

ATTACHMENT 1

Discussion Topics for Committee Discussion

Long Term Population Needs

1. The General Plan Update should plan for at least Escondido's fair share, and possibly more, of the regional growth that is forecasted for 2050.
2. Any forecasted growth that can't be accommodated in the Downtown should be directed to prioritized Smart Growth Areas rather than studying all Smart Growth Areas, increasing the density of land use categories on a citywide basis (i.e. changing Suburban (3.3 du/ac) to Urban 1 (6.3du/ac.), or expanding the boundaries of the General Plan.

General Plan Boundaries and Land Use

3. Lands suitable for the creation of new employment areas should be studied as Part of the Update even to the extent they involve changing residential land to an employment category.
4. Rather than designating new commercial areas (such as along I-15 or in the area of Bear Valley and San Pasqual), the General Plan should continue policies of reinforcing existing commercial areas.

Municipal Services and Growth Management Policies

5. The General Plan's growth management system should ensure minimum service levels are maintained but provide for some level of development to proceed even to the extent that some, non-critical, infrastructure deficiencies exist.
6. In light of the issues with long-term water supply, the General Plan Update should establish some water use parameters to constrain planning efforts. One example would be to stay within the water use projections of the current General Plan.
7. Existing Quality of Life Standards should be modified to ensure they address forecasted needs.
8. Proposition "S" should be eliminated in its entirety as a part of this process.

Escondido's Circulation and Mobility Needs

9. The extension of rail to the Westfield's Shopping Town should be studied for inclusion in the Circulation Element.
10. Land Use changes around the potential High Speed Rail should be deferred until more details are known.