facilitate regional travel and goods movement in Modesto, such as the North County Corridor and the State Route (SR) 132 expressway.

ACTIONS:

Action TR-A2.1 Connect bicycle facilities to the regional trail systems of the Peggy Mensinger Trail, Virginia Corridor Trailway, Tuolumne River Regional Park trails, and Hetch Hetchy Trail, where feasible, and improve maintenance of regional trails to support user safety and comfort.

Action TR-A2.2 Coordinate with the Stanislaus Council of Governments and explore funding opportunities to address regional transportation issues.

Goal TR-G3	Improved safety for all users of Modesto's transportation system.

POLICIES:

Policy TR-P3.1 Implement a safe system approach to transportation planning, management, and operations to eliminate fatal and serious injuries while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all users of the transportation system.

Policy TR-P3.2 Prioritize pedestrian, bicycle, and automobile safety over traffic speed. Promote safety programs to educate all road users about risks and responsibilities.

Policy TR-P3.3 Pursue bicycle and pedestrian access, connectivity, and safety enhancements at barriers like major intersections, railroad crossings, and river or canal crossings.

Policy TR-P3.4 Promote pedestrian-friendly zones in high-use areas, as appropriate, by implementing traffic-calming measures and providing adequate street lighting and landscaping.

Policy TR-P3.5 Design and improve City streetscapes to create safe places by installing and maintaining appropriate lighting design, street trees and landscaping, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and well-marked crosswalks.

Policy TR-P3.6 Minimize conflicts between vehicles and people who walk, bike, or use micromobility through careful site planning, paying particular attention to driveway locations and internal pedestrian circulation, and prioritizing safety for active modes of travel.

Policy TR-P3.7 Direct truck traffic to designated truck routes that facilitate efficient goods movement and minimize risk to areas with concentrations of sensitive receptors.

ACTIONS:

Action TR-A3.1 Implement and maintain the Safe Streets and Roads for All Plan and the Local Roadway Safety Plan to improve safety for all roadway and sidewalk users throughout the city.

Action TR-A3.2 Implement and maintain the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program (NTCP) and continue to encourage residents and property owners to submit an NTCP application to request relief from traffic-related concerns and improve safety by reducing the impacts of speeding vehicles, cut-through traffic, and careless drivers.

Goal TR-G4 Adequate funding for transportation facilities and infrastructure.

POLICIES:

Policy TR-P4.1 Continue to maintain active transportation facilities, including the repair and cleanup of all bikeway types and shared use pathways.

Policy TR-P4.2 Manage curb space, transit stops, mobility hubs, and other City-owned transportation assets to maximize mobility and safety.

Policy TR-P4.3 Continue to require new development to pay a proportionate share of traffic impact fees to fund local transportation improvements based on traffic generated and impacts on traffic service levels, consistent with State laws.

Policy TR-P4.4 Continue to require new development to include active transportation facilities or contribute funds and/or right-of-way for active transportation facilities.

ACTIONS:

Action TR-A4.1 Provide for automatic adjustments in traffic impact fees to reflect increases in construction costs (e.g., materials and rate of inflation).

Action TR-A4.2 Prioritize maintenance of active transportation facilities as funding allows. Identify opportunities where maintenance may occur in conjunction with road and other transportation infrastructure maintenance activities to align priorities when feasible.

Action TR-A4.3 Pursue all available sources of funding and protect existing sources of funding for the development, improvement, and maintenance of the transportation system.

Goal TR-G5	Safe and viable general and commercial aviation facilities and activities.

POLICIES:

Policy TR-P5.1	Ensure that new development within the Modesto City-County Airport Area of Influence (AIA) is consistent with the Stanislaus County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP), except in cases where the City Council concludes that project approval would provide for the orderly development of the Airport and the areas surrounding it while protecting public health, safety, and welfare by minimizing the public's exposure to excessive noise and safety hazards, consistent with the ALUCP.
Policy TR-P5.2	Minimize noise impacts of flight operations on existing noise-sensitive development.
Policy TR-P5.3	Enhance efficient ground transportation connections between SR-99, downtown, and the Modesto City-County Airport.

ACTION:

Action TR-A5.1	Continue to coordinate with Stanislaus County on the implementation, review, and periodic update of the Stanislaus County ALUCP.

Economic Development Element – Public Draft Goals, Policies, and Actions

Goal ED-G1	**A well-established, successful economic development program to attract and retain small- and large-scale business that provides high-quality jobs, goods, and services.**

POLICIES

Policy ED-P1.1 Actively attract and recruit businesses that build on Modesto's competitive advantages and offer high-quality and living-wage jobs in a range of industries, including existing industries like healthcare, food product manufacturing, and general administrative and business support, as well as industries that have potential for expansion in Modesto, such as agricultural technology (agtech), applied technologies, and information and computer technology.

Policy ED-P1.2 Promote businesses and industries that contribute to the tax base for the city.

Policy ED-P1.3 Encourage investment in vacant commercial and industrial spaces and facilitate the expansion of commercial corridors.

Policy ED-P1.4 Maintain industrial capacity to accommodate relocating or expanding businesses, particularly from targeted industries that offer living-wage jobs.

Policy ED-P1.5 Leverage the strengths of and maintain close coordination with existing economic development agencies and organizations in the greater Modesto community to maximize the benefits of their respective areas of expertise.

Policy ED-P1.6 Provide business-friendly practices in every public-facing City office as well as a streamlined and efficient business/development permitting and approval process.

Policy ED-P1.7 Maintain and expand business financing programs, including grants and loans, by leveraging and matching local resources with incentive programs managed by the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, to the greatest extent feasible.

Policy ED-P1.8 Coordinate with local, State, federal, and private agencies and organizations to improve transportation, childcare, job training, and other employment readiness factors.

Policy ED-P1.9 Maintain strong ongoing engagement with the existing business community at the local, regional, national, and international levels as a tool for retention and expansion.

▸ ACTIONS:

Action ED-A1.1 Implement the City's Economic Development Strategic Plan and update the Plan at least every five years, or as needed to improve outcomes.

Action ED-A1.2 Prepare and maintain an inventory of available vacant and underutilized commercial and industrial land that is served with urban infrastructure and could be developed to support economic development over the next five years.

Action ED-A1.3 Identify critical infrastructure needed to attract, expand, and retain businesses. Support shovel-ready projects and infrastructure improvements aligned with the Capital Improvement Program.

Goal ED-G2 **A strong workforce with diverse and relevant work skills.**

▸ POLICIES:

Policy ED-P2.1 Leverage opportunities to pursue workforce development, job training and retraining programs, and public-private partnerships that support economic growth.

Policy ED-P2.2 Collaborate with Modesto Junior College; California State University, Stanislaus; San Joaquin Valley College Modesto; the VOLT Institute; Modesto public schools; and regional, State, and federal agencies to improve workforce diversity in the city through expanded labor force training.

Policy ED-P2.3 Encourage school districts, institutions of higher education, regional vocational schools, and industry associations to increase enrollment and program offerings for STEM, healthcare, and other in-demand roles based on the current labor market.

ACTIONS:

Action ED-A2.1 Establish and maintain a Modesto Workforce Development Consortium to connect job seekers with employers, provide training and education for job seekers, and improve the overall quality, skills, and employability of the Modesto workforce.

Action ED-A2.2 Work with local agencies and organizations to establish apprenticeship programs that provide training and hands-on experience that create direct pathways to employment, particularly employment in high-tech manufacturing, such as the food and beverage processing industry.

Goal ED-G3 Support for entrepreneurship and innovation in Modesto's business and industry.

POLICIES:

Policy ED-P3.1 Promote entrepreneurship, innovation, and locally owned businesses and enterprises to improve economic self-sufficiency and stability, including through improving outreach efforts to local small business owners and minimizing permitting barriers.

Policy ED-P3.2 Connect new small businesses and start-ups with organizations that can provide direct assistance and mentorship, such as the Valley Sierra Small Business Development Center, Modesto-Merced SCORE, and Opportunity Stanislaus, among others.

ACTIONS:

Action ED-A3.1 Collaborate with Opportunity Stanislaus to assist entrepreneurial and technology-oriented ventures in identifying funding sources, including marketing support. Consider establishing a revolving loan fund with capital from Community Development Financial Institutions to support these types of businesses.

Action ED-A3.2 Work with educational institutions and other organizations such as BEAM Circular to promote agricultural production and distribution and bio-industrial manufacturing.

Action ED-A3.3 Explore the feasibility and demand for incubator or accelerator facilities and programming for new technology-oriented businesses. This could include an agtech incubator to help foster automation and mechanization of specialty crops.

Goal ED-G4 A vibrant destination that attracts people to live, work, and recreate in Modesto.

POLICIES:

Policy ED-P4.1 Leverage Modesto's unique strengths, such as its agricultural heritage and associated agritourism businesses, proximity to Yosemite National Park, "American Graffiti" cultural ties, and growing arts scene, to attract visitors to Modesto. Collaborate with regional tourism organizations and neighboring municipalities to coordinate marketing efforts.

Policy ED-P4.2 Promote Modesto's relatively affordable and high-quality housing opportunities and transportation connections to the greater mega-region to attract new residents and businesses.

Policy ED-P4.3 Continue to develop and beautify parks, walking and biking trails, and greenways to enhance recreational opportunities and community aesthetics for residents and visitors. Prioritize incorporating natural systems into urban planning and street design to increase the tree canopy and improve air quality by creating more green spaces. Create and expand inviting public plazas and gathering spaces that encourage social interaction and events, particularly in the downtown area.

Policy ED-P4.4 Continue to revitalize the downtown core with diverse dining and retail, cultural amenities, an entertainment district, and connections to the Tuolumne River Regional Park. Invest in streetscaping, lighting, wayfinding, and public areas to create a walkable and inviting atmosphere for residents and visitors alike.

- ACTIONS:

Action ED-A4.1 Develop and implement an image and branding campaign to attract new residents and businesses, support community pride, and celebrate Modesto's place in the San Joaquin Valley.

Action ED-A4.2 Improve wayfinding signage in the downtown and surrounding areas to guide visitors to key attractions and amenities.

Action ED-A4.3 Develop a compelling marketing campaign to showcase Modesto's unique aspects to regional and national audiences to boost tourism.

Environmental Justice Element – Public Draft Goals, Policies, and Actions

Goal EJ-G1	**A healthy environment so all residents can live, work, and play in their community without being disproportionately burdened by pollution or related health impacts.**

POLICIES

Policy EJ-P1.1 Coordinate with local, State, and federal agencies to reduce particulate matter (diesel PM and PM2.5) pollution for sensitive land uses (e.g., residential, schools, childcare facilities) near major transportation corridors, prioritizing implementation in Underserved Communities.

Policy EJ-P1.2 Reduce air pollution exposure caused by vehicle emissions through infrastructure improvements and land use patterns that support the development of housing near jobs and amenities, facilitate complete streets that serve all roadway users, and encourage the use of transit, biking, and walking, prioritizing implementation in Underserved Communities.

ACTIONS:

Action EJ-A1.1 Work with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and local organizations, such as Valley Improvement Projects, to increase the number of air quality monitors in Underserved Communities.

Action EJ-A1.2 Create an inventory of existing industrial businesses that are located in or adjacent to Underserved Communities, and work with these businesses to develop site-specific improvements to reduce pollution exposure to nearby sensitive land uses beyond the minimum regulatory standards, address existing issues, and establish interim strategies for insulating the community from impacts.

Action EJ-A1.3	Coordinate with other agencies and organizations to reduce the impacts of particulate matter and toxic release air pollution on sensitive receptors in the city by partnering on grant applications and looking for opportunities to reduce impacts on low-income households.
Action EJ-A1.4	Increase education regarding tobacco-free areas and the impacts of tobacco on the community.
Action EJ-A1.5	Continue to implement and periodically update the Smoke Shop Ordinance to regulate the quantity, location, and advertising of smoke shops within the City of Modesto to preserve and protect public health, safety, and welfare. Ensure that smoke shops maintain the required distance from sensitive uses (e.g., schools, childcare centers, youth facilities, public parks and recreational areas, and alcohol or other drug abuse treatment facilities), residential uses, commercial cannabis uses, and other smoke shops.
Action EJ-A1.6	Prepare an inventory of contaminated bodies of water within the Planning Area and partner with neighboring jurisdictions to apply for State and federal funding sources to restore contaminated water bodies within the affected communities.
Action EJ-A1.7	In partnership with community-based organizations (CBOs), inventory existing street trees, identify priority areas for new plantings, and outline actionable steps to close gaps in tree coverage to improve air quality and protect residents against extreme heat in Underserved Communities.

Goal EJ-G2	**Equitable distribution of high-quality and accessible public and cultural facilities, infrastructure, and services to meet the fundamental civic, social, and health needs of all residents.**

POLICIES:

Policy EJ-P2.1 Ensure the delivery of efficient, equitable, and effective public services, operations, and maintenance in Underserved Communities, including for public safety, health services, public transit, water, sewer, storm drainage, waste management, electricity, and internet. Coordinate with service providers to ensure equity of services across the entire city and establish response teams or contingency plans when service issues arise.

Policy EJ-P2.2 Plan for new civic buildings, City services, infrastructure improvements, and community amenities in Underserved Communities based on community feedback.

Policy EJ-P2.3 Support funding and financing mechanisms, including City-initiated mechanisms like Community Facilities Districts (CFDs), to provide and enhance community-desired public facilities and services in Underserved Communities.

Policy EJ-P2.4 Consider the impacts of new development on aging infrastructure and require infrastructure rehabilitation or improvements as a condition of approval, where feasible and appropriate.

ACTIONS:

Action EJ-A2.1 Work in partnership with CBOs to inventory Underserved Communities to identify needs with regard to infrastructure, environmental protections, and additional public services.

Action EJ-A2.2 Review the deferred maintenance assessment of public buildings and facilities in Underserved Communities to identify current gaps in weatherization efforts and ensure the safety and resilience of these facilities. Continue to implement needed improvements on an annual basis.

Action EJ-A2.3 Work with the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority to increase access to public transportation by establishing 20-minute headways with no more than half a mile between transit stops on fixed routes that serve Underserved Communities and ensuring that all stops are Americans

with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant and equipped with adequate seating, canopies, and signage.

Action EJ-A2.4 Collaborate with healthcare and transit providers to expand education and outreach that informs residents about medical transportation resources.

Action EJ-A2.5 Collaborate with residents and community partners to plan and prioritize investments in projects that encourage increased use of active transportation along public transportation routes in Underserved Communities.

Action EJ-A2.6 Work in partnership with CBOs and public-private partners to seek grant funding to provide needed public services and implement physical improvements in Underserved Communities, including infrastructure, environmental protections, and beautification projects.

Action EJ-A2.7 Continue to use and enhance a mix of digital, traditional, and emergency communication channels to effectively share important information with residents. Implement the Communications Plan goal of providing timely, accurate, and relevant information while allowing residents to receive updates through their preferred communication channel, including but not limited to the City website, subscription newsletters, social media, and the City's GoModesto! app.

Action EJ-A2.8 Continue police/community cohorts run by the Modesto Police Department to encourage positive relationships and mutual understanding.

Action EJ-A2.9 Continue the efforts of the Community Police Review Board to convene a diverse group of stakeholders, including residents, across the fields of criminology, social and behavioral sciences, public health, epidemiology, law, and public policy to meet and produce an accessible synthesis of research evidence and recommendations for Underserved Communities.

Action EJ-A2.10 In partnership with Stanislaus County, implement programs and pursue infrastructure and safety improvements in identified Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) to reduce existing inequalities.

Goal EJ-G3	**Convenient access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food to reduce food insecurity and support varied cultural and nutritional food choices.**

POLICIES:

Policy EJ-P3.1	Strive to ensure that all households have easy access to sources of affordable, healthy food that include organic options, such as grocery stores, ethnic food markets, farmers' markets, and convenience stores.
Policy EJ-P3.2	Promote efforts to expand usage of food assistance benefits (e.g., CalFresh, WIC, Market Match) at farmers' markets, farm stands, and community-supported agriculture sources to help increase the purchasing power of low-income residents.
Policy EJ-P3.3	Encourage activities that support local agriculture, such as farmers' markets, urban farming, and community gardening.
Policy EJ-P3.4	Partner with local food banks and other CBOs to explore grant funding opportunities and the use of existing community centers as food distribution sites to improve healthy food access for Modesto residents.
Policy EJ-P3.5	Encourage education in schools and after-school programs about cooking basics, food choices, and healthy lifestyles.

ACTIONS:

Action EJ-A3.1	Identify new potential locations for farmers' markets in Underserved Communities, including opportunities to hold markets on publicly owned land.
Action EJ-A3.2	Collaborate with local organizations to coordinate the recovery and distribution of edible food from food generators (e.g., grocery stores, schools, hospitals) in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 1383.

Goal EJ-G4	Equitable access to safe and sanitary homes.

POLICIES:

Policy EJ-P4.1 Promote ongoing local, State, and federal programs for safe and sanitary homes, such as the Lead Hazard Control Program, Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Program, Weatherization Program, Minor Home Repair Program, and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program.

Policy EJ-P4.2 Promote accessory and junior accessory dwelling units in existing and new development as a form of multigenerational housing.

Policy EJ-P4.3 Encourage affordable high-density residential development throughout the city to increase the affordable housing stock and reduce overcrowding.

Policy EJ-P4.4 Target unhoused outreach services in park areas and connect individuals experiencing homelessness with appropriate resources and case management services to secure rapid housing in a safe and welcoming environment.

ACTIONS:

Action EJ-A4.1 Implement and expand the Modesto Rental Housing Safety Program to ensure that all rental units will be inspected by the City for compliance with all applicable building, fire, health, and zoning codes.

Action EJ-A4.2 Work with property owners, tenants, and nonprofit housing agencies to preserve assisted rental housing and implement a strong affordable housing monitoring program.

Action EJ-A4.3 Conduct periodic absentee owner outreach to inform owners of their legal requirements to maintain and upkeep properties, consistent with the City's regulations, including the Nuisance Conditions Ordinance and the Vacant and Boarded Buildings Ordinance.

Goal EJ-G5	**Equitable distribution of well-maintained and accessible parks and open spaces to encourage physical activity and healthy lifestyles for all residents.**

POLICIES:

Policy EJ-P5.1 Ensure that all Modesto residents are served by convenient and safe active recreation facilities that meet the needs of all ages and abilities. Prioritize expansion of park space and active recreation programs in areas that are determined to lack adequate facilities, especially in Underserved Communities.

Policy EJ-P5.2 Continue to require new developments to provide five acres of park space for every 1,000 residents, as applicable. Park space should be properly planned for with new development and maintained. Individual single and multifamily projects will continue to pay a Park Impact Fee to assist with the development of future parks.

Policy EJ-P5.3 Support programs and physical improvements, such as traffic safety assessments near schools and parks, complete street design (e.g., sidewalks, stop signs, stop lights, streetlights), and flooding resistance measures, that address the need for safe routes initiatives in Underserved Communities.

ACTIONS:

Action EJ-A5.1 Ensure that all City parks and open spaces are safe for resident use by assessing and retrofitting existing facilities with adequate lighting, playground equipment, drainage, and green space.

Action EJ-A5.2 Establish relationships with schools, private properties with large open spaces, and religious institutions as a strategy for increasing access to recreational facilities and community gathering facilities, particularly in areas that lack parks.

Action EJ-A5.3 Install traffic-calming measures and devices (e.g., sidewalks, streetscapes, speed humps, traffic circles, signals) to create safe routes through and between Underserved Communities for pedestrians. Work with CBOs to promote the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.

Action EJ-A5.4 Continue to install and repair sidewalks in Underserved Communities, particularly in areas where sidewalks link residential neighborhoods to local schools, parks, and shopping areas.

Action EJ-A5.5 Explore opportunities to partner with CBOs to apply for grant funding to assist in creating more pedestrian amenities, such as benches, outdoor seating and bus stops with shade, site-appropriate landscaping, decorative paving, and detailed lighting elements, to improve traffic and pedestrian safety and promote pedestrian-friendly corridors in Underserved Communities.

Goal EJ-G6 **Residents are empowered to actively participate in City decision-making.**

POLICIES:

Policy EJ-P6.1 Expand opportunities for residents in Underserved Communities to participate in City government processes by:

- Providing volunteer opportunities with the City, specifically for residents of Underserved Communities, to further build local relationships.
- Inviting residents that live in Underserved Communities to become board, commission, and committee members as openings become available.
- Supporting, sponsoring, and promoting residents of Underserved Communities to plan and participate in a variety of community events to strengthen social cohesion and the overall identity of the city.

Policy EJ-P6.2 Provide opportunities to request translation and interpretation services at public meetings on issues affecting populations whose primary language is not English. When public comments have a time limit, exclude translation time from the time limit.

Policy EJ-P6.3 Schedule events and meetings using different days, times, and formats to encourage and facilitate participation among community members with work, school, family, and other obligations that conflict with more traditional scheduling.

Policy EJ-P6.4 Ensure the City's website is easy to navigate for all users, that it is available in multiple languages, and that the calendar of City meetings and events is kept up to date.

ACTIONS:

Action EJ-A6.1 Review the implementation of this Environmental Justice Element every two years to monitor progress on goals, policies, and actions.

Action EJ-A6.2 Coordinate with CBOs, neighborhood groups, religious institutions, businesses, and school districts to improve community outreach within the City of Modesto for the implementation of the Environmental Justice Element as well as for broader participation in community activities, and especially in decision-making. Continue to emphasize and improve community participation and incorporate community input into decision-making processes, including City governance and delivery of services. Strategies and best practices may include but are not limited to the following:

- Ways to provide information and solicit feedback from older residents who do not use or have access to computers or social media (e.g., flyers, senior centers, and neighborhood canvassing).
- Methods of translating communications and services into multiple languages, especially Spanish.
- Requirements to hold meetings at different locations and times and in different formats and languages.
- Requirements to distribute materials and host events far enough in advance to allow sufficient time for review and comment.
- Emphasis on the importance of conveying complex information in an easily digestible format and facilitating meetings using diverse methods that can engage all participants and appeal to multiple styles of learning.

Action EJ-A6.3 Continue to expand City communication and ensure that service provider information, such as numbers to call for code enforcement and City programs, is easily accessible for residents.

Goal EJ-G7	**A close-knit community where diverse cultures, beliefs, and experiences are respected and welcomed through cultural events and public art.**

POLICIES:

Policy EJ-P7.1	Promote a culture of inclusivity and understanding throughout the community.
Policy EJ-P7.2	Promote community events, festivals, and public art installations in Underserved Communities to highlight Modesto's history, identity, and diversity to celebrate the interests of residents and attract visitors.

ACTIONS:

Action EJ-A7.1	Work with community groups and local businesses in Underserved Communities to identify public and private spaces that may be used for cultural awareness activities, including festivals, art exhibitions, and performances.

Health and Safety Element – Public Draft Goals, Policies, and Actions

Goal HS-G1	A resilient community prepared for emergencies.

POLICIES

Policy HS-P1.1 Incorporate the Stanislaus County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, including the City's Annex, as approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), into this Health and Safety Element by reference.

Policy HS-P1.2 Locate critical facilities outside of identified hazard areas whenever possible, accounting for how climate change may increase hazard frequency and location of hazards in the future. When critical facilities must be located in identified hazard areas, ensure they are designed to maintain functionality during and after disasters.

Policy HS-P1.3 Ensure critical use facilities that are needed to provide vital services, such as police stations, fire stations, and maintenance yards, remain operational during an emergency by maintaining backup power and coordinated emergency plans consistent with State standards.

Policy HS-P1.4 Support and encourage Stanislaus County Emergency Services Department's Community Emergency Response Team training for Modesto residents and businesses to increase disaster awareness and emergency response capabilities.

Policy HS-P1.5 Coordinate with emergency responders, transportation agencies, and neighboring jurisdictions to maintain potential evacuation routes and their capacity, safety, and viability.

Policy HS-P1.6 Coordinate with the County, transit agencies, school districts, community service organizations, and faith-based organizations to assist with evacuation efforts, particularly for vulnerable populations, including those with limited English proficiency, limited mobility, or limited access to transportation.

Policy HS-P1.7 Incorporate the needs of vulnerable populations, including individuals with limited financial resources, language barriers, and disabilities, into emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.

Policy HS-P1.8 Require new residential development projects in identified hazard zones to provide a minimum of two points of access by public roads that can be used for emergency vehicle response and evacuation.

Policy HS-P1.9 Encourage property owners to install backup power systems from renewable energy sources, such as solar photovoltaic panels and a battery system.

ACTIONS

Action HS-A1.1 Maintain an Emergency Operations Plan that meets current and anticipated community needs and conforms to California Standardized Emergency Management System requirements.

Action HS-A1.2 Implement the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, either as a standalone plan or as part of the Stanislaus County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and update it every five years, or as needed, to maintain certification by FEMA.

Action HS-A1.3 Identify existing public facilities to serve as community resilience hubs and cooling centers that open during emergencies or specific temperature triggers for residents to seek emergency shelter or refuge from extreme heat days.

Action HS-A1.4 Develop an evacuation assistance program, in coordination with the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority (StanRTA), paratransit, and dial-a-ride agencies, to help those with limited mobility or those who lack access to a vehicle to effectively evacuate.

Action HS-A1.5 Coordinate with the County's Emergency Services Department to establish backup power, preferably from renewable energy sources, and water resources at emergency shelters, resilience hubs, and cooling centers in case of power outages.

Goal HS-G2	A community protected from seismic and geologic hazards.

- POLICIES:

Policy HS-P2.1 Limit development in areas of steep or unstable slopes in landslide susceptibility areas of Class 7 or greater, as determined by the California Geological Survey, or as shown in Figure X, to minimize hazards by landslides.

Policy HS-P2.2 In landslide susceptibility areas of Class 7 or greater, as determined by the California Geological Survey and as shown in Figure X, continue to prohibit alteration of land in a manner that could increase landslide susceptibility, including concentration of water through drainage or irrigation systems, removal of vegetative cover, and steepening of slopes and undercutting the bases of slopes.

Policy HS-P2.3 Require developers of new projects to prepare and file a construction erosion control program, as required by the City Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, and keep it current throughout site development. The erosion control program should include "best management practices," as appropriate, given the specific circumstances of the site and/or project and comply with the City's Grading and Erosion Control Ordinance, as applicable.

Policy HS-P2.4 Design new public roads and infrastructure to minimize landslide risks in areas subject to landslides.

Goal HS-G3	Buildings and infrastructure safeguarded from current and future flood risks.

- POLICIES:

Policy HS-P3.1 Preserve undeveloped floodplain areas, the Tuolumne River Regional Park Master Plan area, and the Dry Creek Master Plan area for nonurban use, as provided in the City's Floodplain Management Ordinance.

Policy HS-P3.2 Maintain drainage courses in their natural conditions within mapped floodplains and support projects that restore natural floodplain functions to absorb the impacts of floodwaters.

Policy HS-P3.3 Support the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program so that residents who qualify may purchase such protection. Property owners whose property is located within certain areas identified by FEMA as flood hazard areas may purchase insurance against flood damage.

Policy HS-P3.4 Discourage development in areas susceptible to floods, except as provided under the National Flood Insurance Program and the City's Floodplain Management Ordinance. Require any development within special flood hazard areas to be protected from 100-year floods and comply with the provisions of the City's Floodplain Management Ordinance.

Policy HS-P3.5 Require a Flood Hazard Analysis to be incorporated into the project design of any Specific Plan. The Specific Plan shall prohibit development within the flood channel, consistent with the City's Floodplain Management Ordinance. Where possible, the Specific Plan shall minimize development within the floodplain, consistent with the City's Floodplain Management Ordinance, such as by providing setbacks from flood zones, designating areas within the flood zones for low-intensity development only, or providing for setback levees. When levee improvements are necessary to achieve flood protection, the Specific Plan shall identify adequate funding for those improvements. Funding mechanisms may include special assessment districts or special taxes for both capital and maintenance costs and should not rely solely on impact fees. The City may work with other agencies to provide these improvements.

▸ ACTIONS:

Action HS-A3.1 Maintain the City's Floodplain Management Ordinance to ensure that flood insurance can be made available to qualified property owners through State and federal programs.

Action HS-A3.2 Maintain and update flood hazard maps and data relating to potential flood hazards. Continue to make this information available to the public.

Action HS-A3.3 Support implementation of the California Department of Water Resources Central Valley Flood Protection Plan to improve flood risk management in the Central Valley.

Action HS-A3.4 Participate in FEMA's Community Rating System under the National Flood Insurance Program and implement recommended flood protection strategies to reduce the cost of flood insurance for Modesto property owners.

Goal HS-G4 **A heat-resilient community able to function and thrive in rising temperatures.**

POLICIES:

Policy HS-P4.1 Encourage heat-reducing features in new development, as appropriate, which could include shade structures, tree planting, cool roof materials, cool paving materials, passive cooling design, ventilation, and air conditioning as outlined in the California Energy Code (Title 24). Incorporate heat-reducing features into retrofits and upgrades of City facilities and critical facility buildings when feasible.

Policy HS-P4.2 Incorporate drought-tolerant green infrastructure in public spaces and promote its use in private spaces as part of a cooling strategy.

Policy HS-P4.3 Partner with StanRTA to incorporate heat-reducing features into transit stops.

Policy HS-P4.4 Expand the urban tree canopy to provide shade, reduce surface temperatures, and improve air quality.

Policy HS-P4.5 Require large-canopy species shade trees, where feasible and appropriate, in landscape plans for all new development proposals. Promote tree planting that supports tree growth to full size without damaging streets and sidewalks (including but not limited to deep watering until roots are established, proper fertilizers, root barriers, and structured soils).

Policy HS-P4.6 Discourage removal of street trees unless they have met required criteria for removal as outlined in the Municipal Code or are otherwise a threat to public safety. If a tree must be removed, it should be

replaced in alignment with the recommendation of the Forestry Division Management Team with a large-canopy species.

Policy HS-P4.7 Reduce heat gain from pavement by minimizing street rights-of-way and pavement widths. Reinstate the use of parkway strips with trees, where feasible, to provide shading of streets.

ACTIONS:

Action HS-A4.1 Prepare and maintain a comprehensive heat response plan that establishes clear thresholds and protocols for activating extreme heat emergency response measures and considers the unique needs of vulnerable populations, including older adults, children, outdoor workers, people with chronic conditions, and low-resource households.

Action HS-A4.2 Maintain and expand a network of cooling centers that are equitably distributed throughout the city, well-publicized, inclusive, and accessible to residents.

Action HS-A4.3 Promote the Modesto Irrigation District's tree planting program, which provides residents and businesses with guidance on tree species selection and planting locations in order to encourage tree planting in the city.

Action HS-A4.4 Develop shade tree specifications for development projects, including appropriate types of trees (e.g., based on size, foliage type, and branch structure), planting locations and distance from structures, planting spacing, and orientation, for use in landscape plans.

Goal HS-G5 — A drought-resilient community supported by water conservation, efficiency, and alternative water supplies.

POLICIES:

Policy HS-P5.1 Ensure that drought response plans identify and prioritize critical water needs during periods of severe drought and address the needs of vulnerable populations.

Policy HS-P5.2 Maintain affordable access to safe drinking water for all residents during drought conditions.

Policy HS-P5.3 Promote water conservation and demand management measures and programs for efficient water use.

ACTIONS:

Action HS-A5.1 Install water efficiency and conservation measures at public facilities.

Action HS-A5.2 Incorporate the results of the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment into the Water Shortage Contingency Plan, including drought condition projections, identification of vulnerable populations, and a summary of community assets.

Goal HS-G6 — A community protected from severe weather events.

POLICIES:

Policy HS-P6.1 Support property owners in implementing weatherization improvements for homes and businesses, with priority support for vulnerable populations and local and small businesses.

Policy HS-P6.2 Harden critical City-owned utility systems, including stormwater and wastewater infrastructure, to withstand severe weather events. Partner with private utilities and special districts to support the hardening of electricity transmission infrastructure and other critical utility systems serving Modesto residents and businesses.

ACTIONS:

Action HS-A6.1 Promote the Modesto Irrigation District's Weatherization Program for low-income renters and homeowners.

Goal HS-G7 — Protected agricultural lands and natural ecosystems resilient to pests and disease.

POLICIES:

Policy HS-P7.1 Collaborate with the County's Agricultural Commissioner, growers, regional universities, and agricultural companies to share data on pest outbreaks and trends to improve pest and disease monitoring.

Policy HS-P7.2 Collaborate with community-based organizations and labor unions to ensure farmworkers have adequate protection against climate hazards, including loss of work due to reduced crop yields.

Policy HS-P7.3 Support the use of integrated pest management methods to reduce the exposure of farmworkers, nearby communities, and ecosystems to pesticides.

Policy HS-P7.4 Prioritize California native and noninvasive plant species that are adapted to future climate conditions in habitat restoration projects.

Policy HS-P7.5 Anticipate and accommodate ecosystem changes caused by climate change in land use planning and management practices, ensuring long-term ecological health, community safety, and climate resilience.

ACTIONS:

Action HS-A7.1 Identify staff to liaise with the County, businesses, regional universities, and other organizations to facilitate data sharing on pest trends.

Goal HS-G8 **A healthy community with reduced exposure to hazardous materials and human health hazards.**

POLICIES:

Policy HS-P8.1 Work with healthcare providers to support free or reduced-cost vaccinations for vector-borne diseases for Modesto residents.

Policy HS-P8.2 Coordinate with the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency to consider the needs of vulnerable populations in disease response planning.

Policy HS-P8.3 Work with Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol to enforce State and local requirements that hazardous materials transported within and through the city be restricted to routes that have been designated for such transport.

Policy HS-P8.4 Prohibit new facilities that will be involved in the production, use, storage, transport, or disposal of hazardous materials within identified landslide susceptibility areas of Class 7 or greater and special flood hazard areas, as identified in Figures X-X, or within 1,000 feet of

existing sensitive receptors that may be adversely impacted by such activities.

Policy HS-P8.5 Prior to issuance of grading or building permits for residential projects on sites containing or previously containing agricultural activities, including farm buildings/structures, require applicants to confirm that the site has been fully investigated for the presence of hazardous materials or wastes. The investigation shall consist of, a Phase I environmental site assessment, at minimum, and a Phase II site assessment, if found necessary as a result of the Phase I assessment. Also require that the findings of the site assessment be reported to the City and the County's Department of Environmental Resources. Require that the appropriate remediation occur prior to final occupancy of the approved project.

▸ ACTIONS:

Action HS-A8.1 Work with the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency and the Stanislaus County Vector-Borne Disease Task Force to identify and track vectors and disease conditions that may affect Modesto residents and workers.

Goal HS-G9 **Noise and vibration levels that do not negatively affect quality of life or health in the community.**

▸ POLICIES:

Policy HS-P9.1 Promote proper site planning to minimize adverse effects of noise. Use noise/land use compatibility standards and the Noise Contours Map as a guide for future planning and development decisions to ensure that new development can be made compatible with the noise environment.

Policy HS-P9.2 Require new development to meet Title 24 Noise Insulation Standards for construction.

Policy HS-P9.3 Protect noise-sensitive uses (Table X) from adverse impacts of noise generated by new development. Incorporate necessary mitigation measures into development design to minimize short-term noise impacts. Prohibit new noise-generating uses or long-term

operational noise increases that exceed the established noise levels at the sensitive receptor property line as follows:

- Greater than 3 dBA Ldn increase for ambient noise environments of higher than 60 dBA Ldn.
- Greater than 5 dBA Ldn increase for ambient noise environments of less than or equal to 60 dBA Ldn.

Policy HS-P9.4 Control truck traffic routing to reduce transportation-related noise impacts on sensitive land uses.

Policy HS-P9.5 Require noise-reducing construction practices as conditions of approval where substantial construction-related noise impacts would be likely to occur, such as with extended periods of pile driving or where sensitive receptors would be affected by construction noise. Conditions of approval may include but are not limited to:

- Requiring construction equipment, including air compressors and pneumatic equipment, to have properly maintained mufflers.
- Requiring impact tools to be equipped with shrouds or shields.
- Requiring that the quietest equipment available be used.
- Requiring selection of haul routes that affect the fewest number of people.

Policy HS-P9.6 For new residential development proposed in areas within 200 feet of the center of the nearest mainline of active rail lines, demonstrate that the proposed development will incorporate measures to reduce maximum noise levels generated during train passbys to 50 dBA Lmax or less inside bedrooms and to 55 dBA Lmax or less inside other noise-sensitive occupied areas.

Policy HS-P9.7 For new residential and vibration-sensitive commercial development (including but not limited to lodging facilities, hospitals, and similar uses) located within 200 feet of the center of the nearest mainline of active rail lines, demonstrate that the proposed development will incorporate measures to reduce vibration levels generated during train passby events to meet the Federal Transit Administration vibration standards as shown in the Environmental Impact Report.

Policy HS-P9.8 Require a qualified vibration professional to provide an evaluation of construction projects that require the issuance of a discretionary permit from the City of Modesto and are within 200 feet of an existing building.

ACTIONS:

Action HS-A9.1 Implement Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) standards and ensure safety in FRA-approved "Quiet Zones."

Goal HS-G10 Air quality that supports community and environmental health.

POLICIES:

Policy HS-P10.1 Promote and comply with State and regional air quality regulations and policies to reduce air impacts from mobile and stationary sources of air pollution.

Policy HS-P10.2 Work with neighboring jurisdictions and affected agencies to address cross-jurisdictional and regional transportation and air quality issues.

Policy HS-P10.3 Require developers to implement San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's best management practices for reducing air pollutant emissions from construction work and operation of equipment.

Policy HS-P10.4 Require that sources of stationary air pollutants of concern, such as factories, be located at least 500 feet from residential areas and other sensitive land uses.

Policy HS-P10.5 Require new multifamily residential buildings and other sensitive land uses in areas with high levels of localized air pollution to incorporate design features that enhance indoor air quality through landscaping, ventilation systems, and other measures.

Policy HS-P10.6 Support federal and State efforts to reduce greenhouse gases and air pollutant emissions through local action that will reduce motor vehicle use, support non-vehicular forms of transportation, require energy conservation in new construction, and promote energy management in public buildings.

Policy HS-P10.7 Discourage nonessential diesel engine idling citywide and nonessential idling of all vehicles within 100 feet of sensitive land uses.

ACTIONS:

Action HS-A10.1 Coordinate with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and nonprofit organizations to promote public education programs focused on awareness of air quality issues, sources of greenhouse gases, and actions to mitigate impacts.

Open Space and Conservation Element – Public Draft Goals, Policies, and Actions

Goal OSC-G1 **Minimized conflicts between urban uses and agriculture.**

POLICIES

Policy OSC-P1.1 Where existing agricultural land is designated for nonagricultural uses, support the continuation of agricultural uses until urban development consistent with the General Plan is pursued by the property owner.

Policy OSC-P1.2 Require developers and owners of property adjacent to sites used for agricultural purposes to notify subsequent buyers about potential continued agricultural production and the lawful use of agricultural chemicals, including pesticides and fertilizers, as well as other agricultural operations that may affect the property, such as noise, dust, and odors.

Policy OSC-P1.3 Work with the Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner and local school districts to consider expanding buffer zone requirements for agricultural pesticide use and/or limiting the timing of pesticide application near schools.

Policy OSC-P1.4 Encourage landscaping and other attractive edging designs to define discrete and clear city edges between urban and rural landscapes while maintaining the visual integrity of agricultural and open space areas.

Policy OSC-P1.5 Support the preservation of land under Williamson Act contracts in the areas around Modesto.

ACTIONS

Action OSC-A1.1 Ensure that developers notify property owners to protect agricultural operations from nuisance complaints, consistent with State law.

Goal OSC-G2 **Protected and restored ecological and biological resources that improve habitat, wildlife diversity, and scenic values.**

POLICIES:

Policy OSC-P2.1 Coordinate with State and federal resource agencies to protect rare, threatened, endangered, or special-status species of plants and animals.

Policy OSC-P2.2 Identify, protect, and enhance waterways, wetlands, and other potentially significant ecological or biological resources due to their value in providing important habitats and increasing resilience to climate change by acting as natural stormwater management resources for flooding.

Policy OSC-P2.3 Identify, protect, and restore native ecosystems and expand the City's tree canopy, where feasible, to promote biodiversity, reduce heat impacts, and improve climate adaptation through increased carbon sequestration.

Policy OSC-P2.4 Conserve significant ecological and biological resources by protecting sensitive areas from development, when feasible, and mitigating impacts to the greatest extent feasible where development is permitted.

Policy OSC-P2.5 Protect existing wildlife movement corridors within the Planning Area and create new wildlife corridors, where feasible, to enable free movement of terrestrial and aquatic animals, minimize wildlife-urban conflicts, and establish natural open space linkages. Discourage use of fencing or other development that would pose risks to wildlife.

Policy OSC-P2.6 Prohibit the use of invasive, non-native species, as identified by the State or County Department of Agriculture or other authoritative sources, in landscaping on public property or in common areas in private developments.

Policy OSC-P2.7 Require a biological resource assessment for proposed discretionary development projects on sites with conditions that may support special-status species, sensitive natural communities, or regulated wetlands and waters.

Policy OSC-P2.8 Require that new development minimize the disturbance of natural habitats and vegetation. Require revegetation of disturbed natural habitat areas with native or noninvasive naturalized species.

Policy OSC-P2.9 Encourage the development of facilities that provide education about local environmental resources and ecosystems.

Goal OSC-G3 **Protected and sustainable surface water and groundwater resources.**

- POLICIES:

Policy OSC-P3.1 Promote the restoration of riparian corridors and waterways throughout the city.

Policy OSC-P3.2 Protect the quality of stormwater that discharges into areas in and around Modesto.

Policy OSC-P3.3 Monitor groundwater quality and quantity throughout the Planning Area. Ensure groundwater quality is maintained at satisfactory levels for present and future domestic, commercial, and industrial consumption.

Policy OSC-P3.4 Work with the US Environmental Protection Agency, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Stanislaus County, and neighboring jurisdictions in efforts to reduce pollution in local bodies of water and increase enforcement, where needed.

Policy OSC-P3.5 Consult applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) and local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies before making land use decisions that could impact groundwater resources.

Policy OSC-P3.6 Prohibit new development that would create or significantly aggravate groundwater overdraft conditions, land subsidence, or other "undesirable results," as defined in Section 354.26 of the California Water Code.

Policy OSC-P3.7 Require new development, including major rehabilitation, renovation, and redevelopment, to adopt best management practices for water use efficiency, water quality protection, and stormwater management.

Policy OSC-P3.8 Require new development to reduce water consumption through use of water-efficient devices and technology and drought-tolerant landscaping strategies, consistent with the State's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, and use treated recycled water where available.

Policy OSC-P3.9 Encourage new development projects to incorporate green infrastructure improvements and Low Impact Development techniques, such as rain gardens, permeable pavement, and bioswales.

Policy OSC-P3.10 Coordinate with water agencies, nonprofit organizations, and local academic institutions to promote public awareness on issues related to water quality and water conservation.

ACTIONS:

Action OSC-A3.1 For areas that are not covered by an adopted GSP, include sustainability indicators, defined by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, as a guide for development to maintain and protect the quality and quantity of groundwater supplies within the city.

Action OSC-A3.2 Seek funding from the California Department of Water Resources' Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program and/or the Watershed Resilience Implementation Grant Program to fund and implement projects that aim to improve water resilience and sustainability.

Goal OSC-G4 An open space network that preserves and enhances natural and recreational resources for Modesto.

POLICIES:

Policy OSC-P4.1 Protect, maintain, and enhance open space within the Planning Area for current and future generations.

Policy OSC-P4.2 Expand the City's park and trail systems and support facilities as appropriate land becomes available. Priority shall be given to land acquisition efforts that would result in the creation and expansion of linkages between existing protected natural resource areas.

Policy OSC-P4.3 Provide continuous trail linkages throughout and between parks and open spaces, where feasible, that include a range of active and passive recreational opportunities for users of all ages and abilities.

Policy OSC-P4.4 Ensure adequate vehicular and nonvehicular access to all parks and open spaces, including vehicular and bicycle parking.

Policy OSC-P4.5 Require renovated and new projects to provide open spaces that act as gateways, provide a social focal point for the community, and/or connect to multimodal trails, where feasible and appropriate.

Policy OSC-P4.6 Require development adjacent to the Tuolumne River Regional Park (TRRP) to be compatible with the TRRP Master Plan and support the area's ecological functions.

Policy OSC-P4.7 Support organizations that preserve open space through conservation easements. Consider requiring conservation easements to mitigate open space impacts, where appropriate.

Policy OSC-P4.8 Work with property owners, law enforcement officials, and the public in preserving or restoring open space to its natural state. These efforts may include but are not limited to:

- Soliciting volunteers to remove invasive vegetation.
- Removing abandoned items and trash.
- Ensuring no illegal encampments occur on open space areas.

ACTIONS:

Action OSC-A4.1 Implement and periodically update the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the TRRP Master Plan, and the Dry Creek Master Plan.

Action OSC-A4.2 Improve multimodal connections from existing neighborhoods to the TRRP and the Dry Creek corridor, especially for areas that lack adequate open or green space (e.g., the neighborhood around the airport).

Goal OSC-G5 **Preserved and enhanced cultural and scenic resources that make Modesto special.**

POLICIES:

Policy OSC-P5.1 Identify, preserve, and protect archaeological, historical, and tribal cultural resources within the Planning Area.

Policy OSC-P5.2 Consult with culturally affiliated tribes to identify and appropriately address tribal cultural resources during the discretionary development review process.

Policy OSC-P5.3 Upon discovery of significant historic or prehistoric archaeological artifacts or fossils during project construction, require ground-disturbing activities to halt within a 50-foot radius of the find until its significance can be determined by a qualified historian, archaeologist, or paleontologist and appropriate protection and preservation measures are taken.

Policy OSC-P5.4 Require significant historic, archaeological, and paleontological resources to be either preserved on-site or adequately documented as a condition of removal. Any documentation of historic resources shall be conducted in accordance with Historic American Buildings Survey Level III standards, as defined by the US Secretary of the Interior.

Policy OSC-P5.5 Require that rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, or renovation of historic and landmark buildings be conducted in accordance with the US Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

ACTIONS:

Action OSC-A5.1 Maintain a professional standard inventory of historic resources throughout the city. Conduct a review and update of the inventory regularly.

Action OSC-A5.2 Encourage adaptive reuse of buildings and local landmarks that are eligible or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historical Resources. Ensure that zoning provisions are sufficiently flexible to allow these structures and landmarks to remain viable in the future.

Goal OSC-G6 Efficient use of energy resources and increased reliance on renewable energy.

POLICIES:

Policy OSC-P6.1 Require new development, including major rehabilitation, renovation, and redevelopment, to incorporate energy conservation and green building practices, such as building orientation and shading, landscaping, and the development of on-site renewable energy projects, as appropriate and to the extent feasible and consistent with State laws.

Policy OSC-P6.2 Connect businesses and residents with voluntary programs that provide free or low-cost energy efficiency audits, retrofit installations, rebates, financing, and contractors.

ACTIONS:

Action OSC-A6.1 Participate in local, regional, or statewide energy efficiency financing programs that enable Modesto property owners to obtain low-interest financing for energy improvements.

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Goal CFS-G1 **A coordinated and well-maintained system of community facilities and services that strengthens connections between residents, businesses, and City officials.**

POLICIES

Policy CFS-P1.1 Ensure that all neighborhoods have access to well-maintained public facilities and utilities that meet community service needs.

Policy CFS-P1.2 Ensure that public facilities, infrastructure, and rights-of-way are acquired and designed to meet anticipated development in 2050 to avoid the need for future upsizing or expansion during the timeframe of this General Plan, unless planned as phased construction.

Policy CFS-P1.3 Ensure that all neighborhoods have access to well-maintained public facilities and utilities that meet community service needs.

Policy CFS-P1.4 Design public facilities and infrastructure to maintain and improve the visual quality of the urban environment, including through the following approaches:

- Designing buildings and infrastructure to fit into and complement their ultimate surroundings.
- Buffering buildings and infrastructure from their surroundings as appropriate to shield unsightly areas from public view.
- Supporting a feeling of community safety for all users.
- Providing appropriate landscaping.

Policy CFS-P1.5 Continue to require new development to construct and/or pay for on-site or off-site capital improvements and any upgrades necessitated by the project.

Policy CFS-P1.6 Continue to require new development to construct and/or pay for on-site or off-site capital improvements and any upgrades necessitated by the project.

Policy CFS-P1.7 Coordinate, to the extent possible, infrastructure and utility work with roadway and right-of-way improvements and repairs.

Policy CFS-P1.8 Coordinate with internet providers to improve and expand access to reliable, fast, affordable internet across Modesto.

Policy CFS-P1.9 Facilitate the availability of safe, affordable, and quality senior care facilities, childcare services, and other services for families who reside or work in Modesto.

Policy CFS-P1.10 Work with healthcare providers to maintain a full range of healthcare facilities and services designed to meet regional and community needs.

ACTIONS

Action CFS-A1.1 Periodically assess and update the City's Capital Facility Fee (CFF) requirements to determine whether they should be adjusted to reflect the City's priorities for public infrastructure and services.

Action CFS-A1.2 Assess and periodically update Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding sources to support the improvement and construction of necessary public facilities and infrastructure.

Action CFS-A1.3 Study the viability of establishing a citywide Community Facilities District (CFD) to fund ongoing care and maintenance of public parks, landscaped areas, streetlights, and hardscapes.

Action CFS-A1.4 Increase the City's capacity to access grant funding to support General Plan goals, especially concerning sustainability, preservation of cultural and natural resources, and promoting infill development.

Action CFS-A1.5 Perform an analysis of infrastructure needs and deficiencies in Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) and explore funding mechanisms that could make extension of needed services and facilities feasible. Review the analysis during each update to the Housing Element.

Goal CFS-G2 **Consistent, reliable, and safe water, wastewater, and drainage systems that meet current and future needs.**

POLICIES:

Policy CFS-P2.1 Ensure that present and expected development in the Planning Area can be served by adequate collection, treatment, and safe disposal of stormwater and wastewater consistent with adopted master plans and regulatory requirements.

Policy CFS-P2.2 Encourage water conservation through a range of proactive City efforts, including continuing to provide water customers with information on conservation techniques, services, devices, and rebates.

Policy CFS-P2.3 Pursue additional water supply alternatives to accommodate growth and meet future demand in both normal and dry conditions while continuing to evaluate and expand opportunities for water reclamation and reuse.

Policy CFS-P2.4 Require new development to demonstrate the availability of a safe, sanitary, and environmentally sound water delivery system and wastewater treatment system with adequate capacity, consistent with adopted master plans and City design standards.

Policy CFS-P2.5 Require stormwater infrastructure design for public and private projects to integrate projected changes in rainfall patterns and intensity. Stormwater infrastructure design shall meet trash capture regulatory requirements.

Policy CFS-P2.6 Ensure that stormwater drainage facilities are appropriately sized based on adopted drainage design criteria and projected future hydrologic conditions.

Policy CFS-P2.7 Encourage capture of stormwater to maximize local groundwater recharge and avoid, where feasible, discharges requiring a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

Policy CFS-P2.8 In partnership with County, State, and federal agencies, prevent illegal wastewater, chemical, and stormwater disposal through education, enforcement, and interagency coordination.

ACTIONS:

Action CFS-A2.1 Implement the demand management and conservation measures identified in the City's adopted Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) and Water Conservation Plan (WCP). Continue to update the UWMP and WCP every five years.

Action CFS-A2.2 Implement and periodically update the City's Water Master Plan, generally every 5 to 10 years or as needed, to reflect growth, regulatory requirements, and system conditions.

Action CFS-A2.3 Adopt, implement, and periodically update the City's Storm Drainage Master Plan, generally every 5 to 10 years or as needed, to incorporate updated information and verify assumptions based on changing climatic conditions.

Action CFS-A2.4 Implement and periodically update the City's Wastewater Master Plan, generally every 5 to 10 years or as needed, to reflect growth, regulatory requirements, and system conditions.

Action CFS-A2.5 Update the City's CIP to reflect and plan for identified infrastructure projects based on water, wastewater, and storm drainage master plans.

Action CFS-A2.6 Continue to fund and implement applicable Regional Groundwater Sustainability Plans.

Goal CFS-G3	**Adequate, safe, and sustainable solid waste management practices that meet current and future needs of the city and reduce disposable waste.**

POLICIES:

Policy CFS-P3.1 Coordinate with the City's Solid Waste Division, private solid waste collection and disposal companies, Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources, and other appropriate agencies to ensure that solid waste management facilities and programs are safe, effective, and adequate to meet projected growth.

Policy CFS-P3.2 Require new residential and commercial uses to provide adequate facilities on-site for trash, recycling, and organics collection, when applicable.

Policy CFS-P3.3 Reduce volumes of solid waste generated in Modesto through recycling and resource conservation measures, such as:

- Promoting public awareness campaigns to educate residents and businesses on sustainable consumption, such as buying in bulk and reducing food waste.
- Encouraging construction sites for new and refurbished buildings to be designed with on-site storage facilities for recycled materials to make recycling and reuse of salvaged materials more convenient.
- Expanding opportunities for recycling, reuse of materials, composting, and waste reduction and continuing efforts to develop new specialized recycling programs for residential, commercial, industrial, and educational sectors.

ACTIONS:

Action CFS-A3.1 Improve upon and expand waste disposal programs and methods in order to meet or exceed State waste diversion requirements.

Action CFS-A3.2 Install signage and increase education, monitoring, enforcement, and rapid cleanup to discourage illegal dumping and littering, especially in disadvantaged communities.

Action CFS-A3.3 Update the City's trash enclosure standards to allow for adequate collection facilities for new residential and commercial facilities.

Goal CFS-G4	**Collaborative and responsive fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services to maintain a safe and inviting community for all.**

POLICIES:

Policy CFS-P4.1 Reduce community violence and crime by fostering community connectivity, creating a sense of place, and encouraging social interactions between residents, employees, and business owners, as well as by engaging the community in ongoing discussions about how land use and planning decisions can help to reduce or prevent crime.

Policy CFS-P4.2 Require that land use and circulation planning support effective police and fire protection response and services.

Policy CFS-P4.3 Explore and support the acquisition of funding sources that help to maintain adequate ongoing fire, law enforcement, and emergency medical services for both existing and new development.

Policy CFS-P4.4 Strive to provide sworn officers in sufficient numbers to support basic police services consistent with other departments that serve cities areas with comparable populations and demographic statistics.

Policy CFS-P4.5 Ensure that adequate water fire flows are maintained throughout the city and that new development complies with the minimum fire flow rates, as presented in the California Fire Code.

Policy CFS-P4.6 Ensure that fire apparatus access roads to and around structures comply with the minimum requirements in the California Fire Code.

Policy CFS-P4.7 Strive to provide personnel and equipment in sufficient numbers to provide adequate emergency response.

ACTIONS:

Action CFS-A4.1 Maintain and expand community outreach programs to strengthen relationships between community members and public safety staff, facilitate communication regarding law enforcement and community needs, and promote transparency in public safety.

Action CFS-A4.2 Engage with schools, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations to recognize, work with, and provide after-school programs for at-risk youth to support youth development and promote community safety and integrity.

Action CFS-A4.3 Implement and periodically review the Modesto Police Department and Modesto Fire Department Strategic Plans and update, as needed, to identify facility, equipment, or personnel needs to ensure adequate services are maintained throughout the applicable service areas.

Action CFS-A4.4 Consider amending the Zoning Regulations or design standards to increase safety in key areas by activating the area, increasing visibility, and supporting positive social interactions between residents, employees, and business owners.

Action CFS-A4.5 Expand fire safety training programs for residents and business owners, including working with property owners and public agencies to ensure that plants and landscaping are managed to minimize fire danger.

Goal CFS-G5 **Coordination with school districts and Stanislaus County to support access to education facilities and libraries that serve all educational needs and a vibrant community.**

POLICIES:

Policy CFS-P5.1 Foster high-quality schools that enhance civic pride.

Policy CFS-P5.2 Promote lifelong learning opportunities throughout the community for all ages and abilities.

Policy CFS-P5.3 Encourage Modesto school districts to locate schools in close proximity to new and existing residential neighborhoods, away from major streets and with multiple access roadways.

Policy CFS-P5.4 When reviewing new discretionary development proposals, coordinate with affected school districts to ensure that adequate school capacity is or will be available, school sites are designated or dedicated if necessary, and adequate access is provided.

ACTIONS:

Action CFS-A5.1 Coordinate with Modesto school districts to promote after-hours use of school facilities for community and civic use.

Goal CFS-G6 **A high-quality and accessible public park system that supports recreation opportunities for all ages and abilities.**

POLICIES:

Policy CFS-P6.1 Ensure that parks are designed and managed to maximize personal safety of users, serve the diverse needs of residents, including intergenerational users of all abilities, and adapt as needed.

Policy CFS-P6.2 Link parks together by a system of trails, bicycle paths, and/or open space.

Policy CFS-P6.3 Pursue joint-use recreational facilities where possible, including on school grounds and utility easements.

ACTIONS:

Action CFS-A6.1 Implement the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, including improving current park conditions and addressing park facilities gaps.

Action CFS-A6.2 Provide and maintain at least five acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents.

Action CFS-A6.3 Actively pursue and use available public and private funding sources, including grants, CFFs, and Community Financing Districts, for land acquisition, facility construction, program development, and maintenance of public parks and recreational facilities.