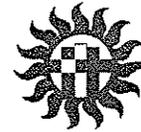


ONE VALLEY, ONE VISION 2040 REGIONAL PLAN



City of Las Cruces \square Doña Ana County
Departments of Community Development
Inter-Departmental Memorandum



To: Robert Garza, City Manager

From: Paul Michaud, Senior Planner *PM*

Subject: Las Cruces City Council Work Session - Discussion of PA-11-01, One Valley,
One Vision 2040 Regional Plan

Date: September 12, 2011 M-11-187

This work session will provide the City Council opportunity to review the Commission recommendations for approval on the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan (Vision 2040) dated May 26, 2011. Staff is looking for direction to proceed with the changes in the comment matrix along with any further changes expressed by the elected governing bodies. Upon this direction, staff can make the necessary corrections to the plan for the public hearing to consider its adoption. Please note it may take 60 days or more prior to a scheduled public hearing to complete full changes to the plan, prepare required notifications, and meet required deadlines. A copy of the plan was included with your staff packet of the June 23, 2011 joint work session. If you need another copy, the plan is available at <http://vision2040.las-cruces.org> under the 'plan' tab or you can contact me. Attachment 1 is the executive summary of the plan.

Staff anticipates there will be a public hearing for the consideration to adopt the plan by the Las Cruces City Council, Doña Ana County Board of County Commissioners, and Las Cruces Extra-Territorial Authority (ETA). Adoption hearings are at the discretion of and encouraged for Anthony, Hatch, Mesilla, and Sunland Park. One or more of these elected governing bodies may hold a joint public hearing.

The Las Cruces Planning and Zoning Commission, Doña Ana County Planning and Zoning Commission, and Las Cruces Extra-Territorial Zoning Commission (ETZ) all forwarded recommendations to adopt the plan with the proposed changes in the comment matrix. The ETZ did emphasize with their recommendation to retain the term Colonias and add reference to the New Mexico Southern Central Storm Water Management Coalition. The recommendations of the plan were as follows:

- The Las Cruces Planning and Zoning Commission, after conducting a public hearing on July 26, 2011, recommended Las Cruces City Council approval by a vote of 7-0-0, and
- The Doña Ana County Planning and Zoning Commission, after conducting a public hearing on July 28, 2011, recommended Board of County Commission approval by a vote of 5-2-0 (Commissioners Park and Mercado dissenting), and

- The ETZ, after conducting a public hearing on August 4, 2011, recommended ETA approval by a vote of 6-0-0 (Commissioner Pacheco absent).

Prior to holding recommendations by the above bodies, staff was available to take comment and meet with anyone about the plan. Staff presented the plan at twelve public meetings and ten stakeholder meetings during this review period. The review period ran from May 26, 2011 to July 22, 2011. Based on the public input, staff prepared a comment matrix outlining possible changes to the plan. Generally, the comments look at ways to enhance the plan. Attachment 2 is the comment matrix. Attachment 3 lists the public meetings and stakeholder meetings. Attachment 4 provides the written comments staff received during and after the review period. Attachment 5 provides the available meeting summaries during and after the review period.

The plan before you is the culmination of the efforts between the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee, representing stakeholders from across the County, and staff over the period between June 2010 and May 2011. As discussed at a joint work session of the City Council and Board of County Commission in April 2010, staff moved to conclude the contract with the consultant. In part, this was in response to unresolved matters with the growth areas as defined in the draft plan and applicability of the plan to communities outside the urban area. In addition, staff discussed the expansion of the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee and the basic content outline for the plan.

Where appropriate, the regional plan references the Inventory and Appendix, along with any new input and information during the planning process. This material provides the early research on a wide range of background data, community surveys, and other public engagement efforts completed in September 2009. The Inventory, Appendix, and surveys are available at the Vision 2040 website at <http://vision2040.las-cruces.org> under the background documents tab.

This plan seeks to complete the effort that began in March 2007 when the Las Cruces City Council, Doña Ana County Board of County Commissioners, and the Regents of New Mexico State University established early funding for and staff direction to undertake a cooperative, regional planning process. This plan through the work of many people should result in better intergovernmental cooperation, greater efficiency in analysis and public involvement; and ultimately a more effective response to regional issues.

More information on the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan, the plan, its process, and meeting dates can be found at <http://vision2040.las-cruces.org>. I am available to address any questions. You can reach me at pmichaud@las-cruces.org or 528-3271. You can also contact Roger Hedrick, at rogerh@donaanacounty.org or 525-6120.

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2. Comment Matrix
3. Meetings during review period
4. Written Comments
5. Meeting Summaries

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1.



One Valley, One Vision 2040 Executive Summary

Doña Ana County, New Mexico
Regional Plan

Anthony - Hatch - Las Cruces - Mesilla - Sunland Park



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Chapter 1, Executive Summary

1.1. Introduction

“Nearly 210,000 people now live in our part of the Rio Grande valley—along the river, on desert mesas, and in mountain foothills. We live in communities of many sizes, celebrate a multi-cultural heritage, and work in a highly diversified economy.

Doña Ana County has become a vibrant, diverse place that is well positioned to face whatever challenges come our way.

We can shape our own destiny. Doña Ana County can be a prosperous, beautiful place for everyone if we face the future together—united by a common vision, dedicated to work hard, and committed to making good decisions based on the best available information.”

— *Billy Garrett, Doña Ana County Commissioner*

Doña Ana County possesses many resources that help create the vibrant and diverse atmosphere recognized and embraced by its residents expressed in Figure 1-1, “Our Vision.” From the focus groups held in 2008 about the “best thing about my community is,” residents frequently mentioned the benefits of living in a mild climate with lots of sunshine. They value the many open vistas and accessibility to a variety of outdoor recreation

opportunities. Many people value the tranquil lifestyle and warm-friendly people. Residents indicated they liked the variety of things to do as a result of living near the Rio Grande, in the Chihuahuan desert, and near the many mountains accessible to

Figure 1-1

Our Vision

We want to make Doña Ana County and all its communities a truly great place to live, work, and play for residents of all ages, backgrounds, cultures, and economic levels.

Our vision encompasses planned and managed growth in areas such as jobs, economy, tourism, and infrastructure, and encourages new opportunities that improve our quality of life.

We envision strong economic growth in the region. We are prepared to take advantage of arising opportunities to provide new and better jobs and to increase the economic vitality of the area for all of our residents.

As we plan our future we recognize the value of our mountains, desert environment, rivers, agriculture, and private-property rights and the importance of planning to live within the limitations of the unique land and natural resources.

We envision a development plan that embraces the rich historical and cultural heritage of Doña Ana County, as well as its ties with Mexico and Texas. We embrace the value of an integrated multimodal transportation network that connects people with each other as well as with economic, housing, recreational, medical, and educational opportunities.

Map 1 - Location Map



the communities in Doña Ana County. This variety is seen throughout the county in the range of housing options and prices in rural, agricultural, suburban, and urban settings. Many people enjoy the thriving cultural experiences and historical sites throughout the region, including the number of performing and visual arts for a region of our size.

The foundation of this regional plan reflects comments and guidance provided by the residents of the county, given through surveys, stakeholder meetings, public forums, public meetings, and public comment periods. To achieve a basis of consensus, development of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan used an intensive inventory and public engagement process described in Section 3.2, Public Engagement. Developing this plan allowed for residents from the entire county an opportunity to contribute their voice and vision for how the county will grow and advance between now and the year 2040.

The One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan has a planning area that spans the political boundary of Doña Ana County, New Mexico. Map 1, "Location Map," illustrates the region in context to surrounding

"Our work (on the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan) has resulted in a well thought-out projection of what our area can become economically and physically while still maintaining the natural beauty and the special culture that has drawn so many people to our land."

— William Mattiace and Charlie Scholz,
Vision 2040 Advisory Committee Chairman
and Vice Chairman

counties. The plan addresses all incorporated municipalities and unincorporated portions of the county.

The region has five incorporated municipalities: Anthony, Hatch, Las Cruces, Mesilla, and Sunland Park. Each municipality offers their own character and contributes to the region's quality of life. Las Cruces is the most urban, providing a full array of amenities and services typically found in most larger communities. It has a variety of residential developments, commercial businesses, industrial areas, an international airport, golf courses, visual arts, educational facilities, and health care facilities. Sunland Park is a suburban community with many urban amenities. It has a thriving entertainment district centered around outdoor amusement, casino, and equestrian uses. Anthony is a growing community along I-10 with many residential and business opportunities. Mesilla has a greenbelt of agricultural lands centered around its nationally-recognized historic plaza offering cultural events, specialty retail, galleries, dining, and drinking establishments. Hatch is centered on its agriculture, particularly the chile, and its small town main street. It is known as the "Chile Capital of the World."

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“If you do not think about or plan for the future, it may not be the future you would like to see.”

— Valerie Beversdorf, Vision 2040 Advisory Steering Committee

The unincorporated portion of Doña Ana County has the majority of the undeveloped desert and mountains in the region residents value for their beauty, recreation, and ranching activities. The unincorporated area has many of the region’s agricultural and dairy farms, most near the Rio Grande. It is home for many of the residents living in the 37 designated Colonias. Many of these Colonias are historic developments like Rincon that was founded in 1883 as a hub for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway. The unincorporated portion of Doña Ana County also contains White Sands Missile Range, a major employer in the area, and the Santa Teresa Port of Entry, a growing hub for transportation and industrial activity with the nearby Doña Ana County airport and intermodal Union Pacific rail yard. In addition, it encompasses the five-mile planning jurisdiction around Las Cruces known as the Extra-Territorial Zone (ETZ), which is a development transition area and the location of New Mexico State University (NMSU).

There is no state statute or other requirement to adopt the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. However, participating elected governing bodies within the region

cooperated together as a way to improve intergovernmental cooperation, work toward a more effective regional response to issues beyond their respective political boundaries, and provide a policy framework for the long-term growth of the region.

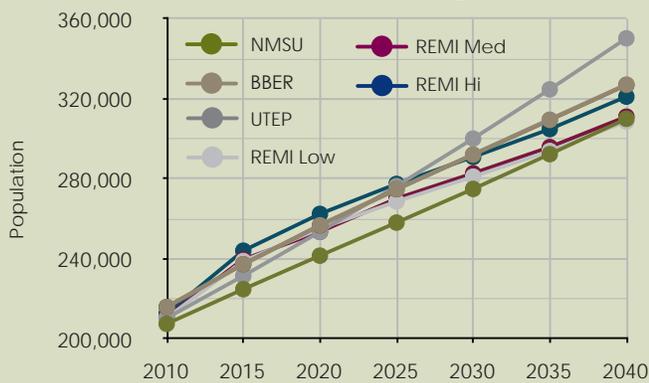
The One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan serves as an advisory document intended to act as a guiding framework for mindful decision making when planning and implementing future development within the region. It covers the broad aspects of how the residents of Doña Ana County would like to see the county develop. It does not provide detailed direction on any of its plan elements, that function is served by the local comprehensive plans, but rather describes overarching principles and goals. This document is primarily intended to serve as a platform for use in developing more detailed comprehensive, master, and site plans. It may also serve as guidance on policy, programming, and capital improvement decisions to local elected and administration officials.

1.2. Document Framework

Chapter 1, “Executive Summary,” provides an overview of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. The Executive Summary is part of the regional plan document, but designed to be copied separately. As such, there is some duplication of the maps, figures, and tables found in other chapters of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan.

Figure 1-2

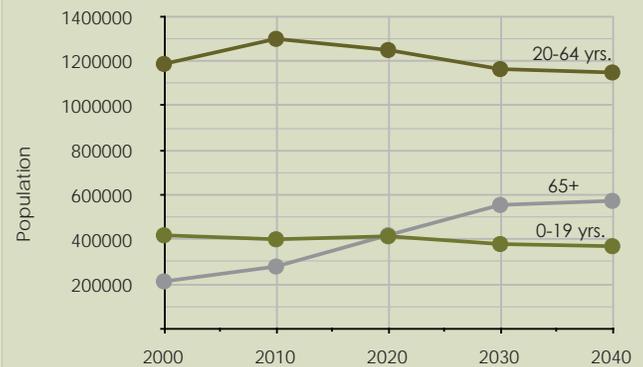
Projected Population Growth Doña Ana County



Source: New Mexico State University Arrowhead Center (NMSU), New Mexico Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER), University of Texas El Paso Border Regional Modeling Project (UTEP), and City of El Paso Regional Economic Model (REMI).

Figure 1-3

Age Group Projections State of New Mexico



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Interim State Population Projections: 2040 projection based on growth rate of previous years and stable population total

Chapter 2, “Regional Vision Statement,” and Figure 1-1, “Our Vision,” in the Executive Summary states the vision expressed by the residents of Doña Ana County. The foundation of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan is expressed in this vision.

Chapter 3, “Introduction,” explains the purpose of this plan, summarizes the public engagement process, lists the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT), and provides demographic data, focusing on the historic and future population growth for Doña Ana County. For planning purposes, a population of 325,000 was used to represent a likely mid-range forecast for the year 2040 with an increase of approximately 115,000 residents from the 2010 population estimate of 210,000 people. This population forecast was derived from examining population projection calculations from four different institutions as illustrated in Figure 1-2, “Projected Population Growth.” A noted trend of the population for the county is the projected increase in the number of persons over 65 years of age as illustrated in Figure 1-3, “Age Group Projections.”

Chapter 4, “Concepts,” describes the concepts of sustainability and Smart Growth. Both of these concepts have increased in importance in recent years as communities attempt to manage their resources in the best way possible. These concepts encourage an approach geared toward resilience, adaptability, stewardship, and acknowledgement of the interconnected relationships of our economy, society, and environment. For this plan, these concepts helped shape the ten guiding principles shown in Table 1-1, “Guiding Principles.”

Chapter 5, “Regional Snapshot,” identifies twelve resource topics: Land Use; Water; Air Quality; Environmental Resources; Hazards; Transportation; Community Facilities & Services; Utilities & Infrastructure; Housing; Economy; Community Character, Design & Historical Preservation; and Intergovernmental Cooperation. Each topic is expounded upon in the “Regional Snapshot” chapter, providing information on existing conditions, issues, and accomplishments.

Chapter 6, “Regional Goals & Strategies,” builds off the issues identified for each of the

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Table 1-1

Guiding Principles

- Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions.
- Provide a mix of land uses.
- Take advantage of compact building design.
- Create a range of housing opportunities and choices at all income levels.
- Create walkable neighborhoods.
- Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place.
- Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas.
- Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities.
- Provide a variety of transportation choices.
- Make development decisions predictable, fair and cost effective.

Source: Adapted from principles developed by the Smart Growth Network and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

twelve resource topics. The goals represent common approaches to resources of regional significance within Doña Ana County. The strategies for each goal identify possible ways to achieve the goal and may not apply in all circumstances or parts of

the county. Table 1-2, "Regional Goals," lists the goals identified through the public engagement process for this plan.

Chapter 7, "Types of Communities," describes some broad characteristics of four categories of communities within Doña Ana County: Municipality, Colonia, Extra-Territorial Zone, and County. These categories were chosen since they represent distinct areas with their own administrative or planning functions, with appointed or elected bodies that address the physical developmental pattern for a defined area, are a recognized community by New Mexico State Statute, or develop future comprehensive or master plans.

Chapter 8, "Regional Growth Strategies," describes the housing and development methodologies used to develop the concept plan of Map 11, "Consensus Growth Strategy - 2040." The "Consensus Growth Strategy - 2040" includes a key assumption to encourage approximately two-thirds of new population distribution to occur within existing municipalities and the remaining one-third of new population distribution to occur within the unincorporated portions of Doña Ana County. The 2010 population distribution had 54 percent of people residing within existing municipalities and 46 percent of people residing in unincorporated portions of the county. Table 1-3, "Consensus Growth Strategy Assumptions - 2040," provides the key assumptions envisioned with Map 11, "Consensus Growth Strategy - 2040." The "Consensus Growth Strategy - 2040" is a hybrid strategy of three different growth strategy alternatives considered

Table 1-2

Regional Goals

Land Use

- Land use should serve as the element of the regional plan upon which all other elements of One Valley, One Vision 2040 are based.
- Provide a general form or pattern for the location, distribution, and characteristics of future land use within Doña Ana County to the year 2040.
- Prepare a future land-use plan that is fiscally resilient.
- Create and integrate Smart Growth principles in planning.
- Guide development in a manner that will both protect the rights of private landowners and the interests of the public.
- Encourage development where adequate facilities and services exist or can be provided in an efficient manner.
- Encourage the development of communities with a mixture of land uses.
- Encourage retention of open space, scenic aspects of rural areas, entrance ways to urban areas, and transition areas between urban areas.
- Promote the region's status as one of New Mexico's most productive and economically important agricultural areas.

Water

- Ensure the availability of a safe, dependable, affordable, and sustainable water supply to meet or exceed the needs of all reasonable beneficial uses.
- Protect existing surface and ground water from pollution and ensure it meets or exceeds water quality standards.

Air Quality

- Support regional efforts to maintain and improve our air quality by meeting or exceeding State and Federal Air Quality Standards.

Environmental Resources

- Make land use decisions that protect and enhance our natural environment.
- Protect and maintain natural habitat & wildlife connectivity to the greatest extent possible and mitigate damage that may result from development.
- Minimize impacts created by development and human activities to realize the full potential of our environmental resources as a community asset.

Table 1-2

Regional Goals

Hazards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect people and property from hazards. • Protect our people and property from the negative effects of storm water.
Transportation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the development of a safe, efficient and effective intermodal transportation system for a variety of transportation choices. • Coordinate transportation planning with other functions, including land use planning. • Increase access to non-motorized transportation options to promote healthy living and provide mobility alternatives. • Increase transit ridership, accessibility and convenience.
Community Facilities & Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide community facilities and services that are necessary or desirable to support the future land-use plan. • Meet the existig and projected needs of residents through location, access, extent and timing, staffing, and category of community facilities and services. • Coordinate with other local government, special districts, school districts, and state and federal agencies on the provision of community facilities that have multijurisdictional impacts. • Ensure that local governments provide adequate, properly located recreational and leisure opportunities. • Provide a variety of opportunities for outdoor recreation to utilize open spaces to a greater extent.
Utilities & Infrastructure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide utiilities and infrastructure that are necessary or desirable to support the future land-use plan. • Meet the projected needs of residents through location, access, character, extent and timing of public utilities and infrastructure. • Coordinate with other local governments, utility districts, and state and federal agencies on the provision of utilities that have multijurisdictional impacts. • Develop and implement comprehensive measures to maximize resource conservation.

Table 1-2

Regional Goals

Housing

- Create livable mixed-use neighborhoods with increased mobility options and a strong sense of community.
- Provide a range of housing alternatives that provides safe, clean, comfortable, and affordable living environments.

Economy

- Sustain and attract economic activities that play a vital role to the region in providing jobs, services, and adding to our quality of life.
- Diversify business communities to enhance economic vitality and workforce opportunities.
- Establish communities that attract and retain a well-trained workforce.
- Enhance the economic potential of the Rio Grande in a way that protects its environmental and agricultural functions.
- Provide sustainable and efficient infrastructure to advance economic growth and revitalization.

Community Character, Design, and Historic Preservation

- Preserve and respect scenic views, sites, and corridors in a manner that reasonably compensates, provides incentives, maintains similar existing property rights, or in another similar manner that balances the public and property owner interests.
- Encourage innovative design that is compatible with the surrounding character.
- Support a visually cohesive region respecting the character of communities that makes them unique.
- Identify, preserve, and enhance the historic and cultural resources of Doña Ana County.

Intergovernmental Cooperation

- Improve effective intergovernmental cooperation in addressing regional matters and guiding quality growth.
- Engage a diverse group of residents in the process of local government and intergovernmental cooperation.

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during the planning process for this plan: trend, satellite, and compact. Figure 1-4, "Rural Illustration Small Community Central Square," and Figure 1-5, "Urban Illustration of Downtown Las Cruces, NM 2040," convey the core concepts of the "Consensus Growth Strategy - 2040" and the guiding principles of this plan.

Chapter 8, "Regional Growth Strategies," describes the jobs methodologies used to develop the concept plan of Map 12, "Consensus Jobs Strategy - 2040." The "Consensus Jobs Strategy - 2040" includes a key assumption to nearly double the number of jobs from 95,000 to 180,000 by 2040. In addition, this strategy encourages a jobs/housing balance and economic gardening approach. The jobs/housing balance strives to locate jobs and housing at price ranges

that economically match the range of jobs within a reasonable commute time. The economic gardening approach looks to create a nurturing environment allowing smaller, local companies to grow. Table 1-4, "Consensus Jobs Strategy Assumptions - 2040," provides the key assumptions envisioned with the "Consensus Jobs Strategy - 2040."

Chapter 8, "Regional Growth Strategies," concludes with Map 13, "Regional Plan - 2040." The "Regional Plan - 2040" is a composite of the concept plans "Consensus Growth Strategy - 2040" and "Consensus Jobs Strategy - 2040." The concept plan "Regional Plan - 2040" recognizes growth will and can occur outside designated growth areas; however, growth should be incentivized toward the identified growth

Figure 1-4: Rural Illustration Small Community Central Square

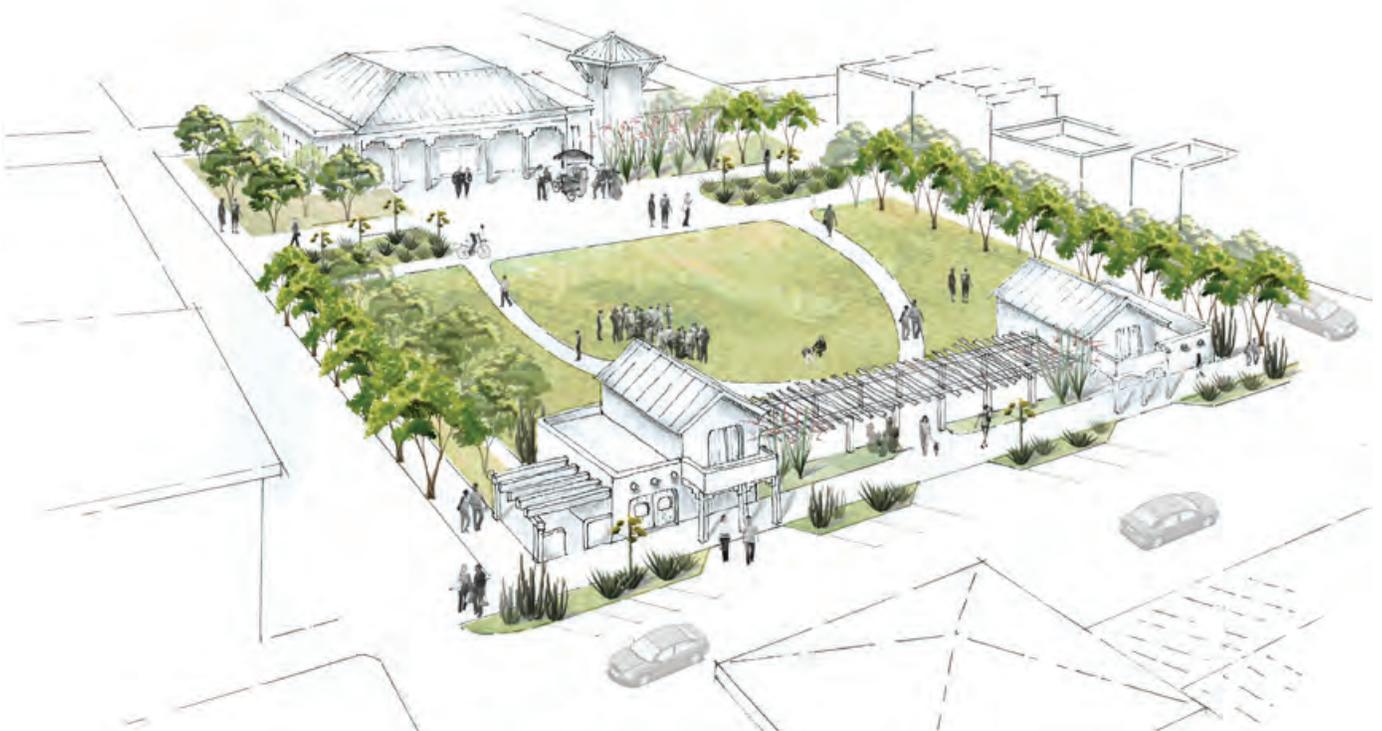


Table 1-3

Consensus Growth Strategy Assumptions - 2040 Doña Ana County Region

Key Assumptions	Consensus Growth Strategy
2010 Land Use Supply (Undeveloped)	397 sq. mi.
2040 Land Use Demand	5.39 sq. mi.
Population Distribution	70% Municipalities 30% County
Infrastructure	Growth incentivized impact fee infrastructure.
Density	Central city & small community cores more dense
Growth Pattern	Concentrated in central city & small planned communities
Building Envelopes	Mid-hi rise central city & low rise small communities

Table 1-4

Consensus Jobs Strategy Assumptions - 2040 Doña Ana County Region

Key Assumptions	Jobs Growth Strategy
2011 Jobs Supply	95,000 Jobs total
2040 Jobs Demand	180,000 Jobs total
Jobs Distribution	Jobs housing balance & economic gardening
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areas. This plan represents the large scale conceptual vision for Doña Ana County in regards to growth and employment.

Chapter 9, "Implementation," outlines a preliminary list of actions for consideration by local governing bodies during 2012 to 2016 in Table 9-1, "Regional Action Plan." The "Regional Action Plan" lists the goals associated with each action, primary responsible entities, and a priority ranking of actions for 2012 to 2013.

The last chapters in the plan are Chapter 10, "Acronyms and Glossary" and Chapter 11, "Bibliography."

1.3. Conclusion

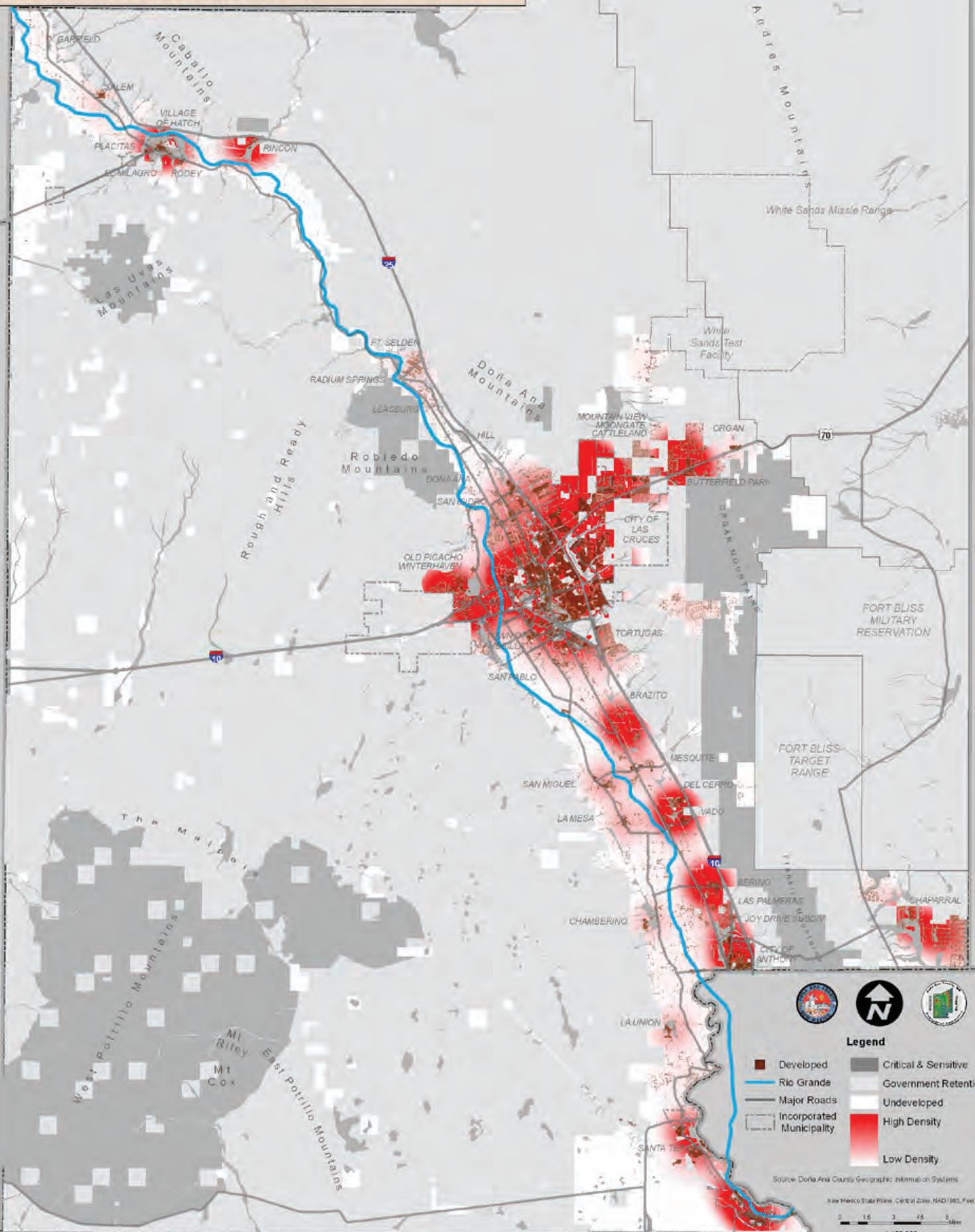
The One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan intends to create a unified sense of direction, describing the vision expressed by the residents of Doña Ana County. It is a cumulative expression of the values, concerns, and goals of the people here. It shows the resources they value and how they want to protect those resources in the future. It shows how they want to accommodate future growth, while protecting and maintaining the valuable aspects of the region. As a whole, this regional planning effort has created a collaborative vision; together we are shaping our destiny by working together as one valley with one vision.

Figure 1-5: Urban Illustration of Downtown Las Cruces, NM 2040



Map 11 - Consensus Growth Strategy - 2040

Doña Ana County, New Mexico



Legend

- Developed
- Critical & Sensitive
- Rio Grande
- Government Retention
- Major Roads
- Undeveloped
- Incorporated Municipality
- High Density
- Low Density

Source: Doña Ana County Geographic Information Systems

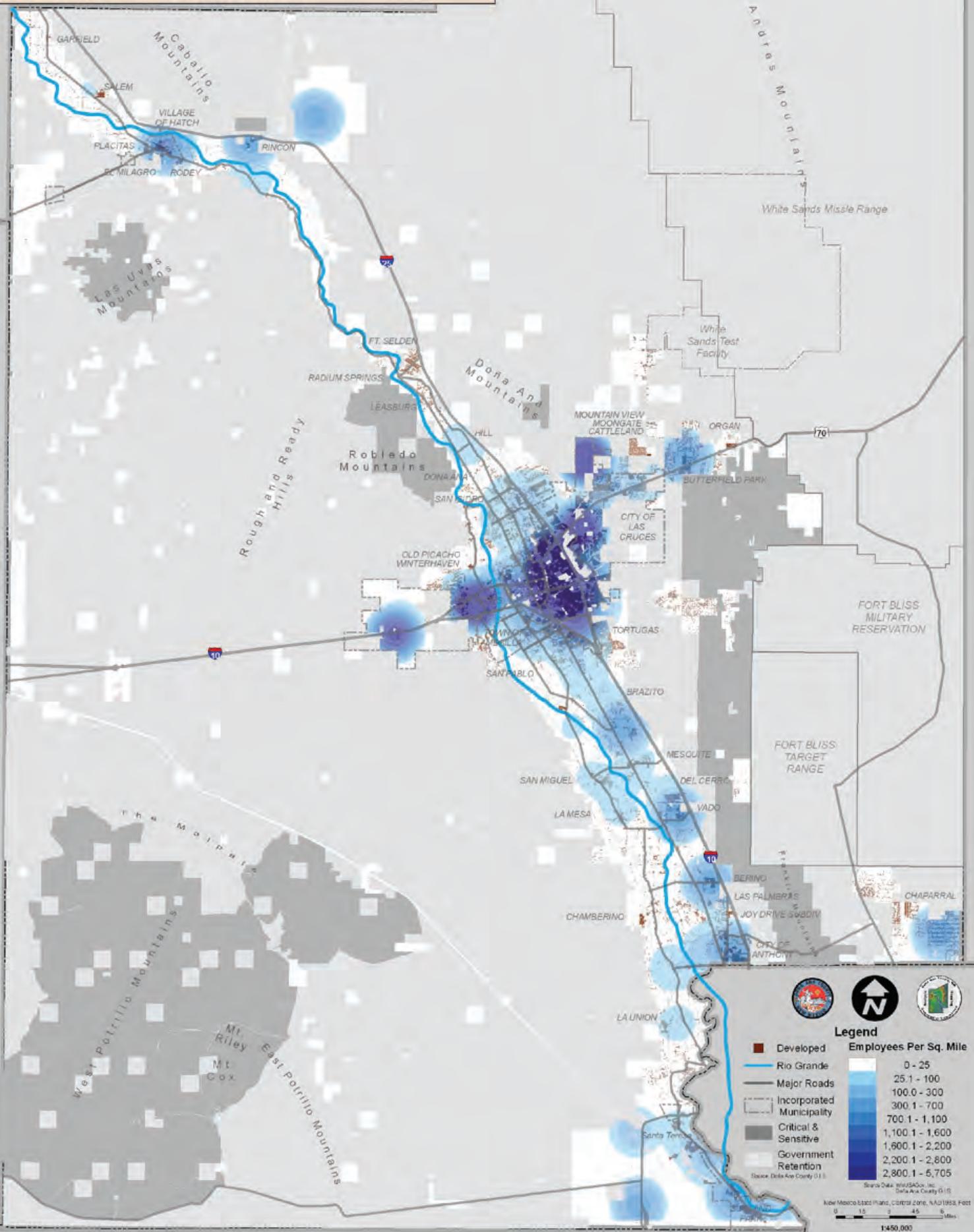
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Map 12 - Consensus Jobs Strategy - 2040

Doña Ana County, New Mexico







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- Developed
- Rio Grande
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- Critical & Sensitive
- Government Retention

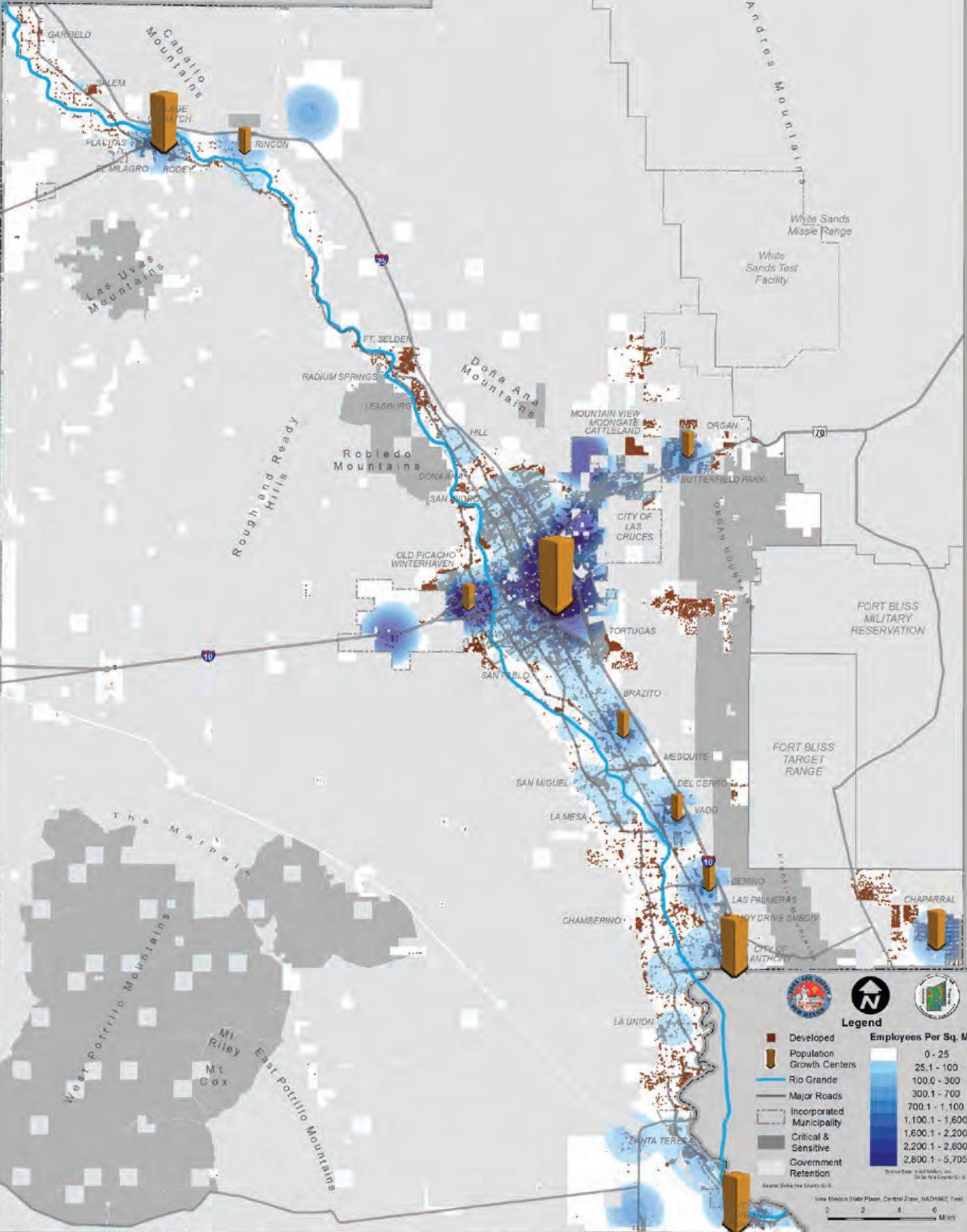
Source: Doña Ana County GIS

Legend	Employees Per Sq. Mile
	0 - 25
	25.1 - 100
	100.0 - 300
	300.1 - 700
	700.1 - 1,100
	1,100.1 - 1,600
	1,600.1 - 2,200
	2,200.1 - 2,800
	2,800.1 - 5,705

Source: Doña Ana County GIS
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Map 13 - Regional Plan 2040

Doña Ana County, New Mexico



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City of Las Cruces
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Attachment

2.

One Valley, One Vision 2040 Comment Matrix (June-August 2011)

Number	Clarification, Comment, or Direction	Page	Section	Suggestion	Source	Source
<p>Note: Typos and minor format changes provided to staff will be changed and are not noted in this table Note: Clarification is an item staff will change in the plan unless directed otherwise Note: Direction is an item staff asks for direction on whether to change Note: Comment is an item staff does not expect or have enough information to modify the plan or seek direction Note: Item numbers in gray show changes from last Comment Matrix dated 7-27-11 Note: Item numbers in strike-out reflect revisions from comments received after 7-27-11</p>						
1	Clarification	7	Vision	Minor word changes (see track change text)	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z
2	Clarification	7	Vision	Add medical to the last part of the vision so it reads, 'We envision a development plan that embraces the rich historical and cultural heritage of Doña Ana County, as well as its ties with Mexico and Texas. We embrace the value of an integrated multimodal transportation network that connects people with each other as well as with economic, housing, recreational, medical, and educational opportunities.'	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
3	Clarification	11	Public Engagement	Update the total number of meetings to reflect final counts. Public forums total 28 and Stakeholder meetings total 29 as of July 20, 2011. Change title of subsection for BOCC/CLC to 'Elected-Governing Body Meetings' and P&Z to 'Commission Meetings' and update total # meetings closer to adoption. See attached revisions.	Staff	Staff
4	Clarification	12	SWOT	Add construction and development to 2nd strength bullet of 'Local institutions such as education, aerospace, healthcare, and government play vital roles in the regional economy.'	Conrad Keyes	E-Mail
5	Clarification	12	SWOT	Include the economic impact of WSMR as a strength. Staff suggests adding WSMR to the 2nd strength bullet of 'Local institutions such as education, aerospace, healthcare, and government play vital roles in the regional economy.'	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z

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6	Clarification	13	SWOT	Request to add additional educational institutions to the last bullet on Strengths on page 13. Staff suggested modifying this bullet and adding the education listing in Table 5-18 on page 100. Bullet would read, 'There is a comprehensive system of educational institutions serving the area as shown in Table 5-18.' Table 5-18 would add University of Juarez, Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU), Western New Mexico University (WNMU), Texas A&M Agri-Life Research Center (TAMU), University of Phoenix, Vista College, University of New Mexico (UNM), University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, New Mexico Military Institute, New Mexico Highlands University, El Paso Community College (EPCC)	Stephen Lopez, Conrad Keyes	E-Mail
7	Clarification	14	SWOT	Revise the survey box about water conservation et al or make it a chart. Staff revised to capture the main point, 'When asked if the region is doing a sufficient job to address water conservation, flood control, air pollution, waste management and illegal dumping, over a third of respondents disagreed and strongly disagreed.'	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z
8	Clarification	15	SWOT	Separate the 12th bullet on page 15 into two thoughts (Develop tourism along the Rio Grande' and 'Support efforts for regional watershed management, including enhancement of irrigation systems and capture and reclamation of storm water.')	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
9	Clarification	16	SWOT	Modify the 2nd bullet to read, 'There are economic development opportunities in manufacturing, agricultural processing, aerospace, engineering and management operations, Spaceport, transportation-related sectors, alternative energy utilities, health care, tourism, space tourism, arts/entertainment, public and private partnerships, and port of entry opportunities.'	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z
10	Clarification	17	SWOT	Recommend adding "limited water supply" to the 'threats' section. Staff added 'Occurrences of drought can affect the region's resources, including agricultural production and limitations to surface water.'	Stephen Lopez CLC Utility	E-Mail 8-18-11

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11	Clarification	17	SWOT	Request to add two threats, (1) The region experiences occurrences of drought and intensive precipitation through monsoon periods this there is..., and (2) Lengthy drought periods may cause brush fires, especially in the dry mountain areas. Staff changed 3rd bullet to read: '• There is potential for damage from flooding in specific parts of the region as a result of the (1) age, condition, design of or development around flood-control infrastructure, or (2) disruption of the function of natural or constructed flood-control systems from such factors as illegal dumping, loss of vegetation, or lack of maintenance, (3) unlawful construction in flood hazard areas, or (4) intensive precipitation during monsoon periods.'	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	6-2-11 and 7-17-11 ETZ
12	Clarification	17	SWOT	Revise the survey box about encouraging retail et al to make it clearer. Staff reworded it to read, 'Approximately three-fourths of respondents chose retail and light industrial/high technology as a type of development to encourage, and almost two-thirds of respondents chose office parks and mixed use as a type of development to encourage.'	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z
13	Clarification	18	Population	Add in intro paragraph another contributor to population growth of 'university students and faculty'	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z
14	Clarification	19	Population	Comment that Juarez population numbers in Table 3-1 on page 19 may be too high. If available, staff asked Mr. Lopez to provide staff a more reliable source.	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail
15	Clarification	21	Population	Unclear of the meaning of the paragraph, 'All scenarios share one thing in common, which is a declining rate of population growth over time. The primary reasons for this are an aging population and a shrinking birth rate. However, these long-term trends reduce the "natural increase" in population, which is a key component in population growth as is the difference between the number of people moving in to and the number moving out of the region.' Staff finds this paragraph does not add to the population information provided and deleted this paragraph.	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z

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16	Clarification	21	Population	<p>Plan or region needs to address the economic aspects of an aging population (i.e. experience and volunteer capacity of older population, impact on taxes or revenue of a changing demographic, increased health and transportation needs, etc). Staff added a new paragraph to 'age' subsection under population that reads, 'A change in demographics, such as the increase in people over 65 years of age, brings different challenges and opportunities to the region. Older persons often bring skills and experience that is an asset to the workforce and volunteer positions. However, the needs or expectations of an aging population require consideration in the planning and service delivery local governments provide its residents. These needs and expectations require consideration in the various plans and implementation tools illustrated in Figure 3-6, Plan Diagram.'</p>	CLC Senior Advisory Board	7-14-11 CLC Senior Advisory Board
17	Clarification	24	Organization	<p>Reword the 3rd paragraph to explain the chapters in chronological order. Staff changed it to read, "Chapter 1, "Executive Summary," provides an overview of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. Chapter 2, "Regional Vision Statement," outlines the shared vision the region ideally hopes to achieve by 2040. Chapter 3, "Introduction," explains the purpose of this plan, summarizes the public engagement process, lists the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) used as a tool to help identify issues and goals in the plan, provides information on historic and future population, and illustrates how this plan relates to other plans. Chapter 4, "Concepts," outlines several encouraged general principles related to sustainability and smart growth. Chapter 5, "Regional Snapshot," provides existing condition information, issues, and accomplishments for the twelve resource topics covered in this plan. Chapter 6, "Goals & Strategies," list goals for each resource topic and some possible strategies to achieve those goals. Chapter 7, "Types of Communities," describes some broad characteristics of the various communities in the region. Chapter 8, "Regional Growth Strategies," describes the alternatives and assumptions examined on housing, development, and jobs that developed into the consensus strategy maps for distribution of housing, development, and jobs. Chapter 9, "Implementation," provides a preliminary list of actions local governing bodies might</p>	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z

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				consider over the next five years. Chapter 10, "Acronyms & Glossary," list acronyms and terms defined in this plan. Chapter 11, "Bibliography," identifies the sources referenced in this plan."		
18	Clarification	26	Sustainability	Change heading to 'Concepts'	Staff	Staff
19	Clarification	28	Snapshot	Add sentence to organizations with the ETZ 'The ETZ is a five-mile growth planning area described in more detail in Chapter 7, Types of Communities, in this plan.'	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
20	Clarification	28	Snapshot	Change all http: references to www.	George Pearson	6-22-11 General Mtg
21	Clarification	28	Snapshot	Replace the Snapshot introduction and remove 'Existing Conditions, Projections, or Trends' titles. '	Staff	Staff
22	Clarification	29	Snapshot	Correct NMSU acreage total in Table 5-1 and Map 3	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail
23	Clarification	31	Snapshot	Include additional survey information. Staff added a survey box from mail survey near critical and sensitive on page 31 that reads '81.2% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed to identify and protect the region's environmentally sensitive lands.' Staff added a survey box from mail survey near agricultural soil on page 48 that reads '87.1% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed agricultural land should be protected where feasible; 89.0% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed agriculture is vital to our region and should be encouraged.'	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
24	Clarification	33	Snapshot	Clarify 'ETZ' Sunland Park is Camino Real Regional Utility Authority	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
25	Clarification	35	Snapshot	Modify the description of Paso Del Norte Watershed Council at request of this group. New text to read, 'Created in 2011, the Paso del Norte Watershed Council (PdNWC) works to address issues related to the establishment and maintenance of a viable watershed. These include promoting projects to improve water quality and quantity, ecosystem integrity, the quality of life, and economic sustainability in the Paso del Norte watershed. The PdNWC also provides a forum for exchanging information about activities on the Rio Grande. Among its members are representatives of non-governmental organizations, federal and state agencies, water utilities, municipal governments, and universities, as well as private citizens. More information is available at www.pdnwc.org.'	Conrad Keyes PdNWC	E-Mail

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26	Clarification	35	Snapshot	Add the PdNWC efforts in updating the 1997 Rio Grande watershed plan. Staff added to the Planning section a paragraph that reads, 'The Paso del Norte Watershed Council (PdNWC), with the assistance of a stakeholder group, is in the process of updating its 1997 Paso Del Norte Watershed Restoration Action Strategy plan. The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) awarded PdNWC a grant through the Environmental Protections Agency (EPA) known as a 319(h) Watershed Restoration Grant. The purpose of the grant is to assist stakeholders in planning for and obtaining the resources and support needed to enhance stewardship practices within the Rio Grande basin watershed that runs from Caballo Reservoir, approximately 70 miles north of Las Cruces, New Mexico, to the Texas Mexico boundary. The watershed covers a majority of Doña Ana County. The updated plan will re-examine Best Management Practices (BMP's) for enhancing watershed health and reducing nonpoint source pollution.'	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group
27	Clarification	35	Snapshot	319 Group suggested a shortened description to replace description in Item 26 of Matrix to read, "In 2008, the Paso del Norte Watershed Council received funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under a grant from Section 319(h) of the federal Clean Water Act to prepare a Watershed Restoration Action Strategy to address bacteriological impairment from E. coli in the Rio Grande in southern New Mexico. The plan is presently being updated with mitigation measures that include improved storm water management and smart growth strategies."	Chris Canavan	8-3-11 319 Water Group
28	Clarification	37	Snapshot	Tributary groundwater is not a surface water source, Changed to 'Drains and laterals'	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group
29	Clarification	37	Snapshot	Add DASWCD Plan to Table 5-3, Conservation Plans to read 'Adopted in 2011, the DASWCD's Land Use Plan is designed to: (1) provide protection for the soil and water resources within the District, (2) facilitate federal agency efforts to seamlessly coordinate joint efforts between federal, state and county land use decisions, and (3) provide strategies and policies for enhancing the preservation, improvement, and management of these resources.'	Joe Delk	Doña Ana Soil & Water District

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30	Clarification	37	Snapshot	319 Group later discussed not to change tributary text, Item 28 of Matrix no longer applicable. Changed to 'tributary upwelling from groundwater' based on CLC Utility input.	Chris Canavan	8-3-11 319 Water Group
31	Clarification	39	Snapshot	Based on comments, staff suggested to reword last paragraph on storm water management to read 'In a positive perspective of storm water runoff, local water authorities have begun to promulgate the potential for a "new" water source in the region through the capture, storage, management, and beneficial use of storm water. In addition, many of the various organizations that are responsible for storm water, flood control, and water quality have begun to consider Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development (LID) systems and practices. Green Infrastructure systems and practices use or mimic natural processes to infiltrate, evapotranspire, or reuse storm water or runoff in place of, or in addition to, more traditional storm water management approaches. LID systems and practices incorporate economic and environmental considerations into the land development process through various land planning, design practices, and technologies. LID employs principles such as preserving and recreating natural landscape features, minimizing effective imperviousness to create functional and appealing site drainage that treat storm water as a resource rather than a waste product. Some examples of these practices include rain gardens, vegetated rooftops, rain barrels, and permeable pavements.'	Chris Canavan	8-3-11 319 Water Group
32	Clarification	40	Snapshot	Add 'Certain levels and types of these substances found in water are normal and pose no risk to plants, animals, or people. The potential risk occurs when many of these contaminants exceed a certain concentration referred to as Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).'	Conrad Keyes	E-Mail
33	Clarification	40	Snapshot	3rd water issue is poorly worded. Staff suggests revising it to read 'The cost to treat and recover water to meet water quality standards is a limitation to additional future water supplies.'	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group
34	Clarification	40	Snapshot	Revise Item 33 in Matrix to read, 'The cost to treat and recover water for future water supplies could place a burden on meeting future water demands.'	Chris Canavan	8-3-11 319 Water Group

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35	Clarification	44	Snapshot	<p>Add soil and water district as an organization under environmental snapshot and on Table 5-19 on page 101. Staff added, 'Soil and Water Conservation Districts in New Mexico are governmental subdivisions of the State of New Mexico that work in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, other state and federal agencies, and various organizations to advance conservation on private and public lands. Part of their mission is to conserve and develop the natural resources of the state, provide for flood control, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people within its service area. Two Soil and Water Conservation Districts serve Doña Ana County, the Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District (DASWCD) and the Caballo Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD). In 2010, residents of Doña Ana County approved a referendum that expanded the service area of DASWCD to the entire Doña Ana County, excluding the northwest portion of the county served by the CSWCD. The previous service area of DASWCD, formerly called La Union Soil and Water Conservation District, did not include the City of Las Cruces and many parcels of land in the southern part of the county. More information is available at www.daswcd.org or www.nmacd.org/swcds.' Staff modified the state agency paragraph on page 45 to add 'State agencies that govern ..., such as the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District, and Caballo Soil and Water Conservation District.' For Table 5-19, added 'DASWCD & CSWCD work in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, other state and federal agencies, and various organizations to advance conservation or enhancement in Doña Ana County related to soil, water, agriculture, livestock, wildlife, recreation, riparian habitat, and rangeland resources; along with protection of these resources through flood and wildfire management.'</p>	Joe Delk	Doña Ana Soil & Water District
36	Clarification	46	Snapshot	<p>Include in Wetland description on page 46 that much of wetland and riparian habitat lost/alterd. Staff suggests rewording 1st paragraph to read, 'The region's riparian, or streamside, areas include drainage ditches, irrigation canals, storm water basins and levees. These manmade systems are the dominate ecosystem over the last 100 years which has altered many natural wetland and riparian areas. The Rio Grande is the region's primary riparian feature.'</p>	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group

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37	Clarification	46	Snapshot	Group ok with striking added text they suggested in Item 36.	Chris Canavan	8-3-11 319 Water
38	Clarification	47	Snapshot	Add to Table 5-4, Resource Plans, 'International Boundary and Water Commission: 2009 Conceptual Restoration Plan and Cumulative Effects Analysis, Rio Grande - Caballo Dam to American Dam.'	Chris Canavan	8-3-11 319 Water Group
39	Clarification	49	Snapshot	Change title Map 4 from Prime Agricultural Land to High-Quality Agricultural Land since county only has high-quality soils.	staff	staff
40	Clarification	51	Snapshot	Move Table 5-7, Major Regional Archeological-Historical Sites, and the paragraph on page 52, from Environmental Snapshot to Historic Preservation on page 97	Staff	Staff
41	Clarification	54	Snapshot	Modify wind text on page 54 to read, 'The region experiences a windy season predominately in the spring. Due to high variation in surface and high altitude temperatures and abrupt changes in topography, the area has experienced high wind events capable of A few times a year, predominately in spring during severe storms along mountain slopes, winds can gust to near over 80 miles per hour causing damage to roofs and damage from trees falling into power poles, buildings and vehicles.'	Stephen Lopez CLC Utility	E-Mail 8-18-11
42	Clarification	54	Snapshot	Add section on hazardous material/issues on rail. Staff added 'The most probable risk should a hazardous material accident occur is on the region's highway and railroad corridors. Interstate 10, Interstate 25, and U.S. 70 are the primary transportation corridors into and out of Doña Ana County. Closure of these major roadways would negatively affect travel. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) rail line that runs north-south passes through communities like Las Cruces at numerous at-grade crossings, runs along portions of the Rio Grande and agricultural land, and parallels in close proximity to Interstates 10 and 25. To a lesser extent, the Union Pacific (UP) rail line that runs west-east traverses mostly uninhabited lands once it is west of Santa Teresa/Sun land Park. Should a hazardous rail event occur, this could negatively affect mobility options, business operation, and persons living near the rail line.'	ETZ Commission	7-7-11 ETZ
43	Clarification	55	Snapshot	Thinks dam hazard should be medium instead of low risk. This table is taken directly from the All-Hazards Plan updated in 2011.	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ

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44	Clarification	56	Snapshot	Modify the accomplishment on page 56 to read 'There are continued improvements in floodplain management across the county from storm drainage infrastructure and levee improvements.'	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
45	Clarification	59	Snapshot	Identify complete streets, not break the subsections into non-motorized and motorized, and add Route 28 since listed in actions. Staff retitled the subsection to 'transportation systems' and added the following text 'The components of the region's transportation network includes non-motorized systems, a hierarchy of roadways, truck freight corridors, an international port-of-entry along the border of Mexico, transit routes, rail corridors, and air facilities. Some of the ways communities in the region have improved the transportation network include improved maintenance, looking at ways to mitigate incremental transportation improvements, improving transportation connections, and integration of transportation components via such policies as Complete Streets.' Route 28 was added.	George Pearson	6-22-11 General Mtg
46	Clarification	60	Snapshot	Reword survey box so 81.5% follows transit and 89.8% follows walking/biking trails.	staff	staff
47	Clarification	60	Snapshot	Point made that there is a transportation hub in the free trade area in the inland port of entry in Santa Teresa that would be beneficial to distribute goods and ship them out which would create many jobs. Staff expanded text description on intermodal aspect of Santa Teresa port of entry and UP rail improvements. Change the 'International' subsection to 'Port of Entry' and use the following text 'Doña Ana County borders Mexico for approximately 53 miles and includes one port of entry at Santa Teresa, New Mexico. This port is located 42 miles south of New Mexico's second largest city, Las Cruces, 20 miles from downtown El Paso, Texas, and enters Chihuahua, Mexico located 15 miles from the west side of Juárez, Mexico, and allows access further into the interior of Mexico. . The port was opened in 1992; it is the only port that processes most types of exported used vehicles and has the largest livestock import/export facility of any port of entry on the Mexican border ³⁰ . Expansion plans are underway to double the capacity of this port by the end of 2012.	Commissioner Acosta (DAC P&Z)	6-23-11 DAC P&Z

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				<p>The Santa Teresa and Sunland Park, New Mexico area around the Santa Teresa Port of Entry is fast becoming a transportation hub. A hub that moves people and goods through the expansions at the Port of Entry, proximity of the Doña Ana County Airport, railroad improvements, industrial-zoned land, some 1,200-ares of designated Foreign Trade Zone properties, and easy interstate freeway access to I-10. This helps create new job and housing opportunities.' Also, modify the 2nd paragraph under rail describing the UP to read 'The UP is currently developing a new facility terminal at Santa Teresa, that will include fueling facilities, crew change buildings, and an intermodal yard designed to handle 250,000100,000 containers per year for easy transfer of goods. This UP facility is adjacent to the Doña Ana County Airport and Santa Teresa industrial park, and approximately five miles to the Santa Teresa Port of Entry.'</p>		
48	Clarification	60	Snapshot	<p>Modify the proposed transit description based on transit board input to read, 'Public transit service in the region operates in the central portion of Doña Ana County in the Las Cruces area. Roadrunner Transit is a fixed bus route service with nine local routes. In addition, there are three routes serving the NMSU and DACC main campus and shuttle service from the Mesilla Valley Mall to the DACC East Mesa campus. The New Mexico Department of Transportation provides two regional Park & Ride routes. The Silver route provides service from central Las Cruces and NMSU to White Sands Missile Range. The Gold route provides service from downtown Las Cruces, NMSU, and Anthony to El Paso, Texas Sun Metro public transit system. Roadrunner Transit also offers curb-to-curb service via Dial-A-Ride for persons with eligible disabilities and for eligible senior citizens. Other private and specialized transit services operate in the Las Cruces area. More transit information is available at www.las-cruces.org.</p> <p>In addition, changed the transit accomplishment on page 62 to read '• Since 2009, there have been several expansions to transit service. This includes service on the NMSU campus, service to the DACC East Mesa campus, and commuter routes to White Sands Missile Range and El Paso, Texas.'</p>	CLC Transit Advisory Board	7-21-11 CLC Transit Advisory Board

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49	Clarification	60	Snapshot	Make minor changes on number of NMSU routes and curb service text. See Item 48.	Michael Bartholomew	RoadRUNNER, 8-4-11
50	Clarification	61	Snapshot	Include text that Las Cruces airport ' is home to NMSU's unmanned aerial vehicles which conducts research, development, testing and evaluation.'	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail
51	Clarification	65	Snapshot	Request to add private non-charter schools to Table 5-10 on page 65. Staff added to text, 'Table 5-10 does not include private non-charter schools in the region.' Also, Las Cruces high school total changed from 4 to 6 to include Centennial and ECHS.	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail
52	Clarification	66	Snapshot	Include the Hatch campus for DACC under construction	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail
53	Clarification	66	Snapshot	Revise survey box about parks to read, 'Approximately two-thirds of respondents agreed that the region needs more parks, with more people responding for active and indoor recreation opportunities.'	staff	staff
54	Clarification	67	Snapshot	Update the public safety description to reference more agencies. Staff reworded paragraph to read 'Some of the local public safety agencies within Doña Ana County include the public safety departments for each individual municipality, the Doña Ana County Sherriff's Office, New Mexico State University Police Department, and White Sands Missile Range Police Department. These local agencies many times coordinate with each other and public safety agencies in New Mexico, Texas, Mexico, and U.S. Federal agencies. Some of these other agencies include the New Mexico State Police, United States Customs and Border Patrol, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.'	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail
55	Clarification	69	Snapshot	Delete Prehistoric Trackways on page 69, already listed as accomplishment under environmental on page 52	Staff	Staff
56	Clarification	69	Snapshot	Add the Munson Center accreditation under community facility snapshot accomplishments. Staff added 'In 2011, the Munson Senior Center in Las Cruces became the first nationally accredited senior center in the state of New Mexico.'	CLC Senior Advisory Board	7-14-11 CLC Senior Advisory Board

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57	Clarification	71	Snapshot	Update that Las Cruces has curbside recycling	Stephen Lopez/Commissioner Shipley	E-Mail
58	Clarification	72	Snapshot	Correct that statement El Paso Electric contracts with Palo Verde Nuclear plant and Four Corners plant - they own a % of it. Repword to read, 'El Paso Electric has the capability to import power from outside its service area, including the nuclear generating Palo Verde Facility west of Phoenix, Arizona, and the fossil-fuel generating Four Corners Facility west of Farmington, New Mexico. El Paso Electric has an ownership interest in both the Palo Verde and Four Corners Facilities.'	Commissioner Townsend	7-7-11 ETZ
59	Clarification	73	Snapshot	Page 93 references biofuel project but not listed in Table 5-12, 'Staff added to Table 5-12 'Sapphire Energy operates a series of biofuel research and development ponds at the West Mesa Industrial Park, Las Cruces.'	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
60	Clarification	73	Snapshot	Identify the solar panels at cheese factory. ' Staff added to Table 5-12 'F&A Dairy Company cheese plant uses solar panels to supplement energy needs and power its water treatment facility at the West Mesa Industrial Park, Las Cruces.'	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
61	Clarification	86	Snapshot	Revise agriculture survey box to indicate 83.9% response was from the workbook and the 89.0% response was from the mail survey.	staff	staff
62	Clarification	87	Snapshot	Replace 'weeds' with 'vegetation' in Table 5-14, Economic Considerations on Agriculture	Councilor Sorg	8-4-11 E-Mail
63	Clarification	95	Snapshot	Mention the City is working on a historic preservation ordinance. Add to the Las Cruces description on historic preservation on page 95, "The City's 2010 Strategic Plan emphasizes the importance on historic preservation by identifying the need to initiate and develop a Historic Preservation Ordinance.'	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
64	Clarification	99	Intergovernmental Issues	Suggest adding issue to address piecemeal roadway construction and inconsistent roadway design. Staff suggests adding issue of 'planning and coordination on timing and design of regional roadways to avoid piecemeal roadway construction and inconsistent roadway design.'	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z

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65	Clarification	101	Snapshot	<p>Add to Table 5-19</p> <p>Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority Formed in 2009, the Authority is made up of five water systems, Berino MDWC & MSWA, Desert Sands MDWCA, La Mesa MDWCA, Mesquite MDWC & MSWA and Vado MDWCA to provide the most efficient and cost effective alternatives in providing water services to its customers.</p> <p>South Central Council of Governments</p> <p>The South Central Council of Governments is a membership organization of local governments working together with local elected leaders to help solve common regional issues and to increase its leverage through combined planning and implementation.</p>	Karen Nichols	E-Mail
66	Clarification	102	Snapshot	Add South-Central New Mexico Storm Water Management Coalition to description on p35 and p102 Table 5-19, Existing Intergovernmental Organizations.	ETZ Commission	8-4-11 Meeting
67	Clarification	113	Goals	Replace the Triviz Trail photo with a photo showing complete streets like Solono Rd diet	George Pearson	6-22-11 General Mtg
68	Clarification	115	Strategies	Add rural areas to strategy under Goal 6-7-2 on page 115 to read 'Make technology, such as computers with Internet access, available in community centers for underserved populations, particularly in rural areas and colonias identified by the State and County.'	Karen Nichols	E-Mail
69	Clarification	115	Strategies	Add a 6th strategy under Goal 6-7-3 that reads 'Encourage local governmental jurisdictions preparing comprehensive or master plans to coordinate with and include all providers of community facilities and utilities in the development of the plan.'	Karen Nichols	E-Mail
70	Clarification	117	Strategies	Add a new strategy under Goal 6-8-3 that reads 'Work with regional partners to encourage state and federal funding and regulatory agencies to remove institutional obstacles to regionalization.'	Karen Nichols	E-Mail

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71	Clarification	124	Goals	Include DASWCD in process outlined in Goal 6-12-2; Clarified DASWCD & CSWCD in Actions 11 & 19, added to acronyms	Joe Delk	Doña Ana Soil & Water District
72	Clarification	128	Types of Communities	Include the improvements on infrastructure by groups like the LRGPPWA. Add to the 3rd paragraph on colonias 'Strides to improve these infrastructure issues continue, including the LRGPPWA that serves many colonias in the southern part of Doña Ana County by creating economies of scale making water and sewer service more available at lower rates.' and add 'Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation' after the Colonias Development Council in the second paragraph	Karen Nichols	E-Mail
73	Clarification	129	ETZ	Correct last sentence of first paragraph on ETZ history to read 'Doña Ana County includes one designated ETZ and preliminary recommendation for a second ETZ through two separate Joint Powers Agreements.'	staff	staff
74	Clarification	.		Include some type of transitional introduction for each chapter to mitigate reader being overwhelmed by 165-page length of the plan (see attached transitional paragraphs to be added).	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
75	Clarification	.		Add a description of the state funding in the preface. Staff added to the end of the Acknowledgments 'Funding of the project by the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, and grant from the State of New Mexico, Department of Finance and Administration'	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
76	Comment	32		Plan does not address how to prevent encroachment/protection of agricultural land, should always ask how restrict/negatively impact agriculture	Joe Delk	Doña Ana Soil & Water District
77	Comment	35		Include the 319 Watershed Group effort in the plan, modify the Paso del Norte description on p. 35, 2040 fits well with the 319 water quality project plan, consider adding best management practices on water quality, and make sure what is in plan is not too restrictive to preclude innovative storm water management methods. The group has provided collective comments to staff on the plan.	319 Water Group	6-14-11 meeting
78	Comment	55	Snapshot	Believes drought and climate change should be ranked a higher risk as hazards. Note: Info in plan taken from the All-Hazards Plan updated in 2011.	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group

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79	Comment	55	Snapshot	Suggest changing drought hazard from medium to high, group ok now with leaving as-is since references All-Hazard Plan	Chris Canavan	8-3-11 319 Water Group
80	Comment	68	Snapshot	Comment whether healthcare adequately addressed in plan, specifically efforts trying to build a new community hospital near Santa Teresa. Plan covers healthcare very broadly.	Rose Garcia	E-Mail
81	Comment	85	Planning	SCCOG is presently working on the 2011 Economic Development Strategy, plan refers to 2010 strategy	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
82	Comment	112	Strategies	Consider a list of transportation projects in addition to interstate projects for the plan, focus on transit corridors and connection to activity centers.	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
83	Comment	156	Actions	JPA expected to be done by 9/2011 for Action 40 on merger of housing authorities; If so, delete and list as accomplishment	staff	staff
84	Comment			Concern in direction of city about Federal Dam, Madrid Rd extension, and traffic.	Carl Jensen	E-Mail
85	Comment			Like to see the plan up front give an 'ah ha' of the issues and vision, be shorter in length, feels group to follow up on actions not appropriate to plan	Commissioner Hearn (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
86	Comment			Likes plan, sees only minor changes	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
87	Comment			Uncomfortable with discussing where growth should be, focus more on how structure is set up	Commissioner Pacheco (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
88	Comment			Wouldn't say plan covers the essentials or specifics, but provides objective list and process included a lot of public input.	Commissioner Acosta (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
89	Comment			Would like to see the plan go to step 2 and provide examples to showcase how a resident realizes the goals in the plan	Wendy Hamilton	6-2-11 ETZ
90	Comment			Misunderstands concerns, sees the plan as a generalized guideline to keep area on track	Alfred Hughey	6-2-11 ETZ
91	Comment			Encourage the State of NM to develop a similar plan for the year 3000	Tom Allison	6-22-11 General Mtg
92	Comment			Inquired on cost of project, comparison to the PJS draft, whether plan encourages agricultural job growth, and confirmation of how plan will be used	Bonnie Burns	6-22-11 General Mtg

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93	Comment			Question on how high buildings are allowed or planned for downtown Las Cruces. Note: plan does not specify this detail.	Barbara Brunette; Senior Advisory Member	6-22-11 General Mtg; 7-14-11 CLC Senior Advisory Board
94	Comment			Anthony needs parks and recreation and job opportunities.	Commissioner Garcia (Anthony P&Z)	6-15-11 Anthony P&Z
95	Comment			Regional transportation connections are important and asked level of detail in the plan	Commissioner Garcia (Anthony P&Z)	6-15-11 Anthony P&Z
96	Comment			Thinks the plan should have compelling statements of what people are looking for and would like (i.e., health/poverty issues) and she supports actions in the plan.	Commissioner Tatum	6-23-11 DAC P&Z
97	Comment			Question on how region recycles tires, staff noted this detail is appropriate for the regional plan	Commissioner Mercado	6-23-11 DAC P&Z
98	Comment			2040 Plan is great idea and believes plan needs way to enforce plan so it does not sit on shelf.	Connie Sharpe	Phone - 7-1-11
99	Comment			She would like to see the plan paint a picture in a compelling way to motivate people.	Jan Woodward	6-23-11 DAC P&Z
100	Comment			Include in the plan spatial data	Earl Burkholder	6-23-11 DAC P&Z
101	Comment			Plan focuses more on flood control than water quality, suggest add more on water quality.	319 Water Group	6-14-11 meeting
102	Comment			Question on how realistic it was to encourage growth 70/30 referring to Table 8-1 p 135	319 Water Group	6-14-11 meeting
103	Comment			Comment on how much the region's economy depends on government referring to Figure 5-8, p 89	319 Water Group	6-14-11 meeting
104	Comment			Comment on regulations and don't know where end up	319 Water Group	6-14-11 meeting
105	Comment			Comments on involvement with El Paso and their growth, how plan will be used, what level of demographic detail plan has for 2040, and other questions	MVEDA	7-5-11 Presentation
106	Comment			Concern over a task force and implementation, concern over unintended consequences on regulations, others. Committee will put something in writing.	Greater CLC Chamber	6-2-11 Presentation
107	Comment			Need for having GIS layers on various resources and consistency in format across agencies	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting

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108	Comment			Air quality might be good, but blowing dust and dirt still can create maintenance issues	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
109	Comment			Identified some of the transit improvements and mixed-use efforts in El Paso	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
110	Comment			Current website is not fully accessible, issue with city using unstructured PDFs that do not work with reader software	CLC ADA Advisory Board	7-14-11 presentation
111	Comment			Transportation to persons with disabilities important in rural areas	CLC ADA Advisory Board	7-14-11 presentation
112	Comment			Request for added height allowance in Anthony	Resident	6-1-11 Anthony Trustees
113	Comment			Clarification of how this plan affects the Mesilla Comprehensive Plan	Trustees	6-13-11 Mesilla Trustees
114	Comment			Information on who made up Vision 2040 Advisory Committee	Trustees	6-15-11 Hatch Trustees
115	Comment			No comments	Council	7-7-11 Sunland Park Council
116	Comment			Comments about traffic, development in Chaparral, and process questions	Mesilla Valley Rotary	6-30-11 Rotary Presentation
117	Comment			Inquiry on comments received about what to do with ETZ, if ETZ will be necessary by 2040	Commissioner Hearn & Pacheco (ETZ)	7-7-11 ETZ
118	Comment			Concern parts of the plan could be used contrary to the intent - gave example of rezoning cases that quote comprehensive plan	Commissioner Pacheco (ETZ)	7-7-11 ETZ
119	Comment			Inquiry on what is the ETZ and its boundary	CLC Senior Advisory Board	7-14-11 CLC Senior Advisory Board
120	Comment			Committee expressed a desire for a senior programs master plan	CLC Senior Advisory Board	7-14-11 CLC Senior Advisory Board
121	Comment			Discussion about the need for GIS layers on utility service facilities, lines, and service areas	LRGPWWA	7-20-11 LRGPWWA Presentation
122	Comment			Current regional plan draft is an improvement over the earlier drafts in identifying more viewpoints	LRGPWWA	7-20-11 LRGPWWA Presentation
123	Comment			Discussion on actions, frequency plan may be changed, and who will monitor the plan. Desire to make sure plan does not sit on shelf.	LRGPWWA	7-20-11 LRGPWWA Presentation

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124	Comment			Idea to encourage the agricultural production/dairies on the west mesa since it is a closed water basin and opens up development of I-10 corridor	Wayne Grinnell; Joe Delk	In person - 7-20-11
125	Comment			Support efforts to capture/manage storm water, emphasizes access to all areas of the Lower Rio Grande Watershed, and support watershed restoration projects	Joe Delk	Doña Ana Soil & Water District
126	Comment			Discussion on how a long-range vision plan gets funded, pointing out the plan helps set a path so the county and communities are heading in compatible directions when funds are available	CLC Transit Advisory Board	7-21-11 CLC Transit Advisory Board
127	Direction	7	Vision	Expand on culture and beauty of region. Staff needs specific language.	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	7-7-11 ETZ
128	Direction	12	SWOT	Reword the 3rd bullet to read 'Agriculture is the historical foundation of our custom and culture and provides a significant and sustainable economic base for the region.'	Joe Delk	Doña Ana Soil & Water District
129	Direction	14	SWOT	Unclear of the meaning of the weakness, 'Many people outside the region lack an awareness of the historic, cultural, and environmental resources; this negatively affects tourism potential.' P&Z recommended approval without noted changes	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z
130	Direction	15	SWOT	Might want to re-word "Look at retirees as an industry" to "Look at retiree-centric services and businesses . . ." to avoid making it sound like retirees are a 'thing' rather than people. Staff made change.	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail
131	Direction	15	SWOT	Reword agricultural sales point to read, 'Expand agricultural sales and exports, including value-added processing and large scale farm to market enterprises.' and add 'Seek opportunities to expand the dairy industry, including transporting and processing facilities.'	Joe Delk	Doña Ana Soil & Water District
132	Direction	16		Pointed out the lack of a rail spur/connection to the Las Cruces Airport/West Mesa Industrial Park and identified some of the physical challenges. Staff suggests adding an opportunity on page 16 that reads, 'Economic synergy potential exists in pursuing rail connection of the region's industrial and airport facilities like the West Mesa Industrial Park and Las Cruces International Airport to the rail operations in Santa Teresa.'	Commissioner Hearn	7-7-11 ETZ

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133	Direction	17	SWOT	Add a third point to the third bullet under threats to indicate that some flooding is caused by people building in flood hazard areas (such as arroyos) because they do not understand/recognize flooding does occur in this area.	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail
134	Direction	17	SWOT	I am not sure it appropriate to list population growth near military installations, airports, etc. as either encroachment or a threat. Staff feels the word 'mindful' leaves open the ability to place development. WSMR stakeholder was active in advisory committee.	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail
135	Direction	17	SWOT	Suggest using words 'uncontrolled/poorly planned growth threatens encroachment on our historical, cultural..' for the 4th bullet on Threats. Advisory Committee had similar language but it was removed since word is too negative and there are actions-people overseeing developments. P&Z recommended approval without noted changes	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z
136	Direction	17	SWOT	Add water quantity and quality as threat	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group
137	Direction	17	SWOT	Proposed language for Item 136 regarding adding threat to SWOT on water quantity and quality. • Potential decreases to water quantity are possible because of cyclical droughts and climate change that could jeopardize community sustainability and growth. • Inadequate storm water management and pollution prevention planning could jeopardize water quality.	Chris Canavan	8-3-11 319 Water Group
138	Direction	26	Snapshot	Plan Organization: Move Chapter 5, Snapshot, before Chapter 3, Introduction, depending on what is in the executive summary	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
139	Direction	40	Snapshot	Comment that the plan does not address brackish water. This topic was not fleshed out. Desalination is in the plan as a strategy under Goal 6-2-1 on page 107. 319 water quality group later removed request to add.	Conrad Keyes	E-Mail
140	Direction	40	Snapshot	Expand on bacterial exceedences under Quality and Table 5-4. Staff suggests adding a water issue that reads, '• In 2004, data collection along the Rio Grande by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) exhibited exceedences of the bacterial standard for E. coli that is in the process of being studied and substantiated as such exceedences could negatively affect people, plants, animals, and the economic vitality of the region's agriculture.'	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group

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141	Direction	40	Snapshot	Replace Item 140 with issue that reads 'Instances have occurred of the Rio Grande exceeding New Mexico water quality standards for E. coli bacteria; this has potential to negatively affect human health and the quality and safety of fresh vegetables grown in the region.'	Chris Canavan	8-3-11 319 Water Group
142	Direction	41	Snapshot	Revise Item 144 in Matrix on LID issue to read, 'Current building codes regulating storm water, including residential development, limit Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development that could be beneficial toward improving storm water management, groundwater recharge, pollution mitigation and water quality.'	Chris Canavan	8-3-11 319 Water Group
143	Direction	41	Snapshot	Comment that a tentative court agreement of 4.5 acre-feet per year for all agricultural users may be approved which might affect what is in the plan. The plan addresses this issue broadly with the issue on page 40 'Ongoing legal issues remain on the quantification of surface and ground water rights that complicate the transfer of water.' Staff suggestion is to monitor case and indicate result if it occurs prior to adoption of the plan.	Conrad Keyes	E-Mail
144	Direction	41	Snapshot	Add an issue that reads 'A need exists to encourage green infrastructure and Low Impact Development to assist with storm water management, groundwater recharge, pollution mitigation, and improved water quality.'	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group
145	Direction	44	Snapshot	Address Item 174 of Matrix and add to Environmental Snapshot Introduction 'As used in this plan, environmental resources include renewable and nonrenewable natural resources along with other significant resources that when left in their relatively unmodified state provide economic value or add to the quality of life for the residents of Doña Ana County.'	Joe Delk	Doña Ana Soil & Water District
146	Direction	47	Snapshot	Include the IBWC Conceptual Restoration Plan in Table 5-5. Staff needs a copy of the plan and might be better noted in hazards if focus is on levee improvements. Add PdNWC is updating the 1997 Rio Grande watershed plan to re-examine Best Management Practices (BMP's) for enhancing the watershed health and reducing nonpoint source pollution.	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group

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147	Direction	56	Snapshot	Discussion on public safety matters (getting warning notices out to the public) and time delay due to media ties with El Paso that cuts the county off from information out of the state capital; the FCC defines the area. Staff suggests adding to issues on page 56, 'Potential for public warning service and state information delays exist since the media services for Doña Ana County come out of El Paso, Texas.' Does the plan need to address strategy or action?	Commissioner Townsend	7-7-11 ETZ
148	Direction	58	Snapshot	Brought up efforts of TEX-21, a public-private group focused on enhanced multi-modal transportation across Texas with ability to expand into NM; Question is if the regional plan needs to add anything about this group.	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
149	Direction	62	Snapshot	Plan or region needs to address the economic aspects of an aging population. Staff suggests adding a new transportation issue that reads, 'There will likely be a need for more transportation options in addition to driving a personal vehicle due to the upward trend in population over 65 years of age and number of persons with a disability and unable to drive.'	CLC Senior Advisory Board	7-14-11 CLC Senior Advisory Board
150	Direction	68	Snapshot	Request to add lack of a trauma center in healthcare existing conditions. The Advisory Committee earlier had the Level 1 trauma issue called out in the weakness on page 14 of 'We have a developing health-care network constrained by long travel distances for certain needs.' It was removed to keep the issue at broad level and focus on public-sector facilities.	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail
151	Direction	68	Snapshot	Request to delete the issue on page 68, 'The distances between communities make access to higher education in outlying rural areas of the region more challenging' since the number of campuses and vast offerings of distance education is high and no longer a barrier.	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail
152	Direction	69	Snapshot	Plan or region needs to address the economic aspects of an aging population. Staff suggests adding a new community facility issue that reads, 'There will likely be a need for additional healthcare services due to the upward trend in population over 65 years of age.'	CLC Senior Advisory Board	7-14-11 CLC Senior Advisory Board

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153	Direction	74	Snapshot	Comment to highlight geothermal in use at NMSU. Staff thought this could be an area for an accomplishment on page 74. Staff asked Mr. Keyes for more detail on the geothermal project itself. Table 5-12 on page 73 lists some renewable energy projects like geothermal at CLC City Hall.	Conrad Keyes	E-Mail
154	Direction	82	Snapshot	Plan or region needs to address the economic aspects of an aging population. Staff suggests adding a new housing issue that reads, 'The upward trend in population over 65 years of age in Doña Ana County may require providing more housing options or amenities in addition to detached single-family dwellings.'	CLC Senior Advisory Board	7-14-11 CLC Senior Advisory Board
155	Direction	84	Snapshot	Add emphasis in Economy snapshot on improving transportation network, including rail & Transit-Oriented Development	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
156	Direction	87	Snapshot	Table 5-14 on page 87 indicates that crops require spraying of chemicals, but the chemicals also can be injected into irrigation water. The improper injection of these chemicals can threaten potable ground water in the same way air spraying can threaten neighbors. Any need to modify this bullet?	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail
157	Direction	87	Snapshot	Table 5-14, Economic Considerations in Agriculture and Ranching on page 87 focuses on the negative aspects of agriculture. Staff added positive considerations to counter the negative (see attached).	Joe Delk	Doña Ana Soil & Water District
158	Direction	99	Several	Suggestion to add snapshot information, goals, strategies, and actions about spatial data infrastructure. A possible suggestion is to address this under Intergovernmental as an issue about using technology better and it being more consistent among regional governing agencies. Another suggestion is to add a strategy of Goal 6-12-1 on page 123 (i.e. Coordinate among governing agencies in effective ways to share public information through technology that is consistent and reliable and/or Coordinate with spatial data users throughout the region with respect to survey control, datums, equations, standards, specifications, orders of accuracy, storage formats, and operational procedures and/or Coordinate among governing agencies in effective ways to generate, store, process, analyze, manipulate, and use spatial data and related technology.)	Earl Burkholder	E-Mail

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159	Direction	99		Add more on the accomplishments of the elected bodies in the county. A possible area to include more information is in the Intergovernmental Snapshot. Staff needs direction on what to add in.	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
160	Direction	99		Include 'evaluate emerging technology' in the plan and how changes in the way we do business (i.e. Internet) can impact infrastructure, process, physical landscape, etc. (See Item 158)	MVEDA	7-5-11 Presentation
161	Direction	107	Strategies	Add a separate strategy to Goal 6-2-1 on utilizing reclaimed water. Staff suggests adding 'Work with stakeholders to develop and implement reclaimed water strategies.'	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group
162	Direction	108	Strategies	Revise Item 164 of Matrix to read, 'Support planning and analysis of the local Rio Grande watershed that will provide recommendations of best management practices in managing pollutant loads, such as E. coli bacteria, to meet state water quality standards.'	Chris Canavan	8-3-11 319 Water Group
163	Direction	108	Strategies	Add a strategy on green infrastructure/Low Impact Development. Staff suggests adding, 'Encourage green infrastructure and Low Impact Development where appropriate.'	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group
164	Direction	108	Strategies	Add a strategy on bacterial load and TMDL in the Rio Grande. Staff suggests adding, 'Support planning and analysis of the Rio Grande basin watershed that will allow for best management practices in managing pollutant loads, such as bacteria, to acceptable Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) levels.'	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group
165	Direction	108	Strategies	Revise Item 163 of Matrix to read, Promote Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development (LID) as part of a comprehensive storm water and water-quality improvement strategy that may include adoption into land use development and building codes where appropriate.'	Chris Canavan CLC Utility	8-3-11 319 Water Group 8-18-11
166	Direction	110	Strategies	Want to see more in plan about the commitment to the agricultural community's custom and culture. DASWCD would like to see more actions in plan supporting and growing the agriculture industry (refer to strategies under Goal 6-1-9). Staff suggests adding a strategy to Goal 6-4-3 that reads, 'Work with the agricultural and ranching community when developing land use plans to come up with desirable methods and locations of agricultural and ranching activities for the long-term.' Other additions might be possible.	Joe Delk	Doña Ana Soil & Water District

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167	Direction	111	Strategies	Discussed hazardous by-pass routes. Staff suggests modifying the 7th strategy of Goal 6-5-1 to read, 'Identify hazardous-cargo routes, consider hazardous by-pass ways, and install applicable signage within the county.'	Commissioner Townsend	7-7-11 ETZ
168	Direction	112	Strategies	Emphasize transit corridors that connect activity centers and allow higher density so that total housing/transportation costs are reduced. A strategy under Goal 6-6-2 could be added that reads, 'Plan transit corridors that connect activity centers and allow higher density so that total housing/transportation costs are reduced.'	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
169	Direction	116	Snapshot	Request to address shooting sports and planning for encroachment of outdoor. The plan addresses recreational activities and not any particular activity. If the direction is to include shooting sports specifically, a possible area is to add a strategy under Goal 6-7-4 or 6-7-5. A possible strategy to Goal 6-7-5 could be 'Support and enhance public access opportunities on state and federal lands throughout Doña Ana County of outdoor activities including shooting sports, hunting, hiking, camping, wildlife viewing, rock climbing, off-road mechanical sports, and similar activities in a way that does not adversely affect other resources.'	Dusty Sensiba	E-Mail
170	Direction	118	Strategies	Identify allowing accessory units in housing goals/strategies. Could add to Goal 6-9-2 a strategy that reads ' Consider the adoption or modification of local zoning ordinances regarding the use of accessory dwelling units in being responsive to local housing needs such as increasing affordability options, supporting public infrastructure investments, and providing housing options in closer proximity to those that care for others.'	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
171	Direction	121		Pointed out the lack of a rail spur/connection to the Las Cruces Airport/West Mesa Industrial Park and identified some of the physical challenges. Staff suggests adding a strategy under Goal 6-10-5, 'Consider rail line extensions and spurs to industrial parks and airports like the West Mesa Industrial park and Las Cruces International Airport.'	Commissioner Hearn	7-7-11 ETZ

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172	Direction	121	Snapshot	Plan or region needs to address the economic aspects of an aging population. Staff suggests adding a new economic strategy to Goal 6-10-3 that reads, 'Support programs that promote employment and volunteer opportunities of older-aged persons, persons with a disability, and other persons whose skills will strengthen the economic vitality of the region.'	CLC Senior Advisory Board	7-14-11 CLC Senior Advisory Board
173	Direction	150	Actions	Include TMDL as an action. Staff suggests adding the following water action, 'Support the completion of the NMED and PdNWC plan regarding finding and rating sources of bacterial exceedences as a means to identify strategies to keep TMDL at acceptable levels.'	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group
174	Direction	161	Glossary	Suggest define 'environmental resources' since environmental and natural resources have different intents (See Item 145)	Joe Delk	Doña Ana Soil & Water District
175	Direction/ Clarification	.		4 residents prioritized actions (see attached summary)	General Meeting	6-22-11 General Mtg
176	Direction/ Clarification			Add quotes from committee to plan (see attached)	staff	staff
177	Direction	150	Actions	Delete Item 173, covered generally under Action 8	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group

Our Vision

We want to make Doña Ana County and all its communities a truly great place to live, work, and play for residents of all ages, backgrounds, cultures, and economic levels.

Our vision encompasses planned and managed growth in areas such as jobs, economy, tourism, and infrastructure, and encourages new opportunities that improve our quality of life.

~~In this plan, w~~We envision strong economic growth in the region. We are prepared to take advantage of arising opportunities to provide new and better jobs and to increase the economic vitality of the area for all of our residents.

As we ~~plan map out~~ our future we recognize the value of our mountains, desert environment, rivers, agriculture, and private-property rights and the importance of planning to live within the limitations of the unique land and natural resources.

We envision a development plan that embraces the rich historical and cultural heritage of Doña Ana County, as well as its ties with Mexico and Texas. We embrace the value of, ~~and~~ an integrated multimodal transportation network that connects people with each other as well as with economic, housing, recreational, medical, and educational opportunities.

3.2 Public Engagement

~~There was an extensive public engagement process for this plan, which provided a broad range of opportunities for people to express their vision and preferences for the region's growth. This input was vital to developing the vision, goals, strategies, and objectives for the region. Additional details about the public engagement process and findings can be found in the Appendices. Along with various public relations and noticing, public input consisted of the following:~~
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The methodology used to develop this plan relied on several methods for gathering public input in advance of drafting the plan. It tapped into a broad-based stakeholder group through the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee to help drive the draft plan from varying perspectives. Once drafted, the plan was refined based upon public input at a number of stakeholders, planning and zoning commission, Extra-Territorial Zoning Commission (ETZ), and elected-governing body meetings.

Common themes developed by (1) counting the number of similar comments using the twelve resource topics of this plan as a template from the input gathered during the public forums, focus group sessions, and stakeholder meetings, and (2) assessing where people agreed or disagreed on the survey questions. The initial vision statement, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats provided to the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee used the common recurring themes that the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee built upon through

recommendation of its Steering Committee. The plan had further refinements based on the input gathered during the public input phase held during June and July 2011. To assist the decision-making bodies, they had access to the written public input received and a summary matrix of this input.

Additional details about the public engagement process and findings can be found in the Appendices referenced in the bibliography of this plan. Along with various public relations and noticing, public input consisted of the following:

~~Elected-Governing Body Meetings of the Doña Ana County Board of County Commissioners and Las Cruces City Council~~

A total of twelvefive meetings were held, during regularly scheduled meeting times or at joint meetings. Allwith all meetings were open to the public. The Anthony Board of Trustees met once. The Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners met seven times, six of these jointly with the Las Cruces City Council. The Hatch Board of Trustees met once. The Las Cruces City Council met seven times, six of these jointly with the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners. The Mesilla Board of Trustees met once. The Sunland Park Board of Trustees met once. (Revise as count, above ended on July 6, 2011)

~~Commission Meetings of the Doña Ana County and Las Cruces Planning and Zoning Commissions and Extra-Territorial Zoning~~

~~**Commission**—A total of eighteen meetings were held, with ~~during~~ regularly scheduled meeting times and ~~at~~ joint meetings. All meetings were open to the public. The Anthony Planning and Zoning Commission met once. The Las Cruces ETZ met six times. The Las Cruces Planning and Zoning Commission met six times. The Doña Ana County Planning and Zoning Commission met five times.~~

~~**Vision 2040 Meetings of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan Advisory Committee—**~~

~~A group of approximately 45 stakeholders were invited to guide development of the plan. This board met seven times throughout 2008 and 2009, and met nine times throughout 2010 and 2011 in 2010 it doubled in size and met nine times. It appointed a seven-member Steering Committee to represent the recommendations of its five subcommittees. The Steering Committee had five meetings as part of the advisory committee meetings, plus and met a total of six times between meetings. All meetings were open to the public.~~

• ~~Five rounds of Ppublic Fforums~~—

There were 27 of these forums held between March 2008 and October 2009. ~~An Three~~ additional forums ~~was were~~ held ~~in between May and June~~ 2011, for a total of ~~2830~~ forums open to the public⁴⁰.

☐ **Focus Group Sessions and Stakeholder Meetings**

There were ~~29 more than 15~~ meetings held throughout the process⁴⁰.

Surveys

There was a mail survey done in May 2008, which was updated in October 2008⁴⁰, along with a phone survey done in October 2008⁴⁴. Development of the survey questions applied to the regional plan and comprehensive plan updates of the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. Therefore, not all the survey questions were applicable to the regional plan. The mail survey went to 1,600 randomly selected households throughout Doña Ana County. There were one hundred and sixty mail surveys returned, for a ten-percent response rate. There were five hundred completed phone surveys made to persons to align with demographic characteristics of Doña Ana County.

☐ **Website**

Throughout the process, the One Valley, One Vision website was available for information on the process. It included drafts of the plan, contact information, instructions on how to leave comments, meeting material, and meeting dates. In addition, meeting agendas were available on the county website.

Transitional Paragraphs – 2040 Plan (July 2011)

Chapter 1:

None, this is the executive summary

Chapter 2:

This chapter lays out the vision for Doña Ana County, its incorporated communities, and its unincorporated communities based on the common themes that arose out of the public forums, focus group sessions, and surveys summarized in Section 3.2, Public Engagement. In April 2010, the Doña Ana County Board of County Commissioners and Las Cruces City Council approved resolutions on a vision statement for use by the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee. The final vision represents the input of the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee, input received during the 2011 public review period, recommendation of the various planning and zoning commissions, and input by the local governing bodies.

Chapter 3:

This chapter outlines the purpose of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. It provides a brief summary on the types of public engagement used during the regional plan process that started in September 2007 and ended in September 2011. It moves into the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) for the region that the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee identified as a tool to help specify the issues and accomplishments listed in Chapter 5, Snapshot, and develop the goals and strategies listed in Chapter 6, Regional Goals & Strategies. The chapter continues with demographic data, focusing on the historic and future population growth. The region's population was approximately 210,000 people in 2010, with a mid-range projection by 2040 of 325,000 people. This chapter ends with a description of the organization of the plan and its relationship to other plans.

Chapter 4:

This chapter looks at the concepts of sustainability and smart growth as a way for the local governing bodies in the Doña Ana County region to begin to think about the projected growth over the next three decades. These two concepts are not the only concepts, but provide some useful ideas toward achieving the vision for the region outlined in Chapter 2, Regional Vision Statement. The last part of this chapter lists some general principles the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee identified that local governing bodies are encouraged to keep in mind as they develop and implement plans in their community.

Chapter 5:

This chapter provides background information for each of the twelve resource topics. All resource topics include a subsection on organizations that describe key governmental entities for further information, a subsection on planning that highlights recent regional planning activities related to the particular resource topic, a list of issues, and a list of accomplishments. Where applicable, the Regional Snapshot includes additional subsections relevant to that particular resource topic.

Transitional Paragraphs – 2040 Plan (July 2011)

Chapter 6: (Revised)

This chapter lists goals and strategies that build off the issues presented in Chapter 5, Regional Snapshot, for each of the twelve resource topics. The goals represent common approaches to resources of regional significance within the Doña Ana County region. The strategies provide several ways a community might achieve the goal, as some strategies may be more appropriate than others when applied at the local planning level.

Chapter 7: (No changes proposed)

This chapter lists the general types of communities in Doña Ana County defined for the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. These were chosen since they represent distinct areas with their own administrative or planning functions, with appointed or elected bodies that address the physical developmental pattern for a defined area, are a recognized community by New Mexico State Statute, or develop future comprehensive or master plans.

Chapter 8: (No changes proposed)

This chapter describes the Regional Growth Strategies: Housing, Development, and Jobs Methodology used to develop the Consensus Growth Strategy and Consensus Employment Strategy.

Chapter 9: (Deleted first sentence and modified the second sentence)

~~Through the community driven efforts of One Valley, One Vision 2040, the community identified many regional goals and strategies to help achieve the principles of the vision statement over the next 30 years. The regional action plan below~~ This Chapter presents a preliminary list of actions for consideration by Doña Ana County and the local municipalities. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, as other additions or changes to this list may be deemed appropriate based on future conditions. Any one action may require completion over a number of years. The "primary responsible entities" are a preliminary list of known governmental or quasi-governmental groups that may or will be involved to accomplish these actions. The general public, residents, property owners, and other affected stakeholders will be engaged through the public process.

The actions of the regional action plan in Table 9-1, "Regional Action Plan, 2012- 2016," will need to be incorporated with greater detail in both the municipal and county comprehensive plans, and mechanisms are in place to further joint collaboration and identify appropriate tools for implementation. The following action plan is a means in providing guidance for elected and administrative officials in making policy, programming, and capital improvement decisions.

Note: No introduction is necessary for Chapters 10, Acronyms & Glossary or Chapter 11, Bibliography

Table 5-14

Economic Considerations in Agriculture and Ranching Practices

- Doña Ana County leads other counties in total market value and production in many agricultural and ranching commodities that points to the economic vitality agriculture and ranching has continued to bring to Doña Ana County since its early days of settlement.
- The type of product produced on a particular farm may change over time to accommodate viable markets and foster economic vitality.
- Agriculture is one of the major sources of groundwater recharge in the region.⁵¹
- Agriculture is dependent on natural and environmental factors like the amount of surface and ground water availability.
- Agriculture, ranching, and their support businesses represent a long-standing custom and culture for Doña Ana County.
- Operations may require attention 24 hours a day and seven days a week.
- Doña Ana County leads other New Mexico counties in the number of organic farms certified by the New Mexico Organic Commodities Commission.
- Many crops still require spraying of (at the ground level or by air) fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides.
- Agriculture and ranching unlike many economic sectors in the region provide a primary resource that people need, this coupled with the known high-quality soil along the Rio Grande gives Doña Ana County opportunity for expansion of this economic sector.
- Seasonal workers may be used for planting, irrigating, weeding, and harvesting.
- Agriculture and ranching provides the region with many scenic and 'green' spaces area residents enjoy.
- Irrigation water and farm ponds may attract weeds, wildlife, and insects.
- Agriculture and ranching provides Doña Ana County residents locally produced crops, dairy, and other related goods that reduces the need to import such goods.
- Farm equipment and vehicle usage typically increases traffic along local roads and at farm sites during harvesting and transport of goods to local and national markets.

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- (1) Create an individual master plan for each identified growth area in the comprehensive plan.
- (2) Establish a regional future service boundary to delineate the maximum extent for municipal provision of public water and wastewater services. Developers could be granted infrastructure provisions when developing within the future service boundary, but would be restricted under certain circumstances in their ability to tap into the public system if their plans are located outside this boundary.
- (3) Preserve BLM and State Land outside the proposed future service boundary through actions, including and not limited to:
 - Maintaining and enhancing dialogue with the BLM and State Land Trust
 - Expressing that land located outside the proposed future service boundary should be given priority for preservation as disposal plans are prepared and released.
- (4) Evaluate and incorporate within the County and municipal codes consistent mechanisms that protects the presence of agriculture and the financial livelihood of agricultural landowners by considering tools such as conservation easements, purchase or transfer of development rights, or other similar programs. As conservation easements, purchase or transfer of development rights, or other similar programs.
- (5) Modify existing zoning codes and/or policies to provide incentives for appropriately-placed mixed use developments.
- (6) Revisit, update, and adopt water conservation polices and programs in the County and incorporated municipalities.
- (7) Pursue securing surface water rights for other uses in addition to agriculture.
- (8) Update policies and implementation documents to best address events and localized conditions that can negatively affect water quality.
- (9) Complete groundwater remediation of the Superfund site in Las Cruces.
- (10) Incorporate enhanced measures to capture, store, and release stormwater for later use as part of the region's water management practices.
- (11) Identify, prioritize, and fund new and rehabilitation of existing regional flood-protection infrastructure.
- (12) Revisit the EPA Natural Events Action Plan last updated in 2000 to ensure it still meets the needs of the region.
- (13) Identify properties where development rights may be acquired and secure funding to do so, in order to establish protective buffers along continuous portions of the Rio Grande.
- (14) Work to identify critical and sensitive natural areas and wildlife corridors, and protect these areas from development in a manner that reasonably compensates, provides incentives, maintains similar existing property rights, or in another similar manner that balances the public and property owner interest.

- (15) Create a task force to discuss ways that technical and administrative resources can be used most effectively in open-space conservation and management in a manner that balances the public and property owner interest.
- (16) Draft and adopt arroyo, trail, and open-space management plans which balance the public and property owner interest.
- (17) Evaluate the possibility of environmental impact fees for development that encroaches on sensitive environmental areas.
- (18) Develop options for utilizing surface water to a broader degree for the benefit of people, plants and animals.
- (19) Evaluate the formation of a state-approved authority to identify and address regional storm water and flood control.
- (20) Identify and install signage of hazardous cargo routes within the county.
- (21) Monitor the science of climate change and trends in weather patterns affecting the region to remain current and strategically plan for unexpected occurrences.
- (22) Refine and develop policies for regional roads that may include: NM 404 as part of El Paso's Northeast Parkway Southern access road from Doña Ana County into Spaceport.
- (23) Continued involvement in South Central Regional Transit District.
- (24) Develop a Long Range Transit Plan for RoadRUNNER Transit that integrates transit corridors with landuse coordination.
- (25) Prepare an Alternatives Analysis for passenger rail between Las Cruces and El Paso.
- (26) Implement Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) as part of the regular maintenance of the transportation system.
- (27) Coordinate transportation management plans among transportation agencies.
- (28) Work to find funding sources for necessary improvements to the Doña Ana County airport and Santa Teresa Port of Entry that support Foreign Trade Zone efforts. Improvements may include accommodation of large passenger and cargo aircraft, dedicated truck lanes, expansion of commercial rail services, and a rail transfer station.
- (29) Study the designation of NM State Route 28 as a Scenic By-Way.
- (30) Update county and municipal Parks and Recreation Master Plans; coordinate a regional Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- (31) Modify regulations that require the development or contribution of parks for new development within unincorporated Doña Ana County.
- (32) Construct a mental health correctional triage center in Doña Ana County.
- (33) Construct a new facility for the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority.

- (34) Construct a regional public safety facility that may include law enforcement training and fire academy training.
- (35) Increase the number of residential and business sites that incorporate renewable energy through grants, programs, and alternative financing mechanisms. Focus on governmental facilities, sites, and community facilities.
- (36) Strengthen housing policies for mixed use and mixed-income housing opportunities in local comprehensive plans.
- (37) Develop a Strategic Housing Strategy for Doña Ana County.
- (38) Develop a variety of housing programs and incentives to make housing affordable to purchase or rent.
- (39) Identify ways to develop more attractive, livable site-built dwellings to reduce the total percentage of manufactured housing for new development.
- (40) Evaluate the benefit of combining the Las Cruces and Doña Ana County Housing Authorities for increased opportunities and efficiencies.
- (41) Promote and make necessary improvements for business opportunities around the Spaceport, existing industrial parks, and airports within Doña Ana County.
- (42) Develop benchmarks to assess the regional economy (e.g., establish benchmark number of new jobs annually, benchmark percentage to increase average annual salary, workforce training etc.).
- (43) Continue implementation of the master plan in downtown Las Cruces.
- (44) Promote renewable energy businesses and facilities to Doña Ana County, including solar, biofuel, geothermal, and wind.
- (45) Prepare a comprehensive survey of the region's historic structures, sites, and neighborhoods.
- (46) Revisit and prioritize the implementation actions of local comprehensive plans.
- (47) Hold more frequent meetings between the Doña Ana County Commission and local elected officials to discuss regional issues.
- • (48) Create a One Valley, One Vision 2040 implementation task force to best prioritize, evaluate, accomplish, consider potential funding opportunities, and track progress of this plan.
- (49) Prepare and/or implement regional feasibility studies for water, utilities, and transportation.
- (50) Engage in a feasibility analysis regarding the future of the Las Cruces ETZ, including its purpose, boundaries, and compatibility and streamlining of its plans and regulations.

Quotes for One Valley, One Vision 2040

	Page	Section	Quote	Author
1	1	Executive Summary	"Nearly 210,000 people now live in our part of the Rio Grande valley—along the river, on desert mesas, and in mountain foothills. We live in communities of many sizes, celebrate a multi-cultural heritage, and work in a highly diversified economy. Doña Ana County has become a vibrant, diverse place that is well positioned to face whatever challenges come our way. We can shape our own destiny. Doña Ana County can be a prosperous, beautiful place for everyone if we face the future together—united by a common vision, dedicated to work hard, and committed to making good decisions based on the best available information."	Billy Garrett, Doña Ana County Commissioner
2	1	Executive Summary	"If you do not think about or plan for the future, it may not be the future you would like to see."	Valerie Beversdorf, Vision 2040 Advisory Steering Committee
3	2	Executive Summary	"Our work (on the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan) has resulted in a well thought-out projection of what our area can become economically and physically while still maintaining the natural beauty and the special culture that has drawn so many people to our land."	William Mattiace, Vision 2040 Advisory Committee Chairman and Charlie Scholz, Vision 2040 Advisory Committee Vice Chairman
4	7	Ch 2, Vision	"It is always important to have a vision of where you are going. After all, how would you know if you got there if you do not know where you are going. "	Judd Singer, Vision 2040 Advisory Steering Committee
5	11	Ch 3, Intro, Public Engagement	"I have experienced years of serving on all kinds of boards but never have I experienced greater diversity of people, professions, and ideas than the dedicated individuals serving on the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee."	William Mattiace, Vision 2040 Advisory Committee Chairman
6	99	Snapshot, Intergovernmental, Planning	"Intergovernmental and inter-agency cooperation, in conjunction with the stakeholders affected by the decisions and actions of those bodies, is necessary to make a better future for all of us. Having this shared vision can mean stronger economic growth, recognition of the value of our unique environment and preservation of the rich historical and cultural heritage that is Doña Ana County."	William Mattiace, Vision 2040 Advisory Committee Chairman and Charlie Scholz, Vision 2040 Advisory Committee Vice Chairman
7			"As I look to the future, I see that we're going to grow and we're going to change and we need a vision to guide our progress in Doña Ana County. This plan is a good start on that vision."	Charlie Scholz, Vision 2040 Advisory Committee Vice Chairman

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List of Meetings
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Meeting Category	Meetings	Date
Elected Governing Body Meetings		
	Sunland Park Council	July 6, 2011
	Joint BOCC/CLC #7 (tabled)	June 23, 2011
	Hatch Trustees	June 14, 2011
	Mesilla Trustees	June 13, 2011
	Anthony Trustees	June 1, 2011
	Joint BOCC/CLC #6 (tabled)	July 22, 2010
	BOCC (Vision Resolution)	May 25, 2010
	CLC (Vision Resolution)	May 17, 2010
	Joint BOCC/CLC #5	April 15, 2010
	Joint BOCC/CLC #4	January 14, 2010
	Joint BOCC/CLC #3	October 20, 2009
	Joint BOCC/CLC #2	July 17, 2008
	Joint BOCC/CLC #1	May 12, 2008
P&Z Commission/ETZ Meetings		
	ETZ (recommendation)	August 4, 2011
	DAC P&Z (recommendation)	July 28, 2011
	CLC P&Z (recommendation)	July 26, 2011
	ETZ	July 7, 2011
	DAC P&Z	June 23, 2011
	CLC P&Z	June 21, 2011
	Anthony P&Z	June 16, 2011
	ETZ	June 2, 2011
	ETZ	March 17, 2011
	CLC P&Z	March 15, 2011
	DAC P&Z	March 10, 2011
	DAC P&Z	August 12, 2010
	ETZ	August 5, 2010
	CLC P&Z	July 27, 2010
	DAC P&Z	May 13, 2010
	ETZ	May 6, 2010
	CLC P&Z	April 27, 2010
	Joint DAC/CLC P&Z	October 20, 2009

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Meeting Category	Meetings	Date
Vision 2040 Advisory and/or Steering Committee	Steering Committee (Advisory invited)	May 18, 2011
	Advisory and Steering Committee	March 31, 2011
	Advisory Committee	February 24, 2011
	Advisory Committee	January 27, 2011
	Steering Committee	March 9, 2011
	Steering Committee	January 11, 2011
	Steering Committee	February 9, 2011
	Advisory Committee	November 16, 2010
	Advisory and Steering Committee	October 21, 2010
	Steering Committee	September 21, 2010
	Advisory and Steering Committee	September 9, 2010
	Steering Committee	August 24, 2011
	Advisory Committee	August 12, 2010
	Steering Committee	July 27, 2010
	Advisory and Steering Committee	July 14, 2010
	Steering Committee	July 9, 2010
	Advisory Committee	June 10, 2010
	Advisory Committee	December 19, 2009
	Advisory Committee	October 19, 2009
	Advisory Committee	October 21, 2008
	Advisory Committee	May 14, 2008
	Advisory Committee	April 30, 2008
	Advisory Committee	March 5, 2008
Advisory Committee	November 7, 2007	
Stakeholder Meetings		
	RoadRUNNER Transit Advisory Board	July 21, 2011
	LRGPWWA	July 20, 2011
	DAC Soil & Water District	July 15, 2011
	CLC Senior Programs Advisory Board	July 14, 2011
	CLC ADA	July 14, 2011
	PdNWC 319 Water Group	July 12, 2011
	MVEDA	July 5, 2011
	CLC General Meeting	June 22, 2011
	PdNWC 319 Water Group	June 14, 2011
	CLC MPO TAC	June 2, 2011
	Greater CLC Chamber	June 2, 2011
	BRAC Update	May 6, 2011
	BRAC Update	September 2, 2010
	Meeting with Farm Bureau	June 1, 2010
	BRAC Update	March 18, 2010
	DAC Stakeholders	October 20, 2009
	DAC Stakeholders	October 21, 2009
	Informational Meeting - Anthony	February 12, 2008
	BRAC Update	November 6, 2008
	Informational Meeting - Hatch High	February 6, 2008
	Informational Meeting - CLC Chambers	February 4, 2008

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Meeting Category	Meetings	Date
Public Meeting Rounds (Public Forums)		
	Round 4 - 3 Drafts (5)	10/19/09 to 10/22/09
	Las Cruces - DAC County Building	October 21, 2009
	Chaparral	October 21, 2009
	Vado	October 22, 2009
	Las Cruces - Sonoma Elementary	October 22, 2009
	Hatch	October 19, 2009
	Round 3 - Future Development Concept (7)	10/20/08 to 10/23/08
	Santa Teresa	October 23, 2008
	Las Cruces - DAC County Building	October 22, 2008
	Anthony	October 21, 2008
	Chaparral	October 22, 2008
	Las Cruces - Munson	October 20, 2008
	Las Cruces	October 24, 2008
	Hatch	October 20, 2008
	Round 2 - Prioritize Issues (7)	5/12/08 to 5/15/08
	Anthony	May 12, 2008
	Vado	May 15, 2008
	Chaparral	May 13, 2008
	Las Cruces	May 13, 2008
	Mesquite	May 15, 2008
	Las Cruces - Onate High School	May 14, 2008
	Hatch	May 12, 2008
	Round 1 - Trends/Statistics/Gather Issues (6)	3/3/2008 to 3/6/2008
	Anthony	March 6, 2008
	Las Cruces - DAC County Building	March 5, 2008
	Vado	March 5, 2008
	Chaparral	March 4, 2008
	Las Cruces - Onate High School	March 4, 2008
	Hatch	March 3, 2008
Focus Group Meetings		
	South Valley Regional Resource Center	October 22, 2009
	South Valley Vision	October 22, 2009
	cyclists	May 11, 2008
	Utility	March 3, 2008
	Neighborhood Organizations	March 3, 2008
	Housing	March 3, 2008
	Recreation	March 4, 2008
	Real Estate	March 4, 2008
	Transportation	March 4, 2008
	Ag/Ranching	March 6, 2008
	Arts,Culture, History	March 6, 2008

Attachment

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Paul Michaud

From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 11:44 AM
To: 'Valerie'
Subject: RE: Water outlook

Valerie:

I got your e-mail and phone message about drought likely being a high risk. Dr. King, EBID, and Mr. Reckard are certainly knowledgeable on the topic of water in the region. The comment matrix that will go to the elected officials includes the comment regarding the request to change the hazard rating in the 2040 plan.

As you recall, Table 5-8, Potential Hazards, is from the All-Hazard Plan updated in January 2011. The All-Hazard plan assesses probability of natural and manmade hazards by the Office of Emergency Management. All the incorporated municipalities within the county and Doña Ana County approve the All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan. It is my opinion that any proposed change to the rating should occur in the All-Hazard Plan where applicable 'experts' reviewed these hazards and where the county addresses procedures to address such hazards. The 2040 Plan snapshot section references work done by other groups. As such, I would be uncomfortable changing the referenced hazard table. If agreeable with the elected bodies, I am not averse to adding a sentence or two in the 'drought' section on page 54. It might say something like 'Recent forecasts by the United States National Weather Service suggest a more prolonged drought cycle for the region that may suggest raising the drought hazard probability from medium to high in the Doña Ana County All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan.' The current text reads,

'Drought is a regular event and occurs in cycles that affect water supply. An indicator of drought at the local level is the amount of surface water stored in Elephant Butte Reservoir. Records show that there have been several periods of local drought. Water levels in the reservoir dropped sharply in the late 1990s, affecting release from the reservoir around 2003. Since then, the amount of water stored in the reservoir has been lower than any time since the late 1970s.'

FYI, there are two new suggested drought-related threats for page 17 in the SWOT based on the input during the last couple of months.

- Occurrences of drought can affect the region's resources, including agricultural production and limitations to surface water.
- Potential decreases to water quantity are possible because of cyclical droughts and climate change that could jeopardize community sustainability and growth if not periodically considered in existing drought emergency and water conservation plans.

Regards,

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Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 10:36 AM
To: Paul Michaud
Subject: FW: Water outlook

Paul,

I still say that Drought is High, not Medium risk/threat to this region. See the message below from Dr King. Frank Reckard is an OSE attorney.

Valerie

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Paul Michaud

From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 4:38 PM
To: Joshua G. Rosenblatt
Cc: Jorge Garcia; Adrienne Widmer; Juana Johnson; Leeann DeMouche; Vincent Banegas; David Weir
Subject: RE: 18 Aug Comment Matrix Vision 2040_2011.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Professional
Attachments: CLC Utilities 8-18-11 (reply).pdf

Joshua:

I appreciate the input and time by the Utility Department in providing these comments on the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. The attachment provides my response to your comments. Please note this response is my opinion. Call me if you have any questions. Staff will provide the comments on the plan, including your comments, to the elected governing bodies work session. Accordingly, these bodies will direct staff on changes to the plan. The tentative date for the work session by the CLC City Council is September 12 and the County Commission is September 13. You can get updated information by contacting me directly or online at <http://vision2040.las-cruces.org>.

Regards,

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To: Paul Michaud
Cc: Jorge Garcia; Adrienne Widmer; Juana Johnson; Leeann DeMouche
Subject: 18 Aug Comment Matrix Vision 2040_2011.pdf - Adobe Acrobat Professional

Paul:

Attached are comments on the matrix you sent out. Some further comments to the document may still follow.

Please feel free to contact me if there are points to clarify or you would like more input on.

Thank you for all your efforts.

Have a good weekend.

Joshua R.

Joshua Rosenblatt
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8/24/2011

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Number	Clarification, Comment, or Direction	Page	Section	Suggestion	Source	Source
6	Clarification	13	SWOT	Request to add additional educational institutions to the last bullet on Strategies on page 13. Staff suggested to modify this bullet and add the education listing in Table 5-18 on page 100. Bullet would read, "There is a comprehensive system of educational institutions serving the area as shown in Table 5-18." Table 5-18 would add University of Juarez, Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU), Western New Mexico University (WNMU), Texas A&M Agri-Life Research Center (TAMU), University of Phoenix, Vista College, University of New Mexico (UNM), University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, New Mexico Military Institute, New Mexico Highlands University, El Paso Community College (EPCO).	Stephen Lopez, Conrad Keyes	E-Mail
7	Clarification	14	SWOT	Revise the survey box about water conservation et al or make it a chart. Staff replied to capture the main point, "When asked if the region is doing a sufficient job to address water conservation, flood control, air pollution, waste management and illegal dumping, over a third of respondents disagreed and strongly disagreed."	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z
8	Clarification	15	SWOT	Separate the 12th bullet on page 15 into two thoughts (Develop tourism along the Rio Grande' and 'Support efforts for regional watershed management, including enhancement of irrigation systems and capture and reclamation of storm water.')	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
9	Clarification	16	SWOT	Modify 2nd bullet, "There are economic development opportunities in manufacturing, agricultural processing, aerospace, engineering and management operations, Space port, transportation-related sectors, alternative energy utilities, health care, tourism, space tourism, arts/entertainment, public and private partnerships, and port of entry opportunities."	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z

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Author:rosenblatt Subject:Line Date:8/17/2011 4:22:27 PM
 "One Valley" Institutions stated should be those that are in the Valley. interested parties can discover how connected regionally, nationally, or international connected an institute is. This is a long range planning document of the Valley and Dona Ana

Author:rosenblatt Subject:Highlight Date:8/18/2011 10:56:36 AM
 I'm assuming they are using a frequency statistic. If your going to make this type of statement back up is needed as well. Put the results of the whole survey in the back as an appendix. I'm sure the public is interested as well in this survey.

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Number: 1 Author:iflicari Subject:Note Date:8/24/2011 8:47:54 AM

FYI, I am aware the list of education institutions includes institutions outside DAC. Table 5-18 illustrates possible agencies for intergovernmental cooperation. At the advisory committee level we discussed showing only those within DAC or including those outside DAC. It was recommended to include agencies outside DAC.

The survey was an opinion survey. In my experience, opinion surveys of this type are valid for a regional plan.

Author:rosenblatt Subject:Cross-Out Date:8/18/2011 11:05:34 AM
 Drought, (LD) I do agree with changing the word to drought, but I have a hard time agreeing to a threat. If the City didn't have a drought emergency plan or a water conservation plan then yes! thing that drought is a threat. But we have contingency plans in place that address if the drought occurs. This is why I don't think this recommendation should be considered.

Author:rosenblatt Subject:Inserted Text Date:8/2/2011 10:51:52 AM
 surface water

Author:Idemouche Subject:Highlight Date:8/18/2011 11:09:50 AM
 Again I don't believe that drought should be listed as a threat. As stated if we didn't have contingency plans such as the drought emergency plan and the water conservation plan then yes it is a threat.

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Number	Clarification, Comment, or Direction	Page	Section	Suggestion	Source	Source
10	Clarification	17	SWOT	Recommend adding "limited water supply" to the " threats" section. Staff added "Occurrences of drought can impact the region's resources, including agricultural production and limitations to water supply."	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail
11	Clarification	17	SWOT	Request to add two threats, (1) The region experiences occurrences of drought and intensive precipitation through monsoon periods that threaten life, and (2) Lengthy drought periods may cause brush fires, especially in the dry mountain areas. Staff changed 3rd bullet to read: "There is potential for damage from flooding in specific parts of the region as a result of the (1) age, condition, design of or development around flood-control infrastructure, or (2) disruption of the function of natural or constructed flood-control systems from such factors as illegal dumping, loss of vegetation, or lack of maintenance, (3) unlawful construction in flood hazard areas, or (4) intensive precipitation during monsoon periods."	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	6-2-11 and 7-17-11 ETZ
12	Clarification	17	SWOT	Revise the survey box about encouraging retail et al to make it clearer. Staff reworded it to read, "Approximately three-fourths of respondents chose retail and light industrial/high technology as a type of development to encourage, and almost two-thirds of respondents chose office parks and mixed use as a type of development to encourage."	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	8-21-11 CLC P&Z
13	Clarification	18	Population	Add in into paragraph another contributor to population growth of "university students and faculty"	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	8-21-11 CLC P&Z
14	Clarification	19	Population	Comment that June's population numbers in Table 3-1 on page 19 may be too high. If available, staff asked Mr. Lopez to provide staff a more reliable source.	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail

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Number: 1 Author:iflicari Subject:Note Date:8/22/2011 4:18:08 PM

The 2 P&Zs and ETZ have made positive recommendations since we last spoke (including the changes in the matrix). Drought as a threat was raised at many levels and by several people. As such, I suggest it remain in some form. That particular bullet was not fully fleshed out in the matrix. A possible bullet that could move to the council and BOCC is 'Potential decreases to water quantity are possible because of cyclical droughts and climate change that could jeopardize community sustainability and growth if not periodically considered in existing drought emergency and water conservation plans.'

Your second change was noted and made in the plan.

Your third point, this bullet states what could be a cause for flooding in DAC. The suggested language in the plan does not mention drought. It reads, 'There is potential for damage from flooding in specific parts of the region as a result of the (1) age, condition, design of or development around flood-control infrastructure, (2) disruption of the function of natural or constructed flood-control systems from such factors as illegal dumping, loss of vegetation, or lack of maintenance, (3) unlawful construction in flood hazard areas, or (4) intensive precipitation during monsoon periods.'

Author:rosenblatt Subject:Cross-Out Date:8/2/2011 11:02:56 AM
 Concur with staffs closing comment.

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Number	Clarification, Comment, or Directive	Page	Section	Suggestion	Source	Source
15	Clarification	21	Population	Unclear of the meaning of the paragraph: "All scenarios share one thing in common, which is a declining rate of population growth over time. The primary reasons for this are an aging population and a declining birth rate. However, these long-term trends reduce the "natural" increase in population, which is a key component in population growth as is the difference between the number of people moving in to and the number moving out of the region." Staff finds this paragraph does not add to the population information provided and deleted this paragraph.	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z
16	Clarification	21	Population	Plan or region needs to address the economic aspects of an aging population (i.e. experience and volunteer capacity of older population, impact on taxes or revenue of a changing demographic, increased health and transportation needs, etc). Staff added a new paragraph to 'age' subsection under population that reads, "A change in demographics, such as the increase in people over 65 years of age, brings different challenges and opportunities to the region. Older persons often bring skills and experience that is an asset to the workforce and volunteer positions. However, the needs or expectations of an aging population require consideration in the planning and service delivery local governments provide its residents. These needs and expectations require consideration in the various plans and implementation tools illustrated in Figure 3-6, Plan Diagram."	CLC Senior Advisory Board	7-14-11 CLC Senior Advisory Board
17	Clarification	24	Organization	Reword the 3rd paragraph to explain the chapters in chronological order. Staff changed it to read, "Chapter 1, "Executive Summary," provides an overview of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. Chapter 2, "Regional Vision Statement," outlines the shared vision the region ideally hopes to achieve by 2040. Chapter 3, "Introduction," explains	Commissioner Shipley (CLC P&Z)	6-21-11 CLC P&Z

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This is not the purpose - this states methods and elements of a plan.

Author:rosenblatt Subject:Cross-Out Date:8/9/2011 11:28:45 AM

Current heading is appropriate and in line with Federal Executive orders, State Executive Orders, and US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement which the City is a signing member.

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			the purpose of this plan, summarizes the public engagement process, lists the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) used as a tool to help identify issues and goals in the plan, provides information on historic and future population, and illustrates how this plan relates to other plans. Chapter 4, "Concepts," outlines several encouraged general principles related to sustainability and smart growth. Chapter 5, "Regional Snapshot," provides existing condition information, issues, and accomplishments for the twelve resource topics covered in this plan. Chapter 6, "Goals & Strategies," list goals for each resource topic and some possible strategies to achieve those goals. Chapter 7, "Types of Communities," describes some broad characteristics of the various communities in the region. Chapter 8, "Regional Growth Strategies," describes the alternatives and assumptions examined on housing, development, and jobs that developed into the consensus strategy maps for distribution of housing, development, and jobs. Chapter 9, "Implementation," provides a preliminary list of actions local governing bodies might consider over the next five years. Chapter 10, "Acronyms & Glossary," list acronyms and terms defined in this plan. Chapter 11, "Bibliography," identifies the sources referenced in this plan."			
18	Clarification	26	Sustainability	Change heading from 'Sustainability and Smart Growth' to 'Concepts'	Staff	Staff
19	Clarification	28	Snapshot	Add sentence to organizations with the ETZ 'The ETZ is a five-mile growth planning area described in more detail in Chapter 7, Types of Communities, in this plan.'	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
20	Clarification	28	Snapshot	Change all http: references to www.	George Pearson	6-22-11 General Mig
21	Clarification	28	Snapshot	Replace the Snapshot introduction and remove 'Existing Conditions, Projections, or Trends' titles.'	Staff	Staff
22	Clarification	29	Snapshot	Correct NMSU acreage total in Table 5-1 on page 29, Land Ownership, and Map 3	Stephen Lopez	B-Mail

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Number: 1 Author:ificari Subject:Note Date:8/22/2011 4:18:53 PM

I am not sure of your point on the paragraph that explains the information in each chapter. This description outlines the subsections of each chapter. Ch 3, Introduction, starts out with the purpose (Section 3.1).

The reasoning behind changing Ch 4 title to 'Concepts' is to be consistent with the generalized heading descriptions of the other chapter headings. This chapter will now have subsections called Sustainability, Smart Growth, and Guiding Principles that will also be referenced in the Table of Contents.

Author:rosenblatt Subject:Cross-Cut Date:8/19/2011 9:48:35 AM
 Agencies should limit description to their legal mission statement and a brief of who their membership is comprised of, provide website if they have one. This is a Snapshot.
 Author:rosenblatt Subject:Callout Date:8/19/2011 9:47:30 AM
 Where was this survey and is it congruent with actual current or economic data or just opinions of those that participated in the survey ?

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23	Clarification	31	Snapshot	Include additional survey information. Staff added a survey box from mail survey near critical and sensitive on page 31 that reads '81.2% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed to identify and protect the region's environmentally sensitive lands.' Staff added a survey box from mail survey near agricultural soil on page 48 that reads '87.1% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed agricultural land should be protected where feasible; 89.0% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed agriculture is vital to our region and should be encouraged.'	Where was this survey and in it completed with what consent or economic data or just opinions of those that participated in the survey? Councillor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
24	Clarification	33	Snapshot	Clarify ETZ near Sunland Park is the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority.	Commissioner Terry (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
25	Clarification	35	Snapshot	Modify the description of Paso Del Norte Watershed Council at request of this group. New text to read, 'Created in 2011, the Paso del Norte Watershed Council (PdNWC) works to address issues related to the establishment and maintenance of a viable watershed. These include promoting projects to improve water supply and quantity, ecosystem integrity, the quality of life, and economic sustainability in the Paso del Norte watershed. The PdNWC also provides a forum for exchanging information about activities on the Rio Grande—Among its members are representatives of non-governmental organizations, federal and state agencies, water utilities, municipal governments, and universities, as well as private citizens. Rio Grande Council members represent diverse regional interests and provide interdisciplinary expertise in many aspects of watershed and natural resource management. More information is available at www.pdnwc.org .'	Conrad Kayes	E-Mail
26	Clarification	35	Snapshot	Add the PdNWC efforts in updating the 1997 Rio Grande watershed plan. Staff added to the Planning section a paragraph that reads 'The Paso del Norte Watershed Council (PdNWC), with the assistance of a stakeholder group, is in the	Chris Casavan	319 Water Group

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The PdNWC description has been shortened

As noted, the survey was an opinion survey. It is referenced in the bibliography of the plan and there will be a separate PDF of all the background inventory material that will accompany the plan. This material (and the survey) is available online at <http://vision2040.las-cruces.org> under the background documents tab.

- Author:rosenblatt Subject:Cross-Out Date:8/2/2011 9:41:30 AM
- TMOL are site specific based on a variety of local conditions.TMDLs can be agreed to in
- Author:rosenblatt Subject:Cross-Out Date:8/2/2011 11:48:37 AM
- Author:demouche Subject:Highlight Date:8/18/2011 11:24:57 AM
- Hydrologically speaking our groundwater and surface water are hydrologically linked, interrelated, and interdependent. If our groundwater were red, then the RG surface water would be pink. It would be best to say Tributary upwelling from groundwater
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			process of updating its 1997 Paso Del Norte Watershed Restoration Action Strategy plan. The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) awarded FAPPC a grant through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through its 319(b) Watershed Restoration Grant. The purpose of the grant is to assist stakeholders in planning for and obtaining the resources and support needed to enhance stewardship practices within the Rio Grande basin watershed that runs from Gobiols Reservoir, approximately 70 miles north of El Cerezo, New Mexico, to the Texas-Mexico boundary. The watershed covers a majority of Dona Ana County. The updated plan will re-examine Best Management Practices (BMP's) for enhancing watershed health and reducing nonpoint source pollution.		
27	Clarification	37	Snapshot	Tributary groundwater is not a surface water source. Changed to 'Drains and laterals'	Chris Canavan 319 Water Group
28	Clarification	37	Snapshot	Add DASWCD Plan to Table 3-3. Conservation Plan to read 'Adopted in 2011, the DASWCD's Land Use Plan is designed to: (1) provide protection for the soil and water resources within the District; (2) facilitate federal agency efforts to seamlessly coordinate joint efforts between federal, state and county land use decisions; and (3) provide strategies and policies for enhancing the preservation, improvement, and management of these resources.'	Joe Delk Dona Ana Soil & Water District 7-27-11
29	Clarification	40	Snapshot	Add 'Certain levels and types of these substances found in water are normal and pose no risk to plants, animals, or people. The potential risk occurs when many of these contaminants exceed a certain concentration referred to as Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)' by the second paragraph on water quality to clarify that not all substances in water or at all levels are harmful.'	Conrad Keyes E-Mail
30	Clarification	40	Snapshot	3rd water issue is poorly worded. Staff suggests revising it to read 'The cost to treat and recover water to meet water-quality standards is a limitation to additional future water supplies.'	Chris Canavan 319 Water Group

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I see no issue with the changes you noted on this page. The final wording may be slightly different as it moves through the final stages.

The water quality issue that was shown at the P&Z level read, 'The cost to treat and recover water for future water supplies could place a burden on meeting future water demands.'

FYI, these two issues were suggested to be added under 'Issues' in the Water Snapshot during the P&Z/ETZ stage

Instances occur when the Rio Grande exceeds New Mexico water quality standards for E. coli bacteria; this has potential to have a negative affect on human health and the quality and safety of fresh vegetables grown in the region.

Current building codes regulating storm water, including residential development, limit Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development that could be beneficial toward improving storm water management, groundwater recharge, pollution mitigation and water quality.

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and other agencies to advance soil and water conservation measures including agriculture, wildlife, habitat, and flood and wildfire

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too much

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31	Clarification	44, 101	Snapshot	<p>Add soil and water district as an organization under environmental snapshot and on Table 5-19-5a page 101. Staff added, "Soil and Water Conservation Districts in New Mexico are governmental subdivisions of the State of New Mexico that work in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, other state and federal agencies, and various organizations to advance conservation on private and public lands. Part of their mission is to conserve and develop the natural resources of the state, provide for flood control, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people within its service area. Two Soil and Water Conservation Districts serve Doña Ana County: the Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District (DASWCD) and the Saltillo Soil and Water Conservation District (SSWCD). In 2010, residents of Doña Ana County approved a referendum that expanded the service area of DASWCD to the entire Doña Ana County, excluding the northwest portion of the county served by the SSWCD. The previous service area of DASWCD, formerly called Las Lunas Soil and Water Conservation District, did not include the City of Las Cruces and many parcels of land in the southern part of the county. More information is available at www.daswcd.org or www.amncc.org. Staff modified the state agency paragraph on page 54 to add state agencies that govern, such as the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District, and Caballo Soil and Water Conservation District. For Table 5-19, added DASWCD & SSWCD work in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, other state and federal agencies, and various organizations to advance conservation or enhancement in Doña Ana County related to soil, water, agriculture, livestock, wildlife, recreation, riparian habitat, and rangeland resources, along with protection of those resources through flood and wildfire management."</p>	Joe Deik	Doña Ana Soil & Water District
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I see no issue with many of the changes you noted on this page. The final wording may be slightly different as it moves through the final stages.

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The valley experiences a windy season predominantly in the spring. Due to high variation in surface and high altitude temperatures and abrupt changes in topography the area has experienced high wind events capable of causing...

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Number	Clarification, Comment, or Director	Page	Section	Suggestion	Source	Source
32	Clarification	46	Snapshot	Include in Wetland description on page 46 that much of wetland and riparian habitat lost/alterd. Staff suggests rewording 1st paragraph to read, 'The region's riparian, or streamside, areas include drainage ditches, irrigation canals, storm-water basins and levees. These man-made systems are the dominate ecosystem over the last 100 years which has altered many natural wetland and riparian areas. The Rio Grande is the region's primary riparian feature.'	Zhris Canavan	319 Water Group
33	Clarification	49	Snapshot	Change the title of Map 4 from Prime Agricultural Land to High-Quality Agricultural Land, since the county only has high-quality soils and not prime	staff	staff
34	Clarification	51	Snapshot	Move Table 5-7, Major Regional Archeological-Historical Sites, and the paragraph on page 52, from Environmental Snapshot to Historic Preservation on page 97	Staff	Staff
35	Clarification	54	Snapshot	Modify wind text on page 54 to read, 'A few times a year, predominately in spring during severe storms along mountain slopes, winds can gust to near over 80 miles per hour causing damage to roofs and damage from trees falling into power poles, buildings and vehicles.'	Stephen Lopez	E-Mail
36	Clarification	54	Snapshot	Add a section on hazardous material and issues around railroad to hazards snapshot. Staff added 'The most probable risk should a hazardous material accident occur is on the region's highway and railroad corridors. Interstate 10, Interstate 25, and U.S. 70 are the primary transportation corridors into and out of Deza Ana County. Closure of these major roadways would negatively affect travel. // The Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) rail line that runs north-south passes through communities like Las Cruces at numerous at-grade crossings, runs along portions of the Rio Grande and agricultural land, and parallels in close proximity to Interstates 10 and 25. To a lesser extent, the Union Pacific (UP) rail line that runs west-east traverses mostly uninhabited lands once it is west of Santa	ETZ Commission	7-7-11 ETZ

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Can this be shown as a graphic with a for more info link to website?

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			<p>is adjacent to the Doña Ana County Airport and Santa Teresa industrial park, and approximately five miles to the Santa Teresa Port of Entry?</p> <p>Identify the expansion of RoadRunner Transit (i.e., 3 new NMSU routes and route to DACCC on East Mesa). Staff modified the 1st paragraph and added a 2nd paragraph to the transit description on page 60 to read "Public transit service in the region operates in the central portion of Doña Ana County in the Las Cruces area. Roadrunner Transit is a fixed bus route service with nine local routes. In addition, there are four routes serving the NMSU and DACCC main campus and shuttle service from the Mesilla Valley Mall to the DACCC East Mesa campus. The New Mexico Department of Transportation provides two regional Park & Ride routes. The Silver route provides service from central Las Cruces and NMSU to White Sands Missile Range. The Gold route provides service from downtown Las Cruces, NMSU, and Anthony to El Paso, Texas Sun Metro public transit system. Roadrunner Transit also offers curb service via Dial-A-Ride for eligible persons. Other private and specialized transit services operate in the Las Cruces area.</p> <p>The northern and southern portions of Doña Ana County depend on private transportation services that include taxi and specialized services. The El Paso Sun Metro public transit system runs to the New Mexico-Texas line adjacent to Sunland Park, New Mexico and is approximately four miles from Anthony, New Mexico at the terminus near Route 375, Transmountain Road. Presently, the nearest Sun Metro service is approximately five miles from the state line near Chaparral, New Mexico." In addition, changed the transit accomplishment on page 62 to read " Since 2009, there have been several expansions to transit service. This includes service on the NMSU campus, service to the DACCC East Mesa campus, and commuter routes to White Sands Missile Range and El Paso, Texas."</p>	<p>Can this be shown as a graphic with a for more info link to website?</p>	<p>7-21-11 CLC Transit Advisory Board</p>
7-27-11	Clarification	60	Snapshot	CLC Transit Advisory Board	7-21-11 CLC Transit Advisory Board

I added the website. I understand your point on the graphic, but think it best to leave the text as-is since the RoadRunner representative worked with staff on this text and we do not provide similar detailed maps in the plan on the other transportation systems.

Author:ldemouche Subject:Highlight Date:8/18/2011 11:32:29 AM

Hazards are actions - I don't believe that climate change should be considered a hazard, it is relative. As to the risk, medium risk is appropriate. We went almost 20 years in a row with appropriate precipitation. The weather is so variable that the risk is minimal.



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Number	Clarification, Comment, or Direction	Page	Section	Suggestion	Source	Source
68	Comment	35		Include the 319 Watershed Group effort in the plan, modify the Paso del Norte description on p. 35, 2040 fits well with the 319 water quality project plan, consider adding best management practices on water quality, and make sure what is in plan is not too restrictive to preclude innovative storm water management methods. The group plans to provide collective comments to staff on the plan.	319 Water Group	6-14-11 meeting
69	Comment	55	Snapshot	Believes drought and climate change should be ranked a higher risk as hazards. Note: Info in plan taken from the All-Hazards Plan updated in 2011.	Chris Cenavan	319 Water Group
70	Comment	68	Snapshot	Comment whether healthcare adequately addressed in plan, specifically efforts trying to build a new community hospital near Santa Teresa. Plan covers healthcare very broadly.	Rose Garcia	E-Mail
71	Comment	85	Planning	SOCOG is presently working on the 2011 Economic Development Strategy, plan refers to 2010 strategy	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
72	Comment	112	Strategies	Consider a list of transportation projects in addition to interstate projects for the plan, focus on transit corridors and connection to activity centers.	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting
73	Comment	156	Actions	JPA expected to be done by 9/2011 for Action 40 on merger of housing authorities, if so, delete and list as accomplishment	staff	staff
74	Comment			Concern in direction of city about Federal Dam, Madrid Rd extension, and traffic.	Carl Jensen	E-Mail
75	Comment			Like to see the plan up front give an 'ah ha' of the issues and vision, be shorter in length, feels group to follow up on actions not appropriate to plan	Commissioner Hearn (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
76	Comment			Likes plan, sees only minor changes	Commissioner Terry	6-2-11 ETZ
77	Comment			Uncomfortable with discussing where growth should be, focus more on how structure is set up	Commissioner Pacheco (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ
78	Comment			Wouldn't say plan covers the essentials or specifics, but provides objective list and process included a lot of public input.	Commissioner Acosta (ETZ)	6-2-11 ETZ

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 No changes to this bullet.



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Number	Clarification, Comment, or Direction	Page	Section	Suggestion	Source	Source
130	Direction	41	Snapshot	Comment that a tentative court agreement of 4.5 acre-feet per year for all agricultural users may be approved which might affect what is in the plan. The plan addresses this issue broadly with the issue on page 40. Ongoing legal issues remain on the quantification of surface and ground water rights that complicate the transfer of water. Staff suggestion is to monitor cases and indicate result if it occurs prior to adoption of the plan.	Conrad Keyes	E-Mail
131	Direction	41	Snapshot	Add an issue that reads 'A need exists to encourage green infrastructure and Low Impact Development to assist with storm water management, groundwater recharge, pollution mitigation, and improved water quality.'	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group
132	Direction	47	Snapshot	Include the IBWC Conceptual Restoration Plan in Table 5.5. Staff needs a copy of the plan and might be better noted in hazards if focus is on levee improvements. Add PdNWC is updating the 1997 Rio Grande watershed plan to re-examine Best Management Practices (BMP's) for enhancing the watershed health and reducing nonpoint source pollution.	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group
133	Direction	56	Snapshot	Discussion on public safety matters (getting warning notices out to the public) and time delay due to media ties with El Paso that cuts the county off from information out of the state capital, the FCC defines the area. Staff suggests adding to issues on page 56, 'Potential for public warning service and state information delays exist since the media services for Delfa Ana County come out of El Paso, Texas.' Does the plan need to address strategy or action?	Commissioner Townsend	7-7-11 ETZ
134	Direction	58	Snapshot	Brought up efforts of TEX-21, a public-private group focused on enhanced multi-modal transportation across Texas with ability to expand into NM. Question is if the regional plan needs to add anything about this group.	Councilor Thomas	6-21-11 meeting

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Author:rosenblatt Subject:Callout Date:8/19/2011 10:04:01 AM

Adopt into land use development and building codes where appropriate

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No need for specifics of bacteria or TMDL that is specific to this region or to the average reader of a long range plan. Reference to BMPs and identifying and controlling pollution sources is the strategy. TMDL's are for the most part promulgated at Federal Level if appropriate to our region or not.

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Number	Clarification, Comment, or Direction	Page	Section	Suggestion	Source	Source
146	Direction	89		Include 'evaluate emerging technology' in the plan and how changes in the way we do business (i.e. internet) can impact infrastructure, process, physical landscape, etc.	MVEDA	7-5-11 Presentation
147	Direction	107	Strategies	Add a separate strategy to Goal 6-2-1 on utilizing reclaimed water. Staff suggests adding 'Work with stakeholders to develop and employ reclaimed water resources.'	Adopt into land use development and building codes where appropriate.	319 Water Group
148	Direction	108	Strategies	Add a strategy on green infrastructure/Low Impact Development. Staff suggests adding, 'Encourage green infrastructure and Low Impact Development where appropriate.'	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group
149	Direction	108	Strategies	Add a strategy on bacterial load and TMDL in the Rio Grande. Staff suggests adding, 'Support planning and analysis of the Rio Grande basin watershed that will allow for best management practices in managing pollutant loads, such as bacterial-to-acceptable-Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) levels.'	Chris Canavan	319 Water Group
150	Direction	110	Strategies	Want to see more in plan about the commitment to the agricultural community's custom and culture. DASWCD would like to see more actions in plan supporting and growing the agriculture industry (refer to strategies under Goal 5-1-9). Staff suggests adding a strategy to Goal 6-4-3 that reads, 'Work with the agricultural and ranching community when developing land use plans to come up with desirable methods and locations of agricultural and ranching activities for the long-term.' Other additions might be possible.	Joe Dell	Doña Ana Soil & Water District
151	Direction	111	Strategies	Discussed hazardous by-pass routes. Staff suggests modifying the 7th strategy of Goal 6-5-1 to read, 'Identify hazardous-by-pass routes, consider hazardous by-pass ways, and install applicable signage within the county.'	Commissioner Townsend	7-7-11 ETZ

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Number: 1 Author:ificari Subject:Note Date:8/22/2011 12:44:28 PM

I see no issue with the changes you noted on this page. The final wording may be slightly different as it moves through the final stages.

On the LID Strategy, there was a suggested revision that came up during the P&Z stage that I suggest rewording again to read, 'Promote Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development (LID) as part of a comprehensive storm water and water-quality improvement strategy that may include adoption into land use development and building codes where appropriate.'

Paul Michaud

From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011 3:53 PM
To: 'terryald@aol.com'
Subject: RE: scnwmw coalition
 Commissioner Terry:

FYI, the Coalition language I will be proposing for the 2040 plan base don the JPA is as follows:

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Add South-Central New Mexico Storm Water Management Coalition to 'Organizations'

Formed in 2011, the South-Central New Mexico Storm Water Management Coalition is a joint agreement between the Caballo Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD) EBID, Doña Ana County, Doña Ana County Flood Commissioner, Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District (DASWCD), Las Cruces, Mesilla, and the Office of the Sierra County Flood Commissioner. The Coalition addresses areas of common concern with respect to storm water management and flood control. This includes collaborating, coordinating, partnering, and planning with others on mutually beneficial storm water management and flood control projects. The Coalition members work together in identifying problems related to storm water management and developing potential solutions. In addition, it includes lobbying for and acquiring funding for such projects, along with associated education, workshops, and training.

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Add South-Central New Mexico Storm Water Management Coalition to Table 5-19, Existing Intergovernmental Organizations. (This is an abbreviated version of what will be on p 35)

South-Central New Mexico Storm Water Management Coalition: Formed in 2011, the South-Central New Mexico Storm Water Management Coalition is a joint agreement between the Caballo Soil and Water Conservation District (CSWCD) EBID, Doña Ana County, Doña Ana County Flood Commissioner, Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District (DASWCD), Las Cruces, Mesilla, and the Office of the Sierra County Flood Commissioner. The Coalition addresses areas of common concern with respect to storm water management and flood control.

Regards,

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Commissioner Terry:

Thank you for sending the JPA over. I should be able to draft up some text for Table 5-19, Existing

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Intergovernmental Groups, and in the applicable reference in the Water Snapshot next week.

Regards,

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Paul,

Thank you again for all your work on the 2040 it has meaningfull differencees from the one the consulting firm created years ago.

Attached is the JPA for the "South Central New Mexico Stormwater Management Coalition"

Cliff

Paul Michaud

From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011 2:55 PM
To: 'Canavan, Chris, NMENV'
Cc: Hanson, Brian; Brinegar, Hilary
Subject: RE: Canavans proposed Vision 2040 narrative

Chris:

I looked at your changes. I see no problem with asking the elected bodies to make the changes noted in your e-mail dated August 3. I do want to point out a few things you or the group may want to discuss again. FYI, I will not be at the meeting tomorrow.

- On page 40, the new issue on E-Coli, I suggest rewording this issue since I think the proposed wording makes it seem to me like the Rio Grande exceeds E-Coli all the time and everywhere along the river.
 Instances occur when the Rio Grande exceeds New Mexico water quality standards for *E. coli* bacteria; this has potential to have a negative affect on human health and the quality and safety of fresh vegetables grown in the region.
- I will note to the elected bodies that the group suggests changing drought from a medium hazard to high hazard. To me, I suggest leaving it as medium since this table pulls directly from the All-Hazard Plan adopted in November 2011. The All-Hazard Plan should have examined the reasons behind selecting a medium probability. The 2040 Plan simply references work done in other plans.
- I was unclear of your comment to expand the bullet to address components of reclaimed water on page 107. This is where a new strategy to Goal 6-2-1 would be added that reads, "Work with stakeholders to develop and implement reclaimed water strategies."

Regards,

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Cc: Hanson, Brian; Brinegar, Hilary
Subject: FW: Canavans proposed Vison 2040 narrative
Importance: High

Paul-

I am submitting these comments on behalf of the PdNWC Clean water act Section 319(h) stakeholder workgroup. I wrote specific narrative and placed them in the matrix you provided. The comment is in black. The proposed narrative is in red.

We believe there is one particular very important topic in the document that is lacking.

8/8/2011

We believe Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development (GI/LID) is critical toward helping the region meet its goals for stormwater management and water quality. You will notice a couple of comments on these dilemma in the matrix. I have provided some definitions from the EPA.

LID- LID is an approach to land development (or re-development) that works with nature to manage stormwater as close to its source as possible. LID employs principles such as preserving and recreating natural landscape features, minimizing effective imperviousness to create functional and appealing site drainage that treat stormwater as a resource rather than a waste product.

GI- "Green infrastructure" is a relatively new and flexible term, and it has been used differently in different contexts. However, for the purposes of EPA's efforts to implement the Green Infrastructure Statement of Intent, EPA intends the term "green infrastructure" to generally refer to systems and practices that use or mimic natural processes to infiltrate, evapotranspire (the return of water to the atmosphere either through evaporation or by plants), or reuse stormwater or runoff on the site where it is generated. Green infrastructure can be used at a wide range of landscape scales in place of, or in addition to, more traditional stormwater control elements to support the principles of LID.

If you "google" either of these terms you will find mountains of info on the web.

Thanks for your assistance and consideration,
chris

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Edit type	Page #	Section	Comments/Narrative	Submitter
Direction	17	Introduction	<p>There is no mention of the potential for decreased water quantity or impairments to water quality under the subsection Threats. Suggest the following narrative in two separate bullets-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *- Potential decreases to water quantity as a result of cyclical droughts and climate change could jeopardize community sustainability and growth. *- Inadequate stormwater management infrastructure and pollution prevention planning could jeopardize water quality. 	Canavan
Clarification	35	Snapshot	<p>Suggest a short narrative on the PdNWC 319 WRAS- In 2008, the Paso del Norte Watershed Council received funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under a grant from Section 319(h) of the federal Clean Water Act to prepare a Watershed Restoration Action Strategy to address bacteriological impairment from <i>E. coli</i> in the Rio Grande in southern New Mexico. The plan is presently being updated with mitigation measures that include improved stormwater management and smart growth strategies.</p>	Canavan
Clarification	37	Snapshot	<p>The comment on tributary groundwater was rejected. I still believe it needs clarification, but no narrative was submitted.</p>	Canavan
Direction	40	Snapshot	<p>There is no mention of the exceedance of water quality standards for <i>E. coli</i> bacteria. Suggest the following for Issues- The Rio Grande exceeds New Mexico water quality standards for <i>E. coli</i> bacteria which has the potential to negatively impact human health and the quality and safety of fresh vegetables grown in the region.</p>	Canavan

Clarification	40	Snapshot	Third bullet in WQ Issues is poorly worded. Suggest- The cost to treat and recover water for future water supplies could place a burden on meeting future water demands.	Canavan
Direction	41	Snapshot	There is no mention of the current limitations to Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development. It is very likely in the future EPA will make such development part of the areas MS4 Permit (The NPDES Stormwater Permit). Suggested narrative- Current building codes regulating stormwater, including residential development, limit Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development which could be beneficial toward improving stormwater management, groundwater recharge, pollution mitigation and water quality.	Canavan
Clarification	41	Snapshot	Table 5-4. Initially thought there was no mention of bacterial contamination. It is included in "Mesilla" basin row. Strike previous comment.	Canavan
Clarification	46	Snapshot	This section is descriptive of present conditions. No further description is necessary. Strike initial comments.	Canavan
Direction	47	Snapshot	Table 5.5. Add a row- International Boundary and Water Commission- <i>Conceptual Restoration Plan and Cumulative Effects Analysis, Rio Grande— Caballo Dam to American Dam</i> (March, 2009).	Canavan
Clarification	55	Snapshot	Table 5-8. Drought should be changed to High	Canavan
Direction	107	Strategies	This comment involved water reuse. I suggested expanding that to a separate bullet that addresses components of reclaimed water. Strike previous comment.	Canavan ?
Direction	108	Strategies	This comment involved Green Infrastructure/Low Impact	Canavan

			Development. Promote Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development as part of a comprehensive stormwater and water quality improvement strategy.	
Direction	108	Strategies	This comment addresses the bacterial pollution in the Rio Grande- Support planning and analysis of the local Rio Grande watershed that will provide recommendations of best management practices in managing pollutant loads, such as <i>E. coli</i> bacteria, to meet state water quality standards.	Canavan
Direction	150	Action	Recommend remove the initial comment regarding TMDL. This is covered in a general sense under item 8.	Canavan

Paul Michaud

From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 4:51 PM
To: Michael Bartholomew
Subject: RE: Transit Advisory Board July meeting.

Mike:

I noted the changes. Thank you for taking the time to comment.

Regards,

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From: Michael Bartholomew
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:17 AM
To: Paul Michaud
Subject: RE: Transit Advisory Board July meeting.

Paul – Sorry for the delayed response. I suggested a few edits, but it looks good.

Although there were 4 routes on the main NMSU campus in the 10-11 school year, there will only be 3 this year. The fourth route was a one-year temporary route associated with the construction of the new bookstore and the loss of parking that construction created.

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It is the mission of RoadRUNNER Transit to provide safe, dependable and convenient transportation services to the citizens of Las Cruces.

From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 9:54 AM
To: Michael Bartholomew
Subject: RE: Transit Advisory Board July meeting.

Mike:

I looked at the transit descriptions in the 2040 plan after the presentation yesterday. I intend to make the following suggested changes. I would appreciate your input on whether these changes look acceptable from the transit board standpoint.

8/4/2011

Regards,

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Under Snapshot on page 60 thee is a description of the local transit for the county.

Local Transit

Most of the Public transit service in the region operates in serves the central portion of Doña Ana County in the Las Cruces area. Roadrunner Transit is a fixed bus route service with nine 12-local routes. In addition, there are fourthree routes serving the NMSU and DACC main campus and shuttle service from the Mesilla Valley Mall to the DACC East Mesa campus. The New Mexico Department of Transportation provides two regional Park & Ride routes. The Silver route provides service from central Las Cruces and NMSU to White Sands Missile Range. The Gold route provides service from downtown Las Cruces, NMSU, and Anthony to El Paso, Texas Sun Metro public transit system. Roadrunner Transit also offering curb-curb-to-curb service via Dial-A-Ride for eligible persons with eligible disabilities and for eligible senior citizens. Other private and specialized transit services operate in the Las Cruces area.

The northern and southern portions of Doña Ana County depend on private transportation services that include taxi and specialized services. The El Paso Sun Metro public transit system runs to the New Mexico-Texas line adjacent to Sunland Park, New Mexico and is approximately four miles from Anthony, New Mexico at the terminus near Route 375, Transmountain Road. Presently, the nearest Sun Metro service is approximately five miles from the state line near Chaparral, New Mexico.

According to the South Central Council of Governments Transit Service and Financial Plan of August 2008, most communities in Doña Ana County have a transit need higher than the national average based on the five characteristics of the transit needs indices of mobility: access to a vehicle, percentage of persons over 65 years of age, financial resources as measured by the median household income, percentage of households below the poverty line, and percentage of persons with a disability. This study ranked Chaparral, Hatch, Radium Springs and Sunland Park with the highest transit needs.

P62 (Accomplishments)

- Since 2009, there have been several expansions to transit service. This includes service on the NMSU campus, service to the DACC East Mesa campus, and commuter routes to White Sands Missile Range and El Paso, Texas. Two commuter bus routes provide service from New Mexico State University (NMSU) and Las Cruces to White Sands Missile Range. The Gold Route started in 2009 and provides service from Downtown Las Cruces, NMSU, Anthony, and El Paso, Texas.

Paul Michaud

From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 2:54 PM
To: Gil Sorg
Cc: David Weir; Brian Denmark
Subject: RE: Update on One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan
Councilor Sorg.

I will make that notation.

Regards,

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To: Paul Michaud
Cc: David Weir; Brian Denmark
Subject: RE: Update on One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan

Paul,

Reading over the page on 'Economic Considerations in Agriculture and Ranching Practices' I found just one thing that might be changed.

Irrigation water and farm ponds may attract weeds, wildlife and insects. I would exchange "vegetation" in place of 'weeds'; weeds are vegetation and not all vegetation are weeds. It's a matter of having the scientific community in agreement with the document.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 4:15 PM
To: Gil Sorg
Subject: RE: Update on One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan

Councilor Sorg:

Sounds good.

Regards,

8/4/2011

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From: Gil Sorg
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 4:10 PM
To: Paul Michaud
Subject: RE: Update on One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan

Thanks Paul,
I would like to go over the page on agriculture to change at least one word. Will forward to you.

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From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 4:06 PM
Subject: Update on One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan

Dear Vision 2040 Advisory Committee or interested person:

Attached is a comment matrix. The matrix summarizes the comments received during the public review period held in June-July 2011 on the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. Staff presented the plan at twelve public meetings and eight stakeholder meetings during the public review period. Much of the input includes ways to enhance the plan. It explains how staff plans to address changes where there was clear direction. You can find the comment matrix, a PDF showing the proposed changes, and copies of written comments received on the 2040 website at <http://vision2040.las-cruces.org>.

The plan is presently in the recommendation phase of the local Planning and Zoning/ETZ Commissions. These public meetings are open for public input. The Las Cruces and Doña Ana County Planning and Zoning Commissions both forwarded a recommendation of approval of the plan. The Las Cruces Planning and Zoning Commission held their public meeting on July 26, 2011, recommending approval by a vote of 7-0. The Doña Ana County Planning and Zoning Commission held their public meeting on July 28, 2011, recommending approval by a vote of 5-2, with Commissioners Park and Mercado dissenting. The public meeting for ETZ recommendation is set for August 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Government Center.

Upcoming meeting dates of the elected governing bodies on the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan have not been set. The tentative schedule is to hold such meetings in August and/or September 2011.

You can reach me at 528-3271 or at pmichaud@las-cruces.org for further information or questions.

Regards,

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8/4/2011

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Canavan Draft Notes of 319 Stakeholder Workgroup Vision 2040 Draft Recommendations

Beginning on Page 12 Section 3.3 the document identifies Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats to the present community as a whole and development of the community in the future.

Under the sub-section Weaknesses page 14 there is no mention of water quantity or water quality. The same goes for the sub-section Threats on page 17. It seems more applicable to recognize the potential water quantity and quality problems in the Threats section page 17. Regardless of where it goes it should be mentioned either in Weaknesses or Threats of Section 3.3.

Section 5.2, Water begins on page 34 by mentioning Organizations concerned with issues related to water. Page 34 makes brief mention of the PdNWC. I believe there needs to be additional narrative that mentions our current stakeholder workgroup and efforts. Page 35 sub-section Planning there is no mention of the PdNWC WRAS (the 1997 watershed plan which we are revising/updating). This could be mentioned here.

Section 5.2 sub-section Surface Water there is a mention of groundwater tributaries. Is this referring to the drains? This needs clarification. As written it is a contradiction of terms, i.e. groundwater is not surface water.

Section 5.2 sub-section Quality there is no mention of the problems with bacteria exceedances, and therefore no mention of the TMDL. The bacteria issue goes back much farther than the TMDL. This needs to be mentioned. To note- Section 5.3 Air Quality page 43 goes into great detail about exceedances. Water Quality should be given commensurate treatment.

Section 5.2 sub-section Issues page 40 the third bullet is a little ambiguous or maybe just poorly written.

Section 5.2 subsection Issues page 41 there is no mention of the impediment to developing Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development which would assist with stormwater management, groundwater recharge, pollution mitigation, and improved water quality.

Section 5.2 page 41 table 5-4 is heavy on groundwater quality and does not mention the *E. coli* TMDL.

Section 5.4 Environmental Resources sub-section Wetland and Riparian does not mention that much of the wetland and riparian habitat has been lost or altered. The drains and distribution

system has taken its place and is now the dominate ecosystem type if you will. Not mentioning this distinction ignores the potential to work within the existing system to improve these lost and degraded resources. Potential restoration could improve water quantity, quality and riparian habitat. I am not sure this idea fits here but it should fit somewhere.

Section 5.4 page 47 Table 5.5 does not have the IBWC Conceptual Restoration Plan. It may not belong here, but it does belong somewhere and not including it in the document is a major omission. (It may be in there somewhere, but I didn't see it).

Section 5.5 Hazards page 55 Drought is essentially given the same weight as Wildfire and Urban Fire and Tornado. Table 5.8 categorizes Drought as medium probability with a primary risk to "water system". This seems, well, odd. Of course the following is my opinion but, I believe drought and climate change (resulting in diminished water quantity) represent the primary risk to the growth and sustainability of the community.

Section 6.2 Water Goal 6-2-1 page 107 Strategies the concept of utilizing reclaimed water is given two words "water reuse". Should there be a separate bullet on development of reclaimed water such as building the infrastructure from new construction (housing, industrial, schools, offices) to water treatment plants?

Section 6.2 Water Goal 6-2-2 page 108 Strategies is another place where proposing Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development would be appropriate.

Section 6.2 Water Goal 6-2-2 page 108 Strategies there is no mention of the TMDL and therefore no mention of how to reduce bacterial pollution in the Rio Grande.

Regional Action Plan table 9-1 page 150-151 there is no mention of the TMDL nor plans to address it.



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Response to "One Valley, One Vision 2040"

July 14, 2011

The Dona Ana Soil and Water Conservation District (DASWCD) has recently reviewed the "One Valley, One Vision 2040" Plan. During our review, it was noted that our District is not recognized by name as an authority for local resource planning (page 45). It was also noted that according to your website, "Local elected bodies are expected to hold public meetings to adopt the plan late summer/early fall 2011." If we are indeed expected to support this plan, we feel it necessary to convey the following concerns.

First, DASWCD is a governmental subdivision of the State of New Mexico. It is organized by local people with Supervisors that are elected and its responsibility is to direct activities concerning soil and water conservation. The Soil and Water Conservation District Act [73-20-25 NMSA 1978] details the five items Soil and Water Conservation Districts are mandated to do:

- Control and prevent soil erosion;
- Prevent floodwater and sediment damage;
- Further the conservation, development, beneficial application, and proper disposal of water;
- Promote the use of impounded water for recreation, propagation of fish and wildlife, irrigation and for urban and industrial needs; and
- By the application of these measures, conserve and develop the natural resources of the state, provide for flood control, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of New Mexico.

It would seem that our mandates entitle the DASWCD to be an integral partner in the "One Valley, One Vision 2040" Plan.

Second, our main objection to the Plan is the lack of commitment to the agricultural community's custom and culture in Dona Ana County. Change and a growing population are inevitable, but most people choose to live here because of the easy going, rural custom and culture our valley has maintained over the years. Page 12 under strengths states "Agriculture is a major feature along the Rio Grande and provides a significant economic base for the region." Although this is only one statement, it seems to embody the Plan's philosophy regarding agriculture. "Feature" seems to be a bit of an understatement and does little to convey that it is actually the very foundation of our community. Without historical management of the Rio Grande for irrigation (i.e. agriculture), there would be no permanent settlement of the Valley. "Significant" is also an understatement; agriculture is the only sustainable economy for the Valley. No matter what changes occur to the national or global economy, people will always need to eat.

When a community really addresses the issue of sustainability, the question must be asked; what is more sustainable than a community that produces its own food supply? What is better resource management than minimizing distribution, transportation, and import of food products to your community? How can we "plan" for sustainability when our attitudes and policies do not encourage, support, and grow our community's agricultural production? How can we "preserve" our farms when we encourage development of residential subdivisions and commercial construction on the very prime resources for food production? What a misuse of resources to leave our sandy, dry soils on the mesa uplands undeveloped for "federal retention" and squander our arable soils for convention centers and courthouses.

Page 15 lists four economic development opportunities regarding agriculture:

1. "Expand agricultural sales and exports to institutions, including value-added processing."
2. "Integrate urban development with mid or small-scale agriculture."
3. "Expand agricultural museums in the area."
4. "Develop tourism around the Rio Grande, plus manage irrigation and flood control."

What exactly do any of those mean? What "institutions"? How can you integrate development with agriculture? You either develop on soils that can't be used for agriculture or you don't. Why wouldn't resources be used to expand agricultural production in the area, instead of making it history for a museum? "Manage irrigation", is it not managed now? On page 85, you recognize that "Dona Ana County ranked 27 of all U.S. counties for milk production in the last Census of Agriculture." But yet nothing is listed about expanding the dairy industry as an economic development opportunity.

Although the plan acknowledges on page 32, "the proximity of developing urban areas close to the Rio Grande has increased development pressure to convert agriculture land to other uses." It does very little to actually address how to plan in a manner to prevent it from happening.

We also disagree with the title of Table 5-14 which is "Economic Considerations in Agriculture and Ranching Practices" on page 87. The points listed in the table seem to be only the negatives. We find it hard to believe there are no positive economic considerations to agriculture and ranching practices. For example, market value of products sold in Dona Ana County in 2007 was \$388,787,000. That is a 54% increase from the value in 2002! Is that not an outstanding economic consideration? That's merely one example.

Additionally, page 106 outlines "Goal 6-1-9: Promote the region's status as one of New Mexico's most productive and economically important agricultural areas." While the strategies listed for this goal seem to support the agricultural industry, the implementation section on page 150, only addresses conservation easements and transfer of development rights. This is another indication of the lack of a true commitment to supporting and growing the agriculture industry.

We commend you on the efforts listed regarding flood control with respect to development and watershed management. We concur these are major issues our community faces that will require cooperation of several organizations and significant funding.

We support coordinating mutually beneficial, multi-jurisdictional, watershed-wide storm water management projects and developing regional work projects for storm water management and flood control.

We support watershed restoration projects, especially those aimed at preventing potential water quality degradation. An example would be proper brush management on rangeland used to prevent sediment erosion during storm events and potential e.coli discharge to water resources.

We believe it is crucial to public safety that access to all areas of the Lower Rio Grande Watershed not be restricted by the federal government under the guise of wilderness or National Conservation Area (NCA) protection.

We support efforts to capture and manage flood waters for beneficial use in Dona Ana County whether applied to aquifer recharge or irrigation.

In summary, our goal is to maintain and improve the soil, vegetation and watershed resources in a manner that perpetuates, sustains, and expands the beneficial uses of such resources while fully supporting the public safety, general welfare, customs, economic stability, and viability of our industries and our citizens.

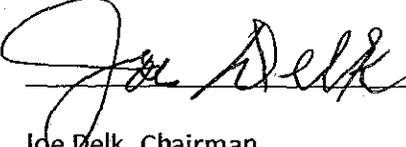
We also appreciate "Goal 6-12-2: Engage a diverse group of residents in the process of local government and intergovernmental cooperation." We agree that no one knows better how to maximize our resource usage and conservation more than those working with our resources, with their very hands, every day to make a living. We feel it is imperative that the DASWCD is included in your planning process. In order for the "One Valley, One Vision 2040" to be more than another plan for the shelf, it will require support for and support from our agricultural community, the very foundation of our unique and growing community.

Authored by Jennifer Shoup for:

The Board of Supervisors

Dona Ana Soil and Water Conservation District

- Joe Delk, Chairman
- Ed Provencio, Vice-Chairman
- Mary Esther Grider, Secretary-Treasurer
- Joe Gonzalez
- Dave Lowry
- Jennifer Shoup
- Steve Wilmeth

 7/14/11
Joe Delk, Chairman

Paul Michaud

From: Sheetal Jain
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 3:37 PM
To: 'George Pearson'
Cc: Paul Michaud; Steve Lithgow
Subject: RE: No default page instead of 404 error

Importance: High

Hello George,

Thank you for your valuable input. We really appreciate it.
I have made necessary changes to the code and made sure all your issues are addressed.

I would want you to visit all the relative links now and they should be working

http://www.las-cruces.org/code/vision_2040/documents/
http://www.las-cruces.org/code/vision_2040/

Best Regards
Sheetal Jain
Webmaster

-----Original Message-----

From: George Pearson [mailto:george.pearson@mackichan.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 12:49 PM
To: Sheetal Jain
Cc: Paul Michaud
Subject: No default page instead of 404 error

I consider it rather embarrassing that this link works:

http://www.las-cruces.org/code/vision_2040/index.html

but this link fails:

http://www.las-cruces.org/code/vision_2040/

Here is some more complete information on how I discovered this. I did a Google search for "las cruces parks and rec master plan" where I found:

http://www.las-cruces.org/code/vision_2040/documents/Inventory/Inventory%20Chapter%207-Parks%20Recreation%20and%20Open%20Space_09-18-09.pdf

I wanted to back up and see what other documents might be available, so I deleted from the end of the URL each item, but none of the subpaths worked. I then tried a search for "vision 2040" (using the search on the left on the 404 page and not the search in the banner area). This does not return a link to the Vision 2040 home page (and the second link results implies a data error), but by following the \$name link I was able to find the Vision 2040 home page link.

Given what I was trying in the first place, you might want to have:

http://www.las-cruces.org/code/vision_2040/documents/

redirected to:

http://www.las-cruces.org/code/vision_2040/documents.html

Perhaps these comments will be useful.

Regards,

George Pearson

Earl F. Burkholder

From: Earl F. Burkholder <eburk@globalcogo.com>
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Subject: FW: Vision 2040

Paul,

I sent this yesterday and got a failure to deliver message. The folks at Zianet acknowledged the problem and asked me to try again today.

Earl F. Burkholder, PS, PE, F.ASCE

From: Earl F. Burkholder [mailto:eburk@globalcogo.com]
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To: Paul Michaud (pmichaud@las-cruces.org)
Subject: Vision 2040

Paul,

I want to express my appreciation for the opportunity to sit in on the Vision 2040 presentation to the P&Z meeting last Thursday at the Dona Ana County complex. You and others are certainly to be commended for the vision, effort, and dedication to the plan. I also had the opportunity at the meeting to make a short statement of my interest in the plan. Thank you. I have previously submitted written comments.

In summary, my interest includes:

1. My background is surveying and engineering with emphasis on using new technology in the digital 3-D environment.
2. Vision 2040 has a stated horizon of 30 years. That is very ambitious (and good). Looking back 30 years, the digital revolution has completely changed the way society generates, stores, processes, analyzes, manipulates, and uses survey data. Every GIS is populated with some form of spatial data. What will it be like 30 years hence and how will those data be used? We can only dream but we have the tools and technology in place to realize some enormous benefits.
3. I wrote a book, "The 3-D Global Spatial Data Model: Foundation of the Spatial Data Infrastructure" (GSDM) that was published by CRC Press in April 2008. Those concepts are equally applicable whether we continue in the fragmented mode of the present, whether we adopt a regional plan similar to what the City of Albuquerque is doing, whether we develop a comprehensive real-time GPS network as done by various states (typically in conjunction with the DOT), or whether we actually implement a state-wide spatial data agency to be responsible state-wide for the geodetic control and use of the National Spatial Reference System – see options in data already submitted.
4. Almost all activities of City/County/Regional governments are in some way location related. To achieve the benefits of coordination and working on the same page, the impact of a new concept "use of the spatial data infrastructure" needs to be included as part of Vision 2040.

5. I have promoted cooperative use of GPS and related technologies locally. We needed to start somewhere and we have. But, the benefits to be derived for the community at large need to go well beyond the GP5 CORS station installed on the NMSU campus that feeds data to the National Geodetic Survey on a continuous basis. Those data are then readily available to local users via the internet and become an integral part of the spatial data foundation.
6. Now that I am retired, I am focusing more on providing seminars and workshops on the concept and use of the GSDM. I have presented several workshops in the past and am planning, in the next year, for offerings in Washington State, Oregon, Wisconsin, and Texas. Depending on the sponsor and the audience, those seminars are tailored for technicians, professionals, managers, and policy makers alike. Although the technical content can become rather deep (I'm happy to go there for those who want it) the overall impact of the 3-D concept is not all that tough. But, it is a new way of looking at traditional surveying, mapping, engineering, and GIS practices and it puts everyone on the same page.
7. If you are interested, I'll be happy to meet with you and/or whomever you choose (Paul Dugie and surveyors for both city and county come to mind) either in an information session (+/- 1 or 2 hours) or work with interested parties to put on a formal workshop on concepts and details.
8. I have fairly extensive experience in working with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWPRC) over the past 20 years and will be happy to share lessons learned there with regard to bridging the gap between their GIS data base and use of their new real-time network. That experience is on-going.

Thank you for your interest, consideration, and response.

Incidentally, the article featuring you in the Sun-News Monday Business Section was informative and well written. Welcome to Las Cruces.

Regards always,

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Paul Michaud

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Subject: RE: One Valley, One Vision 2040 - updated input by CG Keyes Jr
Conrad:

I appreciate your additional comments. As noted, the elected officials will be given written comments once staff pulls together all the comments during the review period.

Below is my quick response to your comments.

1. I see no issue with adding educational institutions you noted on point 1 and 8. I received a similar comment with some other possible institutions to add. My initial thought is to remove the second part of the bullet listing the institutions on page 13, replace it with a reference to Table 5-18, and list the educational institutions in Table 5-18 on page 100. One of the challenges the 2040 Advisory Committee struggled with was when you make lists it is easy to miss groups and it gets too lengthy to try to identify them all.
2. I am sure many people will agree that construction and development plays a vital role in the regional economy. FYI, we always had at least one stakeholder from this field present at the advisory meetings. The request will be moved forward to add 'construction and development' to this bullet of the SWOT.
3. I see no issue with the inclusion of a clarification that E Coli is not always bad and depends on total maximum daily load. My thought is a sentence or two in the 'Quality' text on page 40 after the sentence "It can also include E.coli bacteria from ranch and farm stock, dairies, human recreation areas, and municipal areas."
4. On page 41 and the Valentine tentative water agreement, it is likely something we need to follow and amend the plan before adoption. As I read the article, it seems like the trial is still ongoing. EBID was on the advisory committee and reviewed the water portions of the regional plan closely. This ongoing issue was identified broadly on page 40 as, 'Ongoing legal issues remain on the quantification of surface and ground water rights that complicate the transfer of water.' If the plan needs some rewording, a proposal is best to come from someone familiar with this issue.
5. Your point that the plan does not address brackish water is noted. My recollection is the committee touched on it as part of utilities and infrastructure, along with available water supply. At the end of the day, this topic was not fleshed out. Desalination is in the plan as a strategy under Goal 6-2-1 on page 107. This might be an area the 319 group could identify some language in the plan. On the geothermal in use at NMSU, this could be an area for an accomplishment on page 74. Staff would need more detail on the geothermal project itself.
6. Staff will correct the paragraph matter on page 34.
7. I do not see an issue with adding to the acronyms PdNWC and modifying the EPA/BOR.
8. I do not see an issue with replacing the PdNWC description on page 35 with what you provided.

Regards,

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6/15/2011

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Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 3:18 PM

To: Paul Michaud

Cc: Susan Watts; Ari Michelsen; Hilary Brinegar; Amy SPA Louise; Sally Spener; Cyndie Abeyta; Bert Cortez

Subject: One Valley, One Vision 2040 - updated input by CG Keyes Jr

To: Paul Michaud

City of Las Cruces

Re: Input from Conrad G. Keyes, Jr. on One Valley, One Vision 2040 (Vision)

The effort on this project has been great, to say the least. The time and involvement should of been rewarding to many. I just have a few potential refinements or some input and I probably stated some of them when you met with the Stakeholders group of the PdNWC 319 project this morning at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center. The PdNWC (Paso del Norte Watershed Council) may provide additional input as a group at some later date, but I do anticipate that many of its members (over 50 pretty active folks) will provide input via their means before the end of August 2011.

Here goes and each item refers to different places in the Vision:

1) page 13 - list of Colleges; it mentions NMMI and NMHU, but not ENMU (Ruidoso) and WNMU. In fact, only a few of the ones listed here are also in section 5.7 (Table 5-18) where others like EPCC and UTEP and TAMU (Socorro, TX) and University of Juarez are not listed. All of these are involved with the PdNWC in some form or another. See Item 8) below.

2) 2nd bullet of Strengths - It seems that local institutions include Construction and Development, which are only mentioned when applied to growth in other sections of the Vision. The local Construction Industry and the Real Estate Development in Dona Ana County have generated a large amount of taxes and fees over the past 50 years and they could do the same over the next 30 years.

3) Table 5-4 does mention bacteria, but it should go to the problem as pointed out by the NMED TMDL on *E. Coli*, the measurement that created the document. Not all bacteria is bad, only the ones that bother the health of humans, etc.

4) Accomplishment on pg 41 -- As indicated in the LC Sun News last week and this morning, the U.S. District Court action by Judge Valentine may provide a tentative agreement on agriculture water usage (which could include other water users) for crops in the Rio Grande Project (Elephant Butte Reservoir to Ft. Quitman, TX). It seems that the NM SEO has developed a proposed annual consumptive use of about 4.5 acre-ft per acre for all lands in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of NM. This could be a huge constraint on some acreage, depending on which side of the coin you own.

5) Groundwater on pg 39 -- It seems that the New Water in NM (about a 2007 regulation), brackish water; has been neglected. Desalination, as used in Otero County, is a reality and there has been some geothermal water already used in Dona Ana County by NMSU, etc. If disposal of brine concentrate is managed properly; this is a possible major source of water as controlled by the NMSEO.

6) The next to last paragraph on page 34 should be divided into two paragraphs with the new paragraph being: "The "Water Quality Control ... More information ... is at www.nmenv.state.nm.us. The Interstate Stream Commission, as implied by the current paragraph, doesn't have the WQCC as a part of such. The Commission reports directly to the NM Governor, but does have oversight for

all water quality control that happens in the NMED, NMSEO, etc.

7) Chapter 10 -- it would be nice to have PdNWC - Paso del Norte Watershed Council listed. I think USEPA and USBR would be more appropriate. This would be in line with the USIBWC and other US governmental agencies within the counties.

8) Juarez, Mexico is listed in Table 5-18; but the University of Juarez is not, neither is Canutillo, TX. Also, it does seem that El Paso Water Utilities is a major player on the westside of the Rio Grande for at least 20 or more miles along the river in El Paso County. I also know that El Paso Community College near Canutillo, TX is involved in measurements of water quality in the Rio Grande. Other units in El Paso County just south of Anthony, TX a few miles and involved with the PdNWC are UTEP and TAMU (Agri-Life) research station in Socorro.

9) It would be great if you would use the following on pg 35 of the Vision: -- 'The Paso del Norte Watershed Council (PdNWC) works to address issues related to the establishment and maintenance of a viable watershed. These include promoting projects to improve water quality and quantity, ecosystem integrity, the quality of life, and economic sustainability in the Paso del Norte watershed. The PdNWC also provides a forum for exchanging information about any and all activities on the Rio Grande. Among its members are representatives of non-governmental organizations, federal and state agencies, water utilities, municipal governments, and universities, as well as private citizens. As a result, Council members represent diverse regional interests and provide interdisciplinary expertise in many aspects of watershed and natural resource management.'

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Cc: "Sally Spener" <Sally.Spener@ibwc.gov>, "Amy SPA Louise" <amy.louise@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 1:48:23 PM
Subject: One Valley, One Vision 2040 - May 18th, 2011 agenda and Draft regional plan

Please provide to others - Upcoming Public Meetings might come next.

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Paul Michaud

From: George Pearson [george.pearson@mackichan.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 12:49 PM
To: Sheetal Jain
Cc: Paul Michaud
Subject: No default page instead of 404 error

I consider it rather embarrassing that this link works:

http://www.las-cruces.org/code/vision_2040/index.html

but this link fails:

http://www.las-cruces.org/code/vision_2040/

Here is some more complete information on how I discovered this. I did a Google search for "las cruces parks and rec master plan" where I found:

http://www.las-cruces.org/code/vision_2040/documents/Inventory/Inventory%20Chapter%207-Parks%20Recreation%20and%20Open%20Space_09-18-09.pdf

I wanted to back up and see what other documents might be available, so I deleted from the end of the URL each item, but none of the subpaths worked. I then tried a search for "vision 2040" (using the search on the left on the 404 page and not the search in the banner area). This does not return a link to the Vision 2040 home page (and the second link results implies a data error), but by following the \$name link I was able to find the Vision 2040 home page link.

Given what I was trying in the first place, you might want to have:

http://www.las-cruces.org/code/vision_2040/documents/

redirected to:

http://www.las-cruces.org/code/vision_2040/documents.html

Perhaps these comments will be useful.

Regards,

George Pearson

Lower Rio Grande Watershed Stakeholder Meeting

June 14, 2011 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Mesilla Park Recreation Center

304 Bell Avenue Las Cruces, NM 88005-3706

Attendees:

Brian Hanson: PdNWC

Paul Michaud: CLC

Les Owen: NMDA

Jan Kirwan: NMSP

Fernando Cadena: EBID

Bill Quinones: Builder

Michael Ada: RGCOG

Roger Hedrick: DAC

Ray Lister: BLM

Les Finley: CLC Parks and Recreation

Conrad Keyes, Jr.: PdNWC

Angela Roberson: DAC County Development

Tom Mobley: Rancher

Chris Canavan: NMED

Sumer Guffey: NMDA

Meeting Topics:

- Review of previous meetings
- Discussion of *Vision 2040*: Presentation by Paul Michaud and Roger Hedrick

Comments/Suggestions:

- Does anything in the Vision 2040 document address possible solutions?
 - Yes, on some level, but this document is broad and regional. See "Implementations" section.
- Was there an advisory board consulted during the creation of Vision 2040?
 - Yes. An estimated 45 people were involved from various organizations. A full list of stakeholders can be found on the website.
- In the "Implementations" section, it appears that there fees, taxes, and considerable growth included. How is a balance achieved?
 - Although it is difficult to achieve balance, ongoing assessments will be made and adapted when needed.
- How realistic is the document?

- Reasonably realistic, visionary. The document represents a desire of where we want the community to be.
- Regulations are a moving target. How do you incorporate that into the document?
 - We did so by beginning with a comprehensive plan and moving forward. It's a living document that will be re-assessed periodically.
- There were no BMP for watershed management listed. Isn't that the purpose of 319(h)?
 - There should be recognition in the document that the Council is developing BMPs to be included.
- Does BLM RMP address issues of exceedences, managing the watershed?
 - Our vision needs to be coordinated with BLM.
- We should look at the document and make our suggestions.
- We need to identify major players and documents to see where our efforts are crossing over.
- Flood control & Stormwater management: Vision 2040 includes great amount of maintenance regarding these issues, but there is not much focus on exceedences, and therefore, addressing exceedences may not be recognized as necessary for funding.
 - We need BMPs and other suggestions to open the door to alternative measures for slowing down water, other than arroyos and dams.

Next Meeting:

- Begin moving towards Watershed Based Plan

Paul Michaud

From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 3:53 PM
To: 'Rose Garcia'
Cc: 'Roger Hedrick'
Subject: RE: NM State Land Office real estate available

Rose:

I think your committee effort on the feasibility of a new community hospital near Santa Teresa is a commendable effort. I personally do not have information on SLO sites near utility extensions, particularly near Santa Teresa as I work for the City of Las Cruces. The county GIS Department might have some general information. However, I think you need to contact the utility provider(s) and SLO directly for this type of information.

As for the regional plan, the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee left the healthcare component in very broad terms (see text below) and it has no map of utility lines. My recollection of the committee discussion was they felt the healthcare issue more of a private sector matter and thought the local comprehensive plans would generally address healthcare locations and issues. To that end, I have copied Roger Hedrick, Deputy Community Development Director with Doña Ana County. He is heading up the county comprehensive plan effort. He might be able to direct you to another county employee that might be able to give you more information.

Regards,

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Healthcare

With the exception of many senior and assistance programs provided by Doña Ana County or an individual municipality, many of the healthcare facilities and services in the region are provided by private and not-forprofit organizations. The Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Department and New Mexico Health Department are government agencies involved in planning and collecting health-related information in the region. The 2006 Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Alliance Action Plan is one such plan.

Some of the healthcare challenges we face in the region include a large medically underserved population, medical services for the growing senior population, and shortages of health care professionals outside the Las Cruces metropolitan area.

6/10/2011

From: Rose Garcia [mailto:rgarcia@tierradelosolhousing.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 2:38 PM
To: Paul Michaud
Subject: NM State Land Office real estate available

Paul, I am helping with a planning committee to conduct feasibility for building a new community hospital facility in the sunland/santa Teresa. the committee asked me to find out information about any SLO sites near utility extensions, not in flood plain or major environmental impacts that might be considered for a hospital development. The deal would take about 20 to preferrably 60 acres. Our intent is to subdivide a PUD for hospital centerpiece with other compatible developments, i.e., workforce rental/homeownership, medical commercial space, green space, outdoor recreation, walk paths, etc., with operating theme of "wellness" rather than the typical warehouse type hospital set up. Is this inquiry something that your 204 might have interest in talking more? Tks, Rose Garcia 575/882-3554

6/10/2011

Paul Michaud

From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 2:44 PM
To: 'Karen Nichols'
Subject: RE: 2040 - comments and meeting request
Attachments: LRGPWWA Comments on Vision 2040.pdf

Karen:

I would like to thank the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority for taking the time and interest in the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan effort. As you may already know, the process in approving the regional plan includes several steps. Staff and the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee of stakeholders worked together to produce the draft plan you reviewed. The present step that lasts through the middle of July is for public input. The next step involves getting the various appointed governing bodies (i.e. Planning and Zoning Commissions) to make a recommendation on the plan that may include suggested changes. The last step in the approval process is for the elected governing bodies (i.e. Board of County Commission, City Council, Trustees) to adopt the plan via resolution that may include suggested changes. Staff will make changes to the plan based on the direction given by the elected governing bodies. At this point, the only changes staff will start to make to the plan will be errors in information, typographical, and similar matters. I believe your comments on pages 112 and 125 fall under this category. Your remaining suggested revisions seem reasonable. Staff will share with the elected governing bodies reviewing this plan comments received. Staff will compile these comments after the end of the public input period.

Staff will be happy to present the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan to your organization on July 20. We can coordinate the details closer to July 20. If my reply does not address your comments, I would be happy to discuss this further with you.

Regards,

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From: Karen Nichols [mailto:karen.nichols@lrgauthority.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 3:40 PM
To: Paul Michaud
Subject: 2040 - comments and meeting request

Good afternoon Mr. Michaud,

I have attached comments on the 2040 plan from the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority. Our board would like to invite you to talk about the plan at our next meeting on Wednesday, July 20th at 9:00 a.m. our our Vado office. Please let me know if that works for your schedule and I will make sure it gets on the agenda.

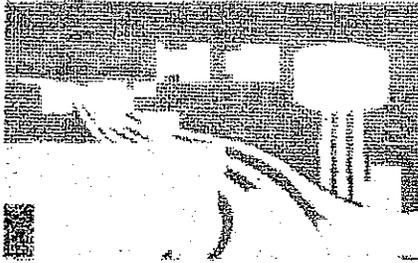
Best regards,

Karen

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Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority Comments RE: One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan June 2011

Note: page numbers refer to the page number in the PDF file, NOT the document page numbers in the footer of the Plan

Page 112: Table 5-19 Existing Inter-governmental Groups:

- Please include the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority in the list of members of the Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization
- South Central Council of Governments should probably be included here as an Inter-governmental Group as well.

Page 125: Goal 6-7-2: Meet the existing and projected needs of residents through location, access, extent and timing, staffing, and category of community facilities and services.

“Make technology, such as computers with Internet access, available in community centers for underserved populations, particularly in colonias identified by the State and County”

- This goal should include making high-speed Internet access more generally available rural communities and colonias. This has been a real challenge for us in merging five mutual domestic water associations into the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority. We have worked out an arrangement with Southwestern Wireless for improved Internet access to improve the connectivity of our community office locations in exchange for co-location of their equipment on one of our water tanks. That has helped, but we are needing connections with better speed and stability than what is currently available. We also experience issues with poor cell phone service in some areas.

“Encourage any provider of a community facility located or proposed within the local jurisdiction to be included in the community facilities element of the local comprehensive or master plan.”

- Also encourage local governmental jurisdictions preparing comprehensive or master plans to coordinate with and include all providers of community facilities and utilities in the development of the plan.

Page 127: Goal 6-8-3: Coordinate with other local governments, utility districts, and state and federal agencies on the provision of utilities that have multijurisdictional impacts.

Strategies



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"Form intergovernmental partnerships to fund and operate regional utilities."

- We would and "and work with regional partners to encourage state and federal funding and regulatory agencies to remove institutional obstacles to regionalization."

Page 138: Colonias: "Colonias typically have high poverty rates, making it difficult for residents to pay for roads, sanitary-water and sewer systems, minimum standard housing, street lighting, and other services."

- The Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority formed by the merger of La Mesa, Mesquite, Vado, Berino and Desert Sands mutual domestic water associations under NMSA 1978 73-26-1 enacted by the NM Legislature in 2009 provides water (and in the Mesquite area, sewer) service to the Berino, Del Cerro, Joy Drive, La Mesa, Las Palmeras, Mesquite, Montana Vista and Vado Colonias. Economies of scale that have been achieved as a result of this merger significantly dropped the rates and made water service more affordable in all of these areas except Mesquite/Del Cerro where rates remained stable and have historically been lower due to the additional income from water sales to the dairies in the customer base.

Paul Michaud

From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 1:28 PM
To: 'Earl F. Burkholder'
Cc: cgkeyesjr@q.com
Subject: RE: Input to One Valley, One Vision 2040

Mr. Burkholder:

I would like to thank you for taking the time and interest in the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan effort. As you may already know, the process in approving the regional plan includes several steps. Staff and the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee of stakeholders worked together to produce the draft plan you reviewed. The present step that lasts through July 15 is for public input. The next step involves getting the various appointed governing bodies (i.e. Planning and Zoning Commissions) to make a recommendation on the plan that may include suggested changes. The last step in the approval process is for the elected governing bodies (i.e. Board of County Commission, City Council, Trustees) to adopt the plan via resolution that may include suggested changes. Staff will make changes to the plan based on the direction given by the elected governing bodies. At this point, the only changes staff will start to make to the plan will be errors in information, typographical, and similar matters.

I think many people can agree that the use of spatial data and the consistent application of such data make understanding all the activities you mentioned easier. Location-based data is important in my function as a planner. In my opinion with what I understand from reading your comments, I am not sure including the amount of detail you propose on spatial data infrastructure is appropriate in the plan since the plan covers topics broadly. It appears you are suggesting including a 13th resource topic for spatial data infrastructure. My preliminary thoughts include this issue may have a place in the weaknesses of the SWOT, possibly an issue under the intergovernmental snapshot, a strategy under the intergovernmental goal of 6-12-1 on cooperation, and possibly an action.

As mentioned, staff will share with the elected governing bodies reviewing this plan comments received. Staff will compile these comments after the end of the public input period. If my reply does not address your comments, I would be happy to discuss this further with you.

Regards,

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Subject: Input to One Valley, One Vision 2040

Mr. Michaud,

Several weeks ago Conrad Keyes, Jr. forwarded me a link to the One Valley, One Vision 2040 document. For that I am grateful.

6/10/2011

I have browsed the entire document and studied parts of it. There is much yet for me to learn.

However, with my professional background and interest in better use of spatial data, I did take the time to organize some suggested input to the document. I have sent two pdf files as follows:

1. Input to Planning Guide is a 2-page document with a link at the end of each page. Those 2 links provide access to an enormous amount of information. I tried to keep the information both concise and to provide references for anyone interested in background materials. Forgive me if I provided too much.
2. The second document is 2-pages with no links. This document contains suggestions for specific modification and additions to the existing planning document.

Question – I have the schedule of up-coming meetings and, if appropriate, will plan to attend both the meeting on June 13, 2011 in Mesilla and the June 21, 2011 meeting at City Hall. My goal being to listen and learn more about the planning process.

If appropriate, I will be happy to meet with you and/or committee to answer any question and/or provide clarification on any input I have provided.

Again, I was very impressed by the existing document and applaud the Vision it represents.

With kind regards always,

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Memo

Date: June 7, 2011

TO: One Valley, One Vision 2040 Committee

FROM: Earl F. Burkholder, PS, PE, F.ASCE
NMSU Emeritus Faculty – Surveying Engineering

RE: Suggestion - Add a section to the plan addressing the use of digital spatial data

Persons who contributed time, effort, and talent to develop the One Valley, One Vision 2040 document are to be commended. The draft plan demonstrates real vision for the future and will certainly serve as an effective guide for achieving some really important goals.

The purpose of these comments is to suggest adding a section to the Vision that addresses uses of spatial data. Surveying and mapping are terms many persons are familiar with but the phrase "uses of spatial data" (although more abstract) is more descriptive of location-based activities and technologies encountered in the collection, storage, analysis, manipulation, and display of digital spatial data. GIS is another term closely associated with "uses of spatial data."

The ideas offered here (although forward-looking) are not just "pie in the sky" because they are currently possible and, for the most part, can be implemented with current staff and resources. Admittedly, more coordination, additional education/training for staff, and incremental implementation are some of the challenges to be addressed and met. **The goal of having spatial data users throughout the region on the same page with respect to survey control, datums, equations, standards, specifications, orders of accuracy, storage formats, and operational procedures can provide many benefits.** Such a goal cannot be accomplished immediately but, given that an overall spatial data implementation framework is identified; various users can routinely contribute to the common good as identified in the Vision.

A legitimate question is whether such a framework is best established and administered at the local level, at the state level, or as part of a federal program. Funding may be part of the answer. One view is that local talent is best utilized in solving local problems. The downside of that view is that, without a comprehensive plan in place, funds are seldom available to address the whole problem. The competition for resources is great and it often happens that funds are allocated in a "stop-gap" fashion just to get beyond the current crises. Another view is that bigger picture issues (rules, stipulations, and oversight) are typically mandated as condition of receiving state or federal funding. Everyone knows that federal and state resources are also very tight and even though many needs exist, it is very difficult to qualify for such funds – unless compelling reasons exist or statutory mandates cannot be avoided. Which view is best for One Valley, One Vision 2040? I don't know but am convinced that the collective wisdom of many community leaders and interested professionals will be critical to finding a workable balanced solution. Additional considerations are discussed at the link, [Office of NM State Surveyor](#).

Examples of benefits that can be realized through well-planned coordination are:

1. The development of FEMA Flood Plain Maps based upon reliable bench marks is a challenge. A "Height Modernization Program" is one way to address this problem but the overall need for better spatial data is larger than can be solved with one small program.
2. There is a lack of consistency of survey control values and availability of reliable survey monuments control values (having to do with datums, orders of accuracy, coordinate systems, etc.) being used in Las Cruces and the surrounding Dona Ana County region. Over time, the cost of inconvenience, delays, and other "stop-gap" measures is viewed as exceeding the cost of a well-planned and executed coordination effort.
3. The use of GPS established control values and related GPS surveying procedures is a fact. Private enterprise utilizes GPS extensively. The City of Las Cruces uses GPS routinely in support of public works projects and their GIS data base, Dona Ana County operates a network of GPS base stations and NMUS uses GPS in a variety of applications including facilities, research, and instruction. The point is that better coordination between users could provide benefits not currently being realized. For example, there are at least three permanently installed GPS receivers on campus at NMSU that collect data from satellites continuously. Each was justified and installed according to a legitimate set of conditions and circumstances. However, had a broader policy been applied, it would have been possible to enjoy a greater level of service for the same money. The uniqueness and practicality of each installation can be argued but the point is that un-necessary duplication should be avoided to the extent possible.

It is acknowledged that money for new programs is but a dream. But wait a minute. It is also conceded among policy makers that innovation is an essential element of our national (even global) economic recovery. In the abstract, consider:

1. It takes money to solve problems.
2. Spending money does not solve problems.
3. People solve problems.

Given the development of "One Valley, One Vision 2040" and appropriate leadership, there are many talented persons in this area who can help realize the goals contained in that Vision. That being true, the success of "One Valley, One Vision 2040" really depends upon development and utilization of the most valuable community resource – that is the motivation, will, and talent of our people. A negative cliché is "we can do it for ourselves or we can do it to ourselves."

Given the digital revolution of the last 40 years, the convergence of spatial data technologies, and the challenges of enhanced infrastructure for economic development, there is much to be accomplished in development and implementation of One Valley, One Vision 2040. What can I do to help? Developing a talent pool is first step – <http://www.globalcogo.com/talent.pdf>.

Memo

Date: June 7, 2011

TO: One Valley, One Vision 2040 Committee

FROM: Earl F. Burkholder, PS, PE, F.ASCE
NMSU Emeritus Faculty – Surveying Engineering

RE: Suggested modifications to existing One Valley, One Vision 2040

I am suggesting modifications to the existing One Valley, One Vision 2040 plan to include consideration of the impact of how we use digital spatial data. Location and location-based services are often taken for granted but are quite essential to the following activities:

- Land use/administration
- Inventory of human, environmental, and physical resources
- Identifying and monitoring the location of hazards
- Transportation facilities; highways, railroads, pipelines, irrigation canals, etc.
- Location of facilities and economic assets
- Housing and land ownership

The broad perspective as identified on page 8 of One Valley, One Vision 2040 really should accommodate evolving concepts of 3-D digital spatial and utilization of newer technologies. As a side note and addressing some of the weaknesses described on page 14, the combined resources and talent of local users, technologists, professionals, politicians, and bureaucrats need to cooperate to recognize and exploit the characteristics, management, and uses of digital spatial data. Existing fragmentation of infrastructure development and maintenance can be reduced through a comprehensive evaluation of the role of spatial data in many activities.

There are several specific suggestions to One Valley, One Vision 2040. The first suggestion is to insert Section 5.1 (renumber subsequent sections) under "Regional Snapshot" to include:

5.1 Spatial Data Infrastructure:

- Introduction describing the (largely invisible) role of spatial data
- Definition of what is included in spatial data considerations.
- Description of uses of spatial data – both traditional and evolving.
- Impact of new (digital) technologies.
- Datums, both horizontal and vertical, as promulgated by the federal government.
- Challenges associated with transition to digital data procedures.

The second suggestion is to insert Section 6.1 (renumber subsequent sections) under "Regional Goals and Strategies" to include:

6.1 Spatial Data Infrastructure:

- Description and consequences of the digital revolution.
- Briefly trace the evolution of a generalized view of digital spatial data.
- Identify and describe the 3-D spatial data infrastructure
- Address issues of spatial data quality
- Discuss the administrative framework as applied to managing digital spatial data.
- Outline local uses for digital spatial data under:
 - i.) Flat earth assumptions
 - ii.) GIS applications
 - iii.) Coordinate systems
 - iv.) Data integrity and verification
- Other (financing and recovered costs?)

Chapter 8 on Regional Growth Strategies contains a section on infrastructure growth in the more traditional sense and concentrates on major utilities. Table 8-1 also has a section on infrastructure and is good for what it does. Although inserting a section on spatial data infrastructure development and implementation is consistent with expanded economic growth and development, it might be best to include those points and emphasis in Chapter 9 on implementation.

Chapter 9 on Implementation provides an opportunity to discuss several alternatives with regard to inclusion of spatial data concepts. Reaching a consensus on the best approach will take considerable discussion, some of which may occur at the State level, to evaluate what is reasonable and doable. Very briefly, the three following alternatives should be considered:

1. Using the City of Albuquerque geodetic network as an example, an excellent local network could be developed, implemented, and administered that would serve the various governmental agencies, utilities, and private enterprise. The challenge will be to establish consistent policies, reliable funding, and accountability for the integrity of the system.
2. Another approach would be to establish a local network as a "chapter" of a state-wide effort administered locally but subordinate to the state-wide policies and guidelines. Funding is an unanswered question.
3. Lastly, a local network could be established as a part of and administered/funded by a state agency in Santa Fe. The New Mexico Geospatial Advisory Council and/or a State Surveyor Office would have primary authority and responsibility. It could work well.

Talent Pool for Development of Spatial Data Coordination Plan

Compiled by Earl F. Burkholder, PS, PE, F.ASCE

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Note: This is just a beginning. Other persons and talent (and web links) are to be added.

For example, all the persons invited to attend the GPS/GNSS discussion at NMSU in February 2011 should be included under the appropriate heading. A well-developed list will certainly contain many more.

City of Las Cruces personnel – Link to web site listing details.

Dona Ana County personnel – Link to web site listing details.

Personnel at NMSU – Link to web site listing details.

State Agency personnel – Link to web site listing details.

Federal Agency personnel – Link to web site listing details.

Utility/Irrigation District personnel – Link to web site listing details.

Manufacturers and Vendors – Link to web site listing details.

Corporations and Businesses – Link to web site listing details.

Licensed Professionals and Consultants – Link to web site listing details.

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Paul Michaud

From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 9:46 AM
To: 'Stephen Lopez'
Subject: FW: Vision 2040 comments
Attachments: OwnershipMap060711.jpg; LandOwnershipTable060711.bmp

Stephen:

This is a reply from Dennis on the NMSU acreage. I spoke with Dennis and the gist is that some of the land in the college ranch area is leased land and therefore not reflected in the total number. The table does not reflect leased land since it is difficult to collect this information and easily calculate across all ownership categories. Dennis did place on the map the boundary of the college ranch area. He also explained he spoke with the real estate person at NMSU on this matter. I consider these changes factual/typographical. Staff will make the applicable changes to the map and plan during the revision stage set late summer/early fall. FYI, here are the preliminary changes to the map. The acreage changed from 5.50 square miles to 16.88 square miles. This should address this issue, if not let me know. I do appreciate you pointing this out. This is exactly why we have a public review period.

Owner	SqMi	Percent
BIM	1732.72	45.55
BOR	1.31	0.03
UDA	171.04	4.5
DCD	779.28	20.25
FWS	88.71	2.33
NPS	52.02	1.36
Private	485.97	12.85
SP	0.42	0.01
State	651.65	17.07
NMSU	16.88	0.44

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From: Dennis Smith [mailto:dsmith@donaanacounty.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 5:03 PM
To: Paul Michaud
Subject: RE: Vision 2040 comments

Paul,

Sorry I hadn't gotten back to you on this earlier. Mr. Lopez is right. I've attached a current version of the ownership map with NMSU shown more accurately. I still cannot show land leased by NMSU as land owned by NMSU even though the lease is for a very long time and NMSU has pretty much complete control over the lands within the College Ranch (CDRCC). If after seeing this map Mr. Lopez still sees errors in the Assessor's Office's data please ask him to drop by and let the Assessor's Office staff know

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where the errors are so that they can research the issue. The Leyendecker Research Farm, the Fabian Garcia Hort Farm etc. are already shown on the map but at the scale the map is at they look small. I've also attached a table showing the area breakdown in square miles and as a percentage as shown on the attached map. Have a good evening.

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Subject: FW: Vision 2040 comments

I would appreciate if you could look into the NMSU acreage between now and the middle of July.

From: Stephen Lopez [mailto:StephenL@nmsu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 12:56 PM
To: Paul Michaud
Subject: RE: Vision 2040 comments

Hi Paul,

Thanks for the reply. On the Juarez numbers, I am aware of some government data, but it was presented during a classified briefing, so I am not sure what can be released. I will see if it might be available through an open source. If so, I'll pass it along to you.

For NMSU, it may just be a coding or search issue regarding GIS. Here are some parcel numbers that might help the GIS staff match things up:

DAC Parcel ID	Acreage	Owner Name
03-02199	640	New Mexico State University

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03-21756	518	New Mexico State University
03-01622	633	New Mexico State University
03-00282	640	New Mexico State University
03-01629	600	New Mexico State University
03-05373	643	New Mexico State University
03-15161	863	New Mexico State University
03-01083	580	New Mexico State University
03-13060	201	Board of Regents of NMSU
03-17853	508	Board of Regents of NMSU

Some of the County GIS data on the Assessor's map also appears to be old. For example, Parcel ID 03-04079 is showing as being owned by the State of New Mexico, but I believe it should be NMSU, as that is the parcel where the College Ranch Headquarters are located. Fred Ayers, the Director of Real Estate for NMSU, should be able to give a complete listing of properties owned by NMSU within Dona Ana County, if that would be helpful for Dennis.

Hope this additional information is helpful. Good luck with the remainder of the project.

Stephen

From: Paul Michaud [mailto:pmichaud@las-cruces.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 11:14 AM
To: Stephen Lopez
Cc: dsmith@donaanacounty.org
Subject: RE: Vision 2040 comments

Stephen:

I would like to thank you for the time in responding with so much detail on the draft of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. Please be aware that staff will collect all the comments received and forward them along with the other comments during the June-July review phase for the governing bodies to provide staff direction on how to proceed with any changes. Staff will not be making changes to the plan until closer or by the adoption hearing stage targeted for September 2011. Several of your comments relate to typographical or factual corrections that will be made (i.e., correcting orphaned titles as the word Drought on page 54). Staff will note the typographical corrections with others for when we start to revise to the document.

I did want to take this opportunity to express some of my own responses to a couple of your comments.

- You commented that the threat regarding density near military bases and other growth engines on page 17 appears to be contrary to the philosophy in the plan to encourage housing near work places. I believe the rest of that bullet that states 'we need to be mindful of how this encroachment affects quality of life and operations' addresses your concern. Being 'mindful' leaves open the ability to place housing near such operations, but puts in mind that not all housing types make sense near certain facilities. For example, building high density housing near flight approach paths can have a direct affect on funding and operations at an airport (both in the present and potential future expansion opportunities). It can have an unintended cost to municipal government in the future through the need to purchase properties or retrofit for noise. It may be necessary to carry over a similar qualifier about being mindful on the similar reference on page 92.
- The Juarez population numbers are from the official population source from Mexico. Staff tried to use the most reliable and official data sources possible. I am not sure of the media population information you reference. Although, I can understand with the recent problems in Juarez why it may seem their population should be on the decline. I would suggest if you have actual Juarez population data you think is more reliable to forward this to me.
- Table 3-3 is data on where people are moving from to Doña Ana County based on inflow migration data for the United States on year-to-year address changes reported on individual income tax returns filed with the

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IRS. The list shows the top locations, not all of them. Temporary residents most likely are not included if they do not show a change of address on their tax return. You may wish to visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/taxstats for more information. I am not sure what data set the realtors use. We did have realtors on the Advisory Committee who did not seem to question this data.

- On page 29, Table 5-1 only provides land ownership related to the primary owner. A lot of the NMSU land, from available county assessor records, appears to show known NMSU land under different ownership (the assumption is NMSU leases such land). It may be possible to add some note to this effect to this table. I copied Dennis Smith, GIS Analyst at Doña Ana County, since he played a large role in preparing this data.
- On page 71, you mention we should add curbside recycling. This language is already on page 71:

Several transfer stations that hold waste for later movement to a landfill exist throughout the county, as well as one recycling center located in Las Cruces. Las Cruces is the only community in the county providing curbside solid waste pick up. For others, their options are to haul or pay for a private curbside service to remove solid waste. Table 5-11, "Solid Waste Management Facilities," provides additional solid waste information.

Again, I would like to thank you for your input and look forward to your remaining comments. If my reply does not address your comments, I would be happy to discuss them further with you.

Regards,

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Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 2:50 PM
To: Paul Michaud
Subject: Vision 2040 comments

Hi,

In looking over the draft One Valley, One Vision 2040 plan, I noticed what appeared to be some errors, so I wanted to pass along the information to you so you and the rest of the staff can look at them a little closer. There were also some areas I thought I should comment on. Errors/comments noted are as follows:

- Page 13 The listing of educational institutions lists UNM, Highlands, NM Tech, and NMMI, but none of these have campuses near Dona Ana County ("in and near the area" is the language used in the document). There are a number of other institutions not listed that do have campuses within or near Dona Ana County, to include University of Phoenix, Western NM (with campuses in Deming and TorC), and Vista Community College, if there is a desire to list more than NMSU, DACC, UTEP, and EPCC. Also, there are acronyms listed in this paragraph for some institutions, but not all. It might be appropriate to make it consistent.
- Page 15 Might want to re-word "Look at retirees as an industry" to "Look at retiree-centric services and businesses . . ." to avoid making it sound like retirees are a 'thing' rather than people.
- Page 17 Add a #3 to the flooding paragraph to indicate that some is caused by people building in flood hazard areas (such as arroyos) because they do not understand/recognize flooding does occur in this area.

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- Page 17 I am not sure it appropriate to list population growth near military installations, airports, etc. as either encroachment or a threat. This runs contrary to some of the other philosophies in the document that housing should be affordable and close to large work centers. In addition, people moving into these neighborhoods (for the most part) should be able to identify the impact on quality of life (such as from aircraft noise) before they move to such places, and thus should be willing to accept the trade-offs of living there.
- Page 17 I would recommend adding "limited water supply" to the 'threats' section. While there are efforts to address this underway, it will remain a challenge in a semi-arid environment (and increasingly so if population increases along projected paths).
- Page 18 I am not sure where the Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía is getting there numbers, but the population in Juarez has had a tremendous decline over the past 3 years (as has been widely reported in local, regional, national, and international news media). Some have indicated it has wiped out population growth that had taken place since 2000.
- Page 23 The title for Table 3-3 is not clear. Are these the places where people coming to Dona Ana County are originating from? If so, it doesn't seem to match locations tracked by Realtors. Also, does the table represent permanent relocations, or does it include temporary relocations (such as to attend school, temporary military deployment, etc.)?
- Page 27 The first two sentences repeat from the previous page.
- Page 29 The size of NMSU is greatly understated. It seems to only represent the "main campus" and not the other facilities in Dona Ana County, to include the various DACC campuses, the Leyendecker Research Farm, the Fabian Garcia Horticulture Center, the Horse Farm, the Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Facility, etc. Many of these are important to consider when discussing planning and "working communities", especially the many DACC campuses where they have been placed where they are specifically to make access to education easier for people throughout the county.
- Page 46 In the second column, first paragraph, "and as well as" should probably be changed to "as well as"
- Page 54 In the section on "High Winds", there are parts of the county (especially near the mountains) where horizontal winds are measured above 80 miles per hour during severe storms.
- Page 54 The heading for "Drought" has been orphaned from the paragraph describing it and should probably be taken to the top of the next column.
- Page 61 May want to make mention of the UAV flight test center that operates in Dona Ana County (headquartered out of the Las Cruces International Airport and run by NMSU's Physical Science Laboratory). While not part of a transportation system itself, it is an economic engine for the region, as well as a regular user of the airspace.
- Page 65 There is no mention of the private non-charter schools in the Las Cruces area (which include the Las Cruces Catholic Schools and Mesilla Valley Christian School). These have elementary, middle, and high schools.
- Page 65 The count of high schools in Las Cruces (the ones that are part of LCPS) seems to be missing the Early College High School (which the document goes on to mention on Page 69). There should be 5 current high schools in the LCPS system (Las Cruces, Mayfield, Onate, San Andres, and ECH5), with a 6th (Centennial) coming online next year.
- Page 66 May want to mention that DACC is a part of NMSU, and that construction of a Hatch campus is underway.
- Page 67 There are a lot more law enforcement agencies in the area than are mentioned. These include DEA, FBI, BATFE, NMSU Police, WSMR-DOD Police, etc.
- Page 68 May want to include in the "Healthcare" challenges the lack of a local trauma center.
- Page 68 In the last sentence of the first column, "museum" should be plural (museums or musea).
- Page 68 I would recommend eliminating the section that says distances between communities make access to higher education in outlying rural areas of the region more challenging. The number of

higher education facilities within Dona Ana County is quite high, and the vast offerings of distance education courses (almost 4,000 through NMSU each year) make geographic distance no longer a barrier to higher education.

- Page 71 May want to include under "Solid Waste" that Las Cruces also has curbside recycling, in addition to solid waste pickup (in addition to mentioning it already on Page 74).
- Page 87 Table 5-14 indicates that crops require spraying of chemicals, but the chemicals also can be injected into irrigation water. The improper injection of these chemicals can threaten potable ground water in the same way air spraying can threaten neighbors.
- Page 87 Table 5-14, in the last bullet the word "vehicles usage" should probably be "vehicle usage".
- Page 89 Figure 5-8, the listing for retail trade shows "68,00". The comma seems to be too far to the right.
- Page 92 Same comment as on Page 17 regarding population density increases near military installations, airports, etc.

I haven't made it past page 105 yet, but when I get a chance, I'll let you know if I see anything else. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Stephen

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From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 10:15 AM
To: 'Judith Zimmerman'
Subject: 2040 Website

Judy:

I appreciate the feedback and do not consider your prior comments as venting.

To answer your questions:

- The website serves two functions. It is intended for both the public and those immersed in the process. It likely could be designed better to engage the general public. We are preparing a three minute video geared to engage the public that should be ready the middle of this month. This video will air on Channel 20 and be on the website.
- The job of designing the website is typically shared by the staff department administering the plan and the City IT Department. I would be the staff person for the department administering the plan who coordinates with the IT department, but the actual work of making the website happen is done by the IT department (understanding they get direction from the staff department). Personally, website design is not my expertise. Due to current budget and staffing constraints, we did the best we could on the 2040 website. FYI, many parts of the website were carry-overs from the prior 2040 website designed through NMSU and others.
- I will check with our IT Department on what simple fixes might be done to improve the website. I think changing the dark gray background to a white background might help. I will need to find out from the IT Department what might be involved to address the wide columns.

I hope my reply addresses your comments. If not, I will be happy to discuss them further with you.

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Judith Zimmerman [mailto:jjzimmerman575@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 12:06 PM
To: Paul Michaud
Subject: Re: 2040

Paul,

I am so sorry that you saw my venting email. I was totally off-base, so please let me apologize and start over.

I wasn't "evaluating" the Web site--just my first reaction. (If you have a "user test" I would be happy to participate.)

For me, the major readability issues (with the 2040 index page) were the dark gray background (I was using the Chrome browser) and the wide text columns. The content seemed excellent and vast, but I'm not familiar with the plan or the process, so I can't judge. I wondered if the Web site was intended for the general public or if it was for professionals and people immersed in the process.

I am all in favor of the regional plan and think the title "One Valley, One Vision" is brilliant. I hope there will be a Web site that is designed to educate and inspire the general public.

I would be interested to know who has the job of designing the city's Web sites and who is responsible for standards and guidelines?

Thanks so much for your attention to my concerns.

Judy Zimmerman

On 6/1/2011 9:13 AM, Paul Michaud wrote:

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> should be changed to make it more readable. FYI, it appears the banner
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> Information Technology Department to look into this matter.
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From: Paul Michaud
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To: 'Dusty Sensiba'
Subject: RE: Vision 2040 and the shooting sports

Dear Dusty Sensiba:

I would like to thank you for taking the interest in responding.

Growth of an area can certainly impact activities like an outdoor shooting sport that typically requires a large amount of land and is not always or perceived compatible with other uses (residential/commercial development, other recreational activities). The One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan is a broad-level plan that speaks to recreational activities, but not any particular recreational activity. As such, it does not get into the fine-grain detail of any particular location for recreational activities. Identification of shooting ranges may occur at a general level in the comprehensive plan (Las Cruces and Doña Ana County will be embarking on updates to their comprehensive plans this year), with finer level of detail found in more focused long-range plans like a parks and recreation plan.

Some of the areas recreation comes up in the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan include the Parks and Recreation sub-section in Section 5.7, Community Facilities and Services. Also, recreation is addressed in goals 6-7-4 (Ensure that local governments provide adequate, properly located recreational and leisure opportunities) and 6-7-5 (Provide a variety of opportunities for outdoor recreation to utilize open spaces to a greater extent). If there is a need to touch on shooting ranges, these are possible areas in the plan to do so. I would suggest if you feel there are items in the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan that could use refinement on the issue you mentioned to identify where in the plan specifically the governing bodies might consider amending the plan. As this is the public comment phase until the middle of July 2011, comments given to staff will be summarized for review by the local governing bodies (Las Cruces City Council, etc) for them to provide staff direction regarding any changes to the present draft plan.

If my reply does not address your comments, I would be happy to discuss this further with you.

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From: Dusty Sensiba [mailto:dusty@sensiba.com]
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To: Paul Michaud
Subject: Vision 2040 and the shooting sports

My name is Dusty Sensiba and I run several online groups of firearms enthusiasts locally.

I spent some time living in the Phoenix area and saw much of what happens with long term growth, and one area of particular concern is the shooting sports.

As populations moved further and further out, they eventually got into areas where people would go to shoot. For safety and health reasons, areas of public land, especially in the Tonto National Forest were closed to shooting. Because these concerns weren't planned for ahead of time, there were negative effects that could have been avoided.

First, there are not adequate designated shooting areas for the population. Towards the edges of the populated areas there are facilities like Ben Avery and Rio Salado, but they are very far from where many people live, and the formalized nature of the ranges scares many shooters off.

Shooters who don't live close to a range or who don't want to participate in the regimented nature of range shooting look to alternatives. Many travel dozens of miles to the closest public lands open to shooting, and these areas are not well cared for. There is much damage to native vegetation and much litter left behind in these areas.

Our area risks a similar long-term fate. The only official area for shooting is the Butterfield range. This range is good in that it is largely unsupervised, but bad in that it is so far away. Many go to open areas on the East Mesa and in the Dona Ana Mountains to shoot.

There is already conflict over land use in these areas. Many users such as hikers and mountain bikers do not want to share the land with shooters and want these areas closed to shooters. Environmental groups go without permission onto public lands and put large boulders to block access to safe places popular to shooters, who go back and remove the boulders.

If sufficient, accessible and fun places are not designated for shooting, the problems will only get worse in the future. As shooters are chased further away from the city centers, a trail of trash and lead contamination will be left behind for decades to come.

Paul Michaud

From: Tom Murphy
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 2:49 PM
To: Paul Michaud; 'jensenca@comcast.net'
Subject: RE: One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan

Mr. Jensen,

There are no longer any plans to cross the Las Cruces Flood Control Dam and/or I-25 at Madrid. After the public involvement that the MPO coordinated on behalf of the City of Las Cruces, it was determined that there was no level of support for that project. The Corps of Engineers and the Dam Safety Bureau were also strongly opposed to the proposal.



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From: Paul Michaud
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 2:29 PM
To: jensenca@comcast.net
Cc: Tom Murphy
Subject: RE: One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan

Mr. Jensen:

I would like to thank you for taking the interest in responding. I look forward to seeing you at one of the public meetings on the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan.

I personally do not have direct knowledge on the Madrid extension and Federal Dam you mention. However, your interests in the roadway extensions over I-25, traffic, and area dams can have a regional component. The One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan is a broad-level plan that does not get into the fine-grain detail of any particular roadway or dam improvement. These matters typically require additional study and input. The regional plan does include the concepts of multi-modal connectivity as in the following strategy of Goal 6-6-1 (Encourage the development of a safe, efficient and effective intermodal transportation system for a variety of transportation choices) to develop land-use patterns and create a transportation system that focuses on expanding multimodal opportunities, connectivity, and decreasing vehicle miles traveled. Any actual designation of particular roadway connections may occur at a general level in the comprehensive plan (Las Cruces and Doña Ana County will be embarking on updates to their comprehensive plans this year), with finer level of detail found in more focused long-range plans like the Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transport 2040 Plan and individual projects or studies. Similarly, the regional plan speaks to area dams broadly as in Goal 6-5-2 (Protect our people and property from the negative effects of storm water).

I would suggest if you feel there are items in the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan that could use refinement on the issues you mention to identify them specifically. As this is the public comment phase until the middle of July 2011, comments given to staff will be summarized for review by the local governing bodies (Las Cruces City Council, etc) for them to provide staff direction regarding any changes to the present draft plan.

I have copied Tom Murphy, MPO Officer, who could better address roadway extensions over I-25 around the Las Cruces area. If my reply does not address your comments, I would be happy to discuss this further with you.

Regards,

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Subject: Re: One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan

Mr. Michaud

Thanks for the schedule and I hope to attend. I have an interest in the direction that the city intends to go. I was very concerned about the extension of Madrid as far as over the Federal Dam and the various thoughts that included intersections on highway 25 etc. Myself and some neighbors opposed the cutting through the Villa Mora dam for the Madrid extension as well. At one of the Mayors neighborhood meetings he said that the Federal Dam has served its purpose and was no longer needed as there was some effort to create areas for gathering of run off near the old airport road. I suggested to him at that time he needed to consider the problems that El Paso and Hatch have had with run off before he considered the Federal Dam not needed. I hope that that is not part of any future plans.

Oh yes I didn't mention that our concerns over additional traffic past the schools along Madrid were not addressed at any meeting and we are now the proud owners of the Madrid extension to Triviz. I fear that there are still plans to bridge the highway and the Federal dam.

Thanks again for the advisory Carl Jensen

----- Original Message -----

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Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2011 1:50 PM
To: 'ckeyes@nmsu.edu'
Cc: Watts, Sue; Hanson, Brian; Brown, Chris
Subject: RE: RE: One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan - Steering Committee Meeting
Conrad:

I will look at this information. As noted, staff is collecting all the comments during June-July, any necessary changes will not start being made to the plan until closer to the adoption hearings by the elected officials. As you read through the plan, please forward any additional comments.

Regards,

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Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2011 12:26 PM
To: Paul Michaud
Cc: Watts, Sue; Hanson, Brian; Brown, Chris
Subject: Re: RE: One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan - Steering Committee Meeting

Paul - The attached are two documents that should be on www.pdnwc.org that is mentioned in the "One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. It seems that you might expand the section you have on the Paso del Norte Watershed Council that started in 2001. It was part of the New Mexico-Texas Water Commission at one time.

Conrad G. Keyes, Jr.
Chair, PdNWC
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----- Original Message -----

From: Paul Michaud
Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 5:06 pm
Subject: RE: One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan - Steering Committee Meeting
To: "Guffey, Sumer", Adrian Tafoya, Amanda Cleghorn, Angela Roberson, Ari Michelsen, Bill Mattiace, Bill Quinones, Brian Hanson, Carlos Rincon, Chris Brown, Chris Canavan, "Conrad G. Keyes, Jr.", Cyndie Abeyta, Danny Borunda, "Evaristo (Skeeter) Giron", Fernando Cadena, Gary Esslinger, Gene Adkins, Geof Smith, Gilbert Anaya, Hilary Brinegar, James Narvaez, Jan Kirwan, Jennifer Montoya, Jerry Mayeux, Joe Gonzalez, Julie Maitland, Katrina Martich, Kevin Bixby, Les Finley, Les Owen, Leticia Lister, Lisa Santana, Luzma Fabiola Nava, Marcia Whitney, Mark Johnston, Merry Jo Fahl, Michael Ada, Michael

Montoya , Mike Gallagher , Noma Borde , Pat Banegas , Patricia Depner , Patricia Phillips , Paul Dublin , Paul Dugie , Peter Bennett , Phil King , Randa Hatamleh , Ray Bowers , Robert Armijo , Roger Hedrick , Roland Pentilla , Sandy Tatum , Steve Glass , Steve Harris , Susan Watts , Tom Mobley , Wayne Belzer , William Hargrove

Cc: "Hanson, Brian" , Chris Canavan

> Everyone:

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> The attached file replaces the One Valley, One Vision 2040

> Regional Plan e-mailed to you on May 18. There were a few minor changes. FYI,

> I do plan on being at your June 14 meeting. I had a recurring conflicting

> meeting on the prior meetings.

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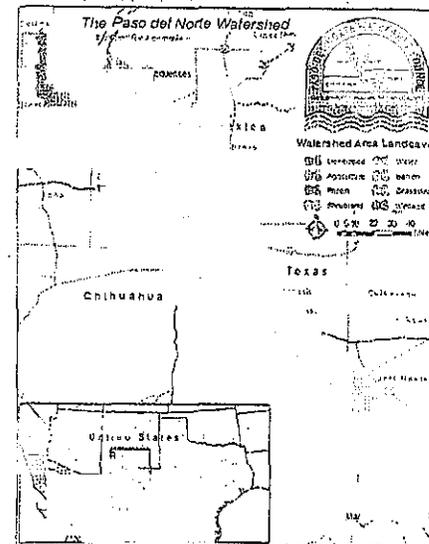
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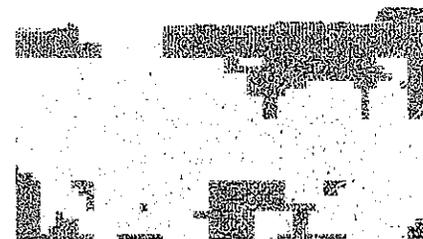
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Map of the Paso del Norte Watershed area



Mission

The Council addresses issues related to the establishment and maintenance of a viable watershed, which includes promotion of projects to improve water quality and quantity, ecosystem integrity and economic sustainability in the Paso del Norte region. The Council provides an open and inclusive forum for communication, collaboration and innovative thinking concerning watershed issues for the benefit of agricultural, environmental and municipal interests.

Issues and Challenges

- Population growth and development
- Competing and increasing demands for water
- Water quality
- Nonpoint source pollution
- Soil erosion and sediment control
- Degraded aquatic and riparian habitats
- Stormwater management

Council Goals

- Promote and recommend watershed planning and management
- Support restoration and enhancement projects
- Facilitate communication among stakeholders and within the Council
- Provide education and outreach to the public and Council members
- Support efforts to monitor and improve water quality

Current Projects

U.S. EPA 319(h) Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant

The purpose of this grant is to develop a Watershed Based Plan in New Mexico for addressing and mitigating nonpoint source pollution in the northern portion of the Paso del Norte watershed. The grant supports a wide variety of activities including technical assistance, education and outreach, water quality monitoring, restoration planning, project implementation and monitoring. Support has been provided by the N.M. Department of Agriculture, N.M. Environment Department, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, New Mexico State University and the Elephant Butte Irrigation District.

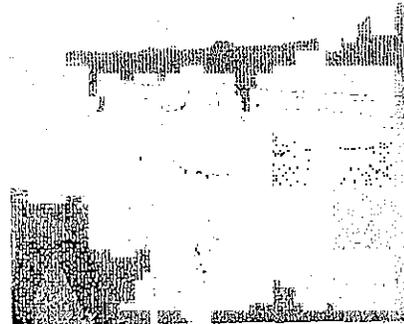
Water Resources Database & GIS for Watershed Management

The Coordinated Water Resources Database and GIS is designed to coordinate, compile and provide timely Internet access to water resources information for use by water management organizations and stakeholders. It was developed by and continues to be refined

by the Council through the collaboration of university scientists, and cooperation of federal and state agencies, irrigation districts and water management and user organizations. Support has been provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of Agriculture, El Paso Water Utilities, Texas AgriLife Research and New Mexico State University.

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Proposed 2011-2015 Strategic Plan
Paso del Norte Watershed Council
(approved November 9, 2010)

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GOALS and OBJECTIVES

- A. Promote and implement watershed planning and management.**
 - 1. Compile existing information about natural resources.
 - 2. Identify and address water quality issues within the Paso del Norte watershed.
 - 3. Develop modeling tools for Watershed planning and management.
 - 4. Provide input to sponsors of activities that affect the Watershed and make recommendations for watershed planning and management.

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 - 1. Create and prioritize recommendations for Watershed restoration and enhancement.
 - 2. Review, provide recommendations, and perform other tasks as authorized for restoration, mitigation, and enhancement projects related to the El Paso-Las Cruces Regional Sustainable Water Project and other regional watershed programs, agencies, initiatives, and groups.

- C. Facilitate communication, education, and outreach among stakeholders and within the Council**
 - 1. Provide opportunities for improving communication among Council members.
 - 2. Provide opportunities for improving communication among Watershed stakeholders.
 - 3. Provide education and outreach to the Public and to Council members.
 - 4. Provide opportunities for communication with watershed groups outside the region.

- D. Seek and obtain funding to attain the above goals and objectives.**

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Sent: Friday, May 13, 2011 4:42 PM
To: Brian Hanson; Chris Canavan
Cc: Joe Delk; Joe Gonzalez; Steve Wilmeth; Paul Michaud
Subject: FW: One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan - Steering Committee Meeting

Brian/Chris,

Yesterday following the meeting of the Watershed Stakeholders, I received the email from Paul with the most recent draft of the "One Valley, One Vision 2040" regional plan.

As we discussed, the plan does address storm water management and I am forwarding the draft to you so that you may ascertain how well the plan addresses storm water issues and how the Paso del Norte Watershed Council and our stakeholder group might contribute to the final plan. As you will note in the disclaimer page at the beginning of the draft, the plan is still under review for public comment and input.

I would suggest you focus first on the following pages, which I noted address storm water management:

Chapter 3-Introduction

Section 3.3, Strengths and Weaknesses—Pages 14-17

Chapter 5-Regional Snapshot

Section 5.2, Water—Pages 39-41

Section 5.5, Hazards—Page 53, 56, 57

Chapter 6-Regional Goals and Strategies

Section 6.2, Water, Pages 107-111

The plan focuses more on flood control with respect to storm water management and is limited with respect to contamination from run-off. Perhaps some additional emphasis on that is appropriate.

Since the plan is intended to provide guidance for future ordinances and actions by local governing bodies, it does not attempt to say what can or cannot be done. However governmental actions should not be inconsistent with the plan and it is important that it capture the citizens expectations and desires for the future. As we discussed, future amendments can be made when and if necessary.

It should be noted that the data collected to date by EBID and others strongly suggests that bacterial contamination of the river is principally elevated during run-off following major storms. As I recall from prior discussions, non-point source contamination is the most difficult to identify and control. Your comments of how the bacteria in the water samples can be traced to specific species through DNA testing is especially encouraging. That may dispel the fears many have that livestock are the principal cause of bacterial contamination of the river. To the extent that livestock do contribute to contamination, effective and economical mitigation efforts can be devised for specific sites.

Our discussions of how storm water management systems might be devised to mitigate e-coli contamination from non-point sources utilizing methods to slow runoff throughout a given natural drainage, as opposed to impounding runoff behind large dams is consistent with discussions among the members of the Dona Ana County Soil and Water Conservation Board. Therefore, I have copied this email to them.

I personally believe it is important that future local, state, and federal land use planning not be so restrictive that innovative storm water management methods are precluded. I would suggest that we keep that in mind as we review this draft.

Thanks for all your efforts,

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EXTRA-TERRITORIAL ZONING COMMISSION
FOR THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES
DONA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICES
August 4, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

8 **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

9 John Villescas, Chairman
10 Kenneth Allin, Vice-Chair
11 Janet Acosta, Secretary
12 Robert Hearn, Member
13 Cliff Terry, Member
14 John Townsend, Member

16 **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

17 Steve Pacheco, Member

19 **STAFF PRESENT:**

20 Paul Michaud, CLC, Long Range Planning
21 Roger Hedrick, DAC, Community Development

24 **I. CALL TO ORDER (6:03 pm)**

24 Villescas: I'll bring this meeting of the ETZC to order. Today is Thursday, August 4th,
25 at approximately 6:00 pm, it is 6:03. I don't even have the book up here.
26 Do you happen to have it...with our standard intro? I can read it off these
27 if I have to.

29 Allin: It's in the minutes.

31 Villescas: 'Cause we're still at a regular session.

33 Hearn: Maybe because this is just an administrative meeting we don't need that.
34 Is that possible?

36 Michaud: No, this is a public meeting because you'll be taking action to make a
37 recommendation.

39 Villescas: But it's not quasi-judicial when you're doing the zoning things.

41 Michaud: It's not quasi-judicial, no. Correct, correct.

43 Villescas: Do you think it would be probably more perfect for me to go ahead and
44 read the standard intro as we do it in a meeting? Yeah.

46 Michaud: Might as well.

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2 Villescas: Yeah. I'll just read it off the previous minutes here because I don't have
3 the book: Commissioners shall not privately discuss with any interested
4 persons the merit of a case which is pending before this Commission. If
5 there has been any such discussion, it should be disclosed at this time.
6 Because this Commission acts in a quasi-judicial capacity, this hearing
7 tonight follows the procedures mandated by the New Mexico Court of
8 Appeals. Anyone wishing to give testimony on a case must be recognized
9 by the Chair, go to the podium, state his or her name, address, and be
10 sworn in. An applicant's presentation may be limited to four minutes. A
11 neighborhood representative or representatives of other groups may be
12 limited to three minutes each. A neighborhood spokesperson may be
13 limited to ten minutes. You may speak more than once on a case, but the
14 Chair reserves the right to further limit the time allocated to speak. This
15 meeting will be conducted by a modified form of Robert's Rules of Order.
16 It takes four affirmative votes for a passage of a case. Please note that a
17 Commissioner may vote "yes" on an amendment to the main motion, yet
18 vote "no" on the main motion. Any affected party may appeal the decision
19 made by the Commission to the ETA. Commissioner Acosta, call the role,
20 please.

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22 Acosta: Commissioner Pacheco? Not present. Commissioner Allin?

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24 Allin: Here.

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26 Acosta: Commissioner Terry?

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28 Terry: Here.

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30 Acosta: Commissioner Townsend?

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32 Townsend: Here.

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34 Acosta: Commission Hearn?

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36 Hearn: Here.

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38 Acosta: Commissioner Acosta's present. Chairman Villescas?

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40 Villescas: Present.

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42 **II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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44 Villescas: Let's see...do we have any announcements from staff?

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46 Michaud: There's none from myself.

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1 Villescas: I have a couple of announcements. One is: I want to thank you, Mr. Allin,
2 for chairing the last meeting. Sorry I couldn't be there. I had business out
3 of town. Two: I attended an orientation meeting that was held about three
4 weeks ago. Basically, it was for new Commissioners, for new Board
5 members. I think I was the only one there from this Board, from the ETZ.
6 I know, Mr. Allin, you attended one, I think, a month or two before; but I've
7 personally gotten more out of it now that I have sat on this Board for years
8 than I did out of the first one.

9 But one interesting thing that came up that I thought I would share
10 with you all and this came from Legal: in the past this Board has always,
11 when we have denied a motion or a motion has been brought to us that
12 has failed, the Chairperson has gone around and asked the Members of
13 the Commission to state the reason why. Now I didn't really understand
14 the legalese involved; however, I was advised that we should not continue
15 that practice; that if there are reasons that you cannot support the
16 whatever-it-is that's in front of us, state them during discussion. And so,
17 as a practice, I will no longer ask to go around to the individual
18 Commissioners after a vote and ask why they did or did not support the
19 motion that was in front of us. Any discussion or any problem with that?
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21 Terry: I agree with that concept, Mr. Chairman.
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23 Villescas: I really didn't understand the way the attorney explained it to me but it
24 doesn't really matter. He advised it and he's the expert on that.
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26 Terry: Right. If there's anything that one wishes to say it should be during the
27 discussion period not after as a sort of a means of identifying why they did
28 something.
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30 Villescas: Okay. You know, it is one of those things that I was kind of split on, too,
31 because I thought it was fair to the people to who presented and who
32 wanted their motion passed, you know, had some idea as to why it did not.
33 But, again, we'll go on the advice of the attorney.
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36 III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 2, 2011 37

38 Villescas: Let's see...next on the agenda: approval of the minutes.
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40 Terry: On that same subject of being with the attorneys in that review: did
41 anything come out about the possibility of this Board being challenged by
42 anyone and not having any identification, per se, regarding the County
43 assurance that we have been appointed to this position. In other words
44 we should have a badge or something that identifies us in that regard.
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46 Villescas: No, nothing came up at the meeting that I attended; however, I do know
47 that at least when I've been appointed, personally, I received a certificate

1 from...in my case I'm a City appointee, so it came from Mayor Mattiace
2 and then, of course, the current administration.
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4 Terry: Not from the County.
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6 Villescas: Not from the County because I'm not a County representative. How about
7 yourself?
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9 Terry: *(Inaudible)*
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11 Villescas: You haven't received anything?
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13 Terry: No.
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15 Villescas: Okay, we'll make a note of that.
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17 Townsend: You should at least get a ball cap, shouldn't you? (laughing)
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19 Villescas: (laughing) Well, I was thinking about press box passes to the Patriots or
20 Broncos or something. Okay, next in the approval of minutes of June 2,
21 2011 do I have a motion?
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23 Terry: Mr. Chairman, I move that we adopt the minutes and accept them.
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25 Villescas: Do I have a second?
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27 Allin: Second.
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29 Villescas: Any discussion? Commissioner Acosta, will you call the role, please?
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31 Acosta: Commissioner Allin.
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33 Allin: Yes.
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35 Acosta: Commissioner Terry.
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37 Terry: Aye.
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39 Acosta: Commissioner Townsend.
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41 Townsend: Yes.
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43 Acosta: Commissioner Hearn.
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45 Hearn: Aye.
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1 Acosta: Commissioner Acosta votes aye. Commissioner Villescasc.

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3 Villescasc: Aye.

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5 **IV. OLD BUSINESS – NONE**

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7 Villescasc: Old Business there's none...

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9 **V. NEW BUSINESS – NONE**

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11 Villescasc: New Business is case PA-11-01, a request recommending approval of the
12 One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. Go ahead.

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14 **1. Case PA-11-01:** A request recommending approval of the One Valley, One
15 Vision 2040 Regional Plan. The plan is a long-range, regional
16 comprehensive plan that evaluates the needs of the region for the next 30
17 years and ways to meet those needs. The main components of the plan
18 includes a regional vision statement, snapshot of existing conditions, goals
19 and strategies, regional growth strategies, and suggested actions. This plan
20 if approved will be the basis from which future comprehensive planning
21 efforts will be drawn. The plan is available online at [http://vision2040.las-](http://vision2040.las-cruces.org)
22 [cruces.org](http://vision2040.las-cruces.org). Submitted by the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County.

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24 Michaud: Okay, thank you. Good evening, Mr. Chairman, Members of the ETZ. For
25 the record, Paul Michaud, Senior Planner with the City of Las Cruces and I
26 will be giving you a presentation. This is pretty much the exact
27 presentation that was given to both the County Planning and Zoning
28 Commission as well as the City Planning and Zoning Commission who
29 have already made recommendations of approval for this Plan. I'm going
30 to talk very quickly about this Plan's relationship to other Plans, as has
31 been seen before; give a Plan summary and overview of the comments
32 that you see in the matrix, that's part of the staff report; and then you'll
33 have an opportunity to discuss and make suggestions; your public
34 comment and, hopefully, make a recommendation.

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36 Allin: Mr. Chair?

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38 Villescasc: Commissioner Allin.

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40 Allin: How are they gonna put it on our...? Oh...

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42 Villescasc: Is there...on the right hand button a little blue light, the far right hand
43 button...? That one. It doesn't come on?

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45 Allin: *(Inaudible)* Oh, there it is.

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47 Villescasc: There you go. Okay. Go ahead.

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2 Michaud: Not a problem (all laughing)
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4 Villescas: Oh, one last note. I'm sorry, Paul, before you begin. Bonnie just
5 reminded...she sent me a text or a phone call this week. Again she would
6 not be attending tonight and asked that we...if I don't identify you as I
7 should if you'll please identify yourselves when you speak into the
8 microphone for the record. Thank you.
9
10 Michaud: Thank you. The Regional Plan: this is in relationship to other Plans and
11 you've seen this diagram before; it's in the Plan itself. The Regional Plan
12 is at the top. It's very broad, level Plan. It has a lot of the similar
13 components that our Comprehensive Plans do locally; but, again, it deals
14 at a regional level and not just a jurisdictional level and then it can relate to
15 other Technical and Sub-Area Plans, if there're possible changes to those
16 based on the Regional Plan as a guide. Then underneath you have your
17 Implementation documents, your Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Code
18 and things of that nature and, again, any of those Plans above that could
19 have some sort of effect on the Implementation Plans or documents.
20 The comments, just some general information: many of the
21 formatting, typo and related points weren't summarized in the comment
22 matrix. The matrix itself has three categories and we've seen this before:
23 clarification just, which is, staff felt, were pretty clear-cut and shouldn't be
24 changed, of course, if you just don't feel that way let us know. Comments,
25 were just things that we really didn't know quite what to do, sometimes
26 they were just a comment; and then direction, where there are things that
27 we would probably change in the Plan but we want some more feedback
28 on. Ultimately at the end of the day if you don't get direction on the
29 Direction we'll probably just make all of the changes in the Direction on
30 that.
31 The comment matrix itself is explaining how staff plans to address
32 the changes and where clear direction was given but there may be other
33 points as noted before in the comments that we might need to follow up
34 on. Again, these comments came from different recommending Bodies,
35 not just yourself, the ETZ and also from the public so the reason we did
36 the comment matrix instead of trying to rehash and create a whole new
37 Plan with all the comments was simply because there were just so many
38 recommending Bodies that it would really just extend out the time for staff
39 to actually make changes, get approval; and then this hopefully will at
40 least give you enough information based on sort of the Plan that was
41 presented with the possible changes. The comment matrix itself, we have
42 a copy of it and it is also available on the web site as well. Overall the
43 comments that have been received don't really identify substantial shifts to
44 the Plan that came out dated 26th. Most of those comments are ways to
45 enhance the Plan.

1 The review period or the public input review period, which was June
2 and July, has ended and you are now in the recommendation phase. As
3 mentioned before the City Planning and Zoning Commission did hold their
4 hearing on the 26th of July and they did make a recommendation seven to
5 zero and then the County Planning and Zoning Commission held their
6 meeting on the 28th of July and they made a recommendation for approval
7 as well but it was five to two. There were two dissenting votes. The
8 review period itself, we've held twelve meetings that were open to the
9 public on the Plan. We did present to eight different Stakeholder Groups
10 and, again, the Stakeholder Groups we didn't seek them out. We just
11 didn't want to be unfair. We let them seek us out and we met with
12 whoever would like to meet with us. We did place ads and articles in both
13 the Las Cruces Sun-News and the Bulletin. We did run an informational
14 video on Channel 20 and there was a spot run on KRWG, as well, and, of
15 course, the web site was continually updated throughout the whole
16 process, or actually over the last four years.

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18 Hearn: Mr. Chairman? Would it be appropriate to ask questions now? I'm sorry.
19 This is Bob Hearn.

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21 Villescas: Paul, would you prefer we ask questions as we go?

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23 Michaud: Sure, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Hearn. Go right ahead.

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25 Hearn: Could you state who the eight Stakeholder Groups were?

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27 Michaud: That should be listed in your staff report. Maybe I can go by memory and
28 try to remember them.

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30 Villescas: Well, if they're listed somewhere that's okay.

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32 Michaud: They should be in one of your attachments. I think it's Attachment 2, which
33 lists the meetings dates...

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35 Villescas: Oh, okay.

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37 Michaud: It should give you the date and then the group that we met with; like we
38 met with the Advisory for the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Advisory
39 Committee with the City. We met with the Senior Advisory Committee
40 with the City. We met with what's called the 319 Water Stakeholders
41 Group, which deals with water quality. Those three come to mind but I
42 believe the whole list is there for you.

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44 Villescas: Okay. Thank you.

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1 Michaud: Sure. Now what I am going to do is sort of go chapter by chapter and
2 really just summarize what's in that comment matrix. You have the
3 Executive Summary, which is Chapter 1 and, as mentioned before, that
4 was purposely left blank because we really wanted to see what sort of
5 comments we were getting. Staff has drafted that Executive Summary.
6 We are doing some of the final touches to that draft. Our hope is that, and
7 I'm sure that will be able to happen, is no later than August 19th we'll be
8 able to e-mail that out to everyone much like we've done before and post it
9 on the web site for any comments. Again, that's a summary of the Plan
10 itself. We did try to incorporate a lot of quotes from people and really
11 trying to focus on the Vision and what really makes this region strong.
12 Chapter 2 is the Vision Statement itself. There really weren't a lot of
13 changes that were suggested based on the comments that have been
14 received. A lot of it was just minor word-sort-of changes. I'd say the only
15 major change would be adding "medical" onto the last portion of the Vision
16 Statement.
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18 Townsend: Question, please.
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20 Michaud: Sure.
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22 Townsend: It's just ignorance please. What is the acronym SWOT stand for?
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24 Michaud: That is Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats.
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26 Terry: Mr. Chairman? Paul, I'm Cliff Terry. On your discussion of Chapter 2 I still
27 recall some input from the floor at one of our sessions a month or so ago
28 where a lady had said some good things that I felt should be considered
29 for Chapter 2 and that was an embellishment of providing more
30 information on the livelihood of what's going on in our communities and in
31 the City and an enticement to bring people here to understand why it's so
32 beautiful to live in this part of the country. And I don't know if...I haven't
33 seen much of a change in that regard. I don't know what the
34 considerations might be for that.
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36 Michaud: Certainly, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Terry. Staff did look at that.
37 Obviously those are very general comments, those enticements. I think
38 what we tried to do is an Executive Summary. That's where we added a
39 lot. In the focus groups that were done in 2008 or 2009 people mentioned
40 some of the qualities that they thought what makes this community best is
41 a whole bunch of things and all that information we ended up putting in the
42 very entry paragraph of the Executive Summary. So I think we are trying
43 to embellish it in the Executive Summary and not in this particular chapter
44 itself.
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46 Terry: That would do well. Thank you.

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2 Michaud: Chapter 3 provides a brief summary as the introduction chapter and that
3 talks the public engagement process and, again, it's just a summary of it.
4 There's a whole appendix that it's referencing where you can go and
5 find...as well as the SWOT, which is the Strengths, Weaknesses,
6 Opportunities and Threats and, again, the Advisory Committee utilized
7 that listing as a tool to identify the issues that are in the Snapshot section
8 as well as trying to shape some of the Goals that are actually in the Plan.

9 This section talks about the demographic data, the historical
10 population as well as the projected population. Again, we are at about
11 210,000 people for the county at the 2010 census. We're envisioning it's
12 going to be about 325,000 people, which is a mid-range population
13 projection by the year 2040. Again, no proposed changes to that
14 particular chapter per se; there were minor word changes and talking
15 about the organization section, putting it in chronological order, but
16 nothing major.

17 The SWOT section, itself, there were eight Strengths that were
18 listed and there were three suggested changes based on the comments.
19 There were no additions or deletions. The changes were listed here as
20 you see. Under the institutions that play a vital role there is a suggestion
21 to add White Sands Missile Range, in particular. and the construction and
22 development aspect. There was...this is more from the staff's comment:
23 to remove the list of educational institutions in that Strength because we
24 have a whole table that lists all of them. Then under the Agriculture to
25 modify that one to read: "Agriculture is the historical foundation of our
26 custom and culture and provides a significant and sustainable economic
27 base for the region," so some minor word changes there are being
28 suggested.

29 On Weaknesses: there are eleven Weaknesses that were
30 identified and, again, with the comments that have been received to date
31 there were two suggested changes, no additions, no deletions and one
32 comment. The two changes were very minor: to change as you can see
33 here regarding the infrastructure instead of using "equal" use the word
34 "comparable;" and to change "most of these" to "except for those." One of
35 the comments came from one of the individuals, I think it was from one of
36 the City's P & Z, I believe, thought that the Weakness of "Many people
37 outside the region lack an awareness of the historic, cultural and
38 environmental resources and that this negatively affects tourism potential."
39 The individual thought that was unclear; but, again, that Body did make a
40 recommendation for approval. But I am just trying to keep everything
41 consistent.

42 On Opportunities: there are five Opportunities that are listed in the
43 Plan. Based on the comments, again, to date there are three suggested
44 changes, one addition and no deletions. The changes dealt with: making
45 a separate bullet off of the tourism and flood control in the list of
46 suggestions section and then to change "Look at retirees as an industry"

1 to read “Look at retiree-centric services and businesses” to try to match
2 the nomenclature that was in that particular section. Also to change
3 regarding the economic development opportunities there were some minor
4 word changes but also to add “engineering and management operations”
5 and then the potential addition was to add “Economic synergy potential
6 exists in pursuing rail connection of the region’s industrial and airport
7 facilities like the West Mesa Industrial Park and Las Cruces International
8 Airport to the rail operations in Santa Teresa” and I believe that came out
9 of one of your work sessions from Direction.

10 Looking at Threats: there are eight Threats that are listed in the
11 Plan and, again, based on comments to date there were two suggested
12 changes, one addition, no deletions and two comments. Regarding some
13 of the changes, regarding the recession: Threats, to add the word
14 “essential services.” Regarding the damage from flooding to specific parts
15 of the region there were two that were listed, there were two additional
16 suggestions to be added: “unlawful construction in flood hazard areas”
17 and “intensive precipitation during monsoon periods.”

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19 Terry: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Michaud, in looking at this particular one, item 2 on the
20 screen I didn’t see the word “monsoon,” which was one of the inputs that I
21 had that is a threat in this territory for incoming people and I still hold that I
22 would like to see that word put into the document. Monsoon.”

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24 Michaud: Thank you.

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26 Other Members speaking to Commissioner Terry: *(inaudible)*

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28 Terry: That’s what is in there? Monsoon periods...I’m sorry. Thank you very
29 much.

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31 Michaud: Not a problem.

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33 Terry: I missed that on the screen.

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35 Michaud: The one addition in the Threats area was to add “occurrences of drought
36 can impact the region’s resources, including agricultural production and
37 limitations to water supply.” Then regarding comments there was a
38 suggestion to use the term “uncontrolled or poorly planned growth
39 regarding the encroachment of our historical, cultural...,” which is the
40 fourth bullet. Again, that came from the City’s Planning and Zoning
41 Commissioner and, again, they did not seem to have an issue when it was
42 made up for recommendation; and then to add “water quantity and quality
43 as threat” in that section.

44 Chapter 4 is the chapter that deals with the concepts that are in the
45 Plan: the concepts of Sustainability and Smart Growth. There were no
46 suggested changes based on the comments to date. Staff is suggesting

1 to change the title of that chapter which will show in the table of contents
2 as "Concepts" and have each separate section spelled out as
3 Sustainability, Smart Growth, etc. There also was a suggestion where we
4 will be adding an introductory paragraph, much like all of the other
5 sections have an introduction paragraph. So those were minor, the
6 changes proposed there.

7 Chapter 5, again this is Snapshot section. That's a large part of the
8 Plan and it provides a lot of background information and then it provides
9 the existing condition on the twelve resource topics, which were identified
10 for the Plan which, again, are coming from the same sort of topics that are
11 discussed in the Comprehensive Plans and that's Land Use, Water, Air
12 Quality, Environmental Resources, Hazards, Transportation, Community
13 Facilities and Services, Utilities and Infrastructure, Housing, Economy,
14 Community Character, Design and Historic Preservation and
15 Intergovernmental Cooperation.

16 Some of the changes that are proposed that are outlined in the
17 comment matrix, again, are more factual-based: to correct the land
18 ownership for NMSU...there were some errors in their total ownership of
19 acreage; to include more mail and phone survey data results and to
20 reword some other ones; to revise some description about some of the
21 organizations. There was the Paso del Norte Watershed Council and they
22 had some suggestions in their group that was already in there to make
23 some modifications; as well as the Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation
24 District, as well, had some similar comments of changing some of the
25 wording that describes their organization that's in the Plan.

26 Continuing on...was to add a subsection on hazardous materials
27 which, I believe, came from the last ETZ work session; also to reword and
28 reorganize the subsection titles and text in the transportation section so
29 non-motorized does not stand out by itself since we are trying to
30 encourage more Complete Streets. We made some corrections to the
31 number of high schools. There were some errors there and we also
32 added some missing educational institutions and public safety entities.
33 We updated the text on the City of Las Cruces' recycling since we do have
34 curbside recycling. We did make corrections on the text on the El Paso
35 Electric ownership, which was suggested at the ETZ work session at the
36 last meeting. We did add some additional renewable projects to Table 5-
37 12. We added some positive points to Table 5-14 which talks about
38 Economic Considerations in Agriculture and then all these details are
39 shown in your comment matrix. We also added more educational
40 institutions to the table that talks about those educational institutions and
41 we added the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority, the Doña
42 Ana Soil and Water Conservation District and the South Central Council of
43 Government to Table 5-18 for Existing Groups.

44 The Issues that are in the Snapshot section, there are thirty-four
45 issues that are in the Plan covering all those twelve resource topics and
46 based on comments received to date there was one suggested change,

1 six additions and one deletion to those Issues. The change was just
2 rewording the bullet that talks about the cost to treat and recover water to
3 “water quality standards,” as shown here. The additions were to add an
4 issue regarding data collection along the Rio Grande regarding the
5 exceedences of E. coli, to add that there’s a need that exists to encourage
6 green infrastructure and Low Impact Development to assist with
7 stormwater management, as shown here. Another addition or third
8 addition is that there will likely be a need for more transportation options in
9 addition to driving a personal vehicle due to the upward trend in population
10 over 65 years of age. There will likely be a need for additional healthcare
11 services, again due to that trend. Again due to that trend to provide more
12 housing options or amenities in addition to detached single-family
13 dwellings. The sixth addition: planning and coordination on timing and
14 design of regional roadways to avoid piecemeal roadway construction and
15 inconsistent roadway design. For a proposed deletion: to delete “the
16 distances between communities make access to higher education in
17 outlying rural areas of the region more challenging.” The reason for that
18 deletion was that since the 2040 began four years ago there have been
19 new campuses, branch campuses, created and the individual who came
20 from NMSU believed that that Issue could be deleted from the Plan.

21 Looking at Accomplishments that are in the Snapshot section,
22 there are forth accomplishments that are listed in the Plan. Based on
23 comments to date there are two suggested changes, two additions and
24 one deletion. The two changes deal with the clarification of the “ETZ”
25 around the Sunland Park area. That’s actually the Camino Real Regional
26 Utility Authority, which actually can form their own ETZ but they’re
27 technically a little bit different so we are making clarification in the Plan to
28 that. To update the third transportation bullet to clarify the bus routes that
29 were described in that Plan and that’s illustrated below. For additions to
30 Accomplishments: to add the Munson Senior Center in Las Cruces. It
31 has become the first nationally accredited senior center in the state of
32 New Mexico. To add a section called “accomplishments to the
33 Intergovernmental Cooperation” section. All the other eleven resource
34 topics have actually a section titled that. This section would really just
35 refer back to the tables that are in the Plan so there aren’t a terribly lot of
36 changes there. The post-deletion deals with the Prehistoric Trackway
37 bullet; it’s actually listed twice so to either leave it in Environmental or
38 Community Facilities but not both.

39 The next section is Chapter 6 and that deals with Goals and
40 Strategies.

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42 Villescascas: Where was that going to be left in? Environmental or...?

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44 Michaud: Environmental, I believe that’s what they said.

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46 Villescascas: Okay. Yeah, that’s what I thought they were going to do. Thank you.

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2 Michaud: Chapter 6, which is Goals, has forty-three goals that are listed in the Plan
3 and based on comments to date there were no suggested changes,
4 additions or deletions to any of those goals. Now each of those goals has
5 their own strategies. There are actually two hundred and twenty-nine
6 strategies that are in the Plan. Those strategies again are possible ways
7 to achieve a goal and may not apply in all circumstances or parts of the
8 region. Based on the comments to date, there are two suggested
9 changes, twelve additions and no deletions.

10 The two suggested changes to the strategies deal with the strategy
11 talking about hazardous-cargo routes of Goal 6-5-1 regarding protecting
12 people and property from hazards: to add “consider hazardous by-pass
13 ways” and I believe that came from a comment from the ETZ. The second
14 change deals with Goal 6-7-2 regarding meeting the existing and
15 projecting needs of residents through location, access, extent and facilities
16 and services and it’s regarding the strategy dealing with technology to add
17 “in rural areas and Colonias” so to extend in not just to Colonias.

18 Regarding the additions to the strategies there was on Goal 6-2-1:
19 it deals with the availability of safe, sustainable water supply to add “work
20 with Stakeholders to develop and implement reclaimed water strategies.”
21 Regarding Goal 6-2-2, which deals with water quality to add two
22 strategies: one is to add “encourage green infrastructure and Low Impact
23 Development where appropriate” and; two, add “support planning and
24 analysis of the Rio Grande Basin Watershed that will allow for best
25 management practices in managing pollutant loads, such as bacteria, to
26 acceptable Total Maximum Daily Load levels. Looking at Goal 6-4-3: to
27 add a strategy...and Goal 6-4-3 is minimizing impacts created by
28 development and human activities; “work with the agricultural and
29 ranching community when developing land use plans to come up with
30 desirable methods and locations agricultural and ranching activities for the
31 long-term.” Regarding Goal 6-6-2, which deals with coordinating
32 transportation planning with other functions to add “plan transit corridors
33 that connect activity centers and allow higher density so that total housing
34 and transportation costs are reduced. Looking at goal 6-7-3 to add an
35 additional strategy, to “encourage local governmental jurisdictions
36 preparing comprehensive or master plans to coordinate with and include
37 all providers of community facilities and utilities in the development of that
38 Plan.” Regarding Goal 6-7-5 to add an additional strategy to “support and
39 enhance public access opportunities on state and federal lands throughout
40 the county of outdoor activities...” and then there’s a list of those activities.
41 Regarding Goal 6-8-3 to add an additional strategy to “work with regional
42 partners to encourage state and federal funding and regulatory agencies
43 to remove institution obstacles to regionalization. To Goal 6-9-2 regarding
44 housing alternatives: to add an additional strategy to “consider the
45 adoption or modification of local zoning ordinances regarding the use of
46 accessory dwelling units...” and it goes on. Regarding Goal 6-10-3,

1 regarding tracking and retaining a well-trained work force to add an
2 additional strategy there to “support programs that promote employment
3 and volunteer opportunities of older-aged persons, persons with a
4 disability and other persons whose skills will strengthen the economic
5 vitality of the region.” On Goal 6-10-5 to add an additional strategy to
6 “consider rail line extensions and spurs to industrial parks and airports like
7 the West Mesa Industrial Park and Las Cruces International Airport. And
8 then the last addition is to Goal 6-12-1 regarding intergovernmental
9 cooperation to add a strategy “coordinate among governing agencies in
10 effective ways to generate, store, process, analyze, manipulate and use
11 spatial data and related technology.”

12 The next chapter is Chapter 7 and that talks about the Types of
13 Communities. There weren’t a lot of major suggested changes here.
14 There was a suggestion to rename Colonias in that section to
15 “Unincorporated Communities.” There’re also some minor changes
16 regarding the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority.
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18 Villescascas: Paul, can you tell me why is “Colonias” now considered politically
19 incorrect, like other terms have changed over the years?
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21 Michaud: Mr. Chairman, I don’t believe so. The reason that we use “Colonias” was
22 because it’s recognized within a federal level and in state statute. This
23 comment actually came from Commissioner Garrett. Whether you might
24 want to rethink that comment as we go through to a work session I’m not
25 sure but since it was something that was received during the public input
26 period I did add that in there.
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28 Villescascas: Do you personally feel that “Unincorporated Areas”...people will still think
29 of...associate that term with “Colonias?”
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31 Michaud: Probably not...
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33 Villescascas: I know I don’t think so.
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35 Michaud: I would prefer to leave the word “Colonias” in since it does have federal
36 and state standard.
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38 Villescascas: Yeah. Can we just leave that with you and you say that...
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40 Michaud: That certainly would be fine if you want to make that point.
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42 Villescascas: Commissioner Acosta, I don’t want to speak for you but...
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44 Acosta: I concur with that. Absolutely! I’d agree to keep it consistent with state
45 and federal.
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1 Villescas: And I think, to be honest with you, a lot of the Hispanic population of the
2 county would understand the term "Colonias" way before they understood
3 the term "Unincorporated Area..." just a comment. Go ahead.
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5 Terry: Mr. Chairman. Cliff Terry here. It would be an onus on the Planning
6 Commission to change many of the ordinances that have this term
7 incorporated within them so I doubt that you would like to do that
8 seriously.
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10 Villescas: You mean keep "Colonias." Is that what you are trying to say?
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12 Terry: Yes. The word "Colonias" is....
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14 Villescas: That's the only term I've ever heard us refer...
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16 Terry: ...in many, many ordinances here in the Doña Ana County.
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18 Townsend: Forgive an old school teacher but "Colonia" refers to a community.
19 "Unincorporated Area" is any area that's not incorporated so that term is
20 greatly more inclusive than "Colonia."
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22 Villescas: And that's true but I think mainly when we're having the discussions, we're
23 discussing areas that were not planned but grew. Am I mistaken?
24

25 Michaud: Mr. Chairman, yes. The term "Colonias" does deal with just the thirty-
26 seven Colonias that are designated.
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28 Villescas: Yeah.
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30 Michaud: We do have in this same section where we talk about the county and in
31 the county there is a description there of the unincorporated areas so
32 certainly there are just rural areas not communities.
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34 Villescas: Sure.
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36 Michaud: So that description is covered in that section.
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38 Townsend: The word "Colonias" has to be retained if you talk about those thirty-seven
39 entities.
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41 Villescas: Correct.
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43 Acosta: Yeah.
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45 Villescas: And there is also a proper place to use the term "Unincorporated Areas..."
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1 Townsend: You're talking about (*inaudible, not speaking close to the microphone*)
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3 Villescas: Yeah, but when you're talking about Mesquite, you know, it's a "Colonia."
4 I don't think anybody would refer to Mesquite as an "Unincorporated
5 Area." Again, I don't know where our comments fit in and where you are
6 in the process now.
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8 Michaud: Certainly. So what I'm doing, Mr. Chairman, is that you do want to leave
9 that term "Colonias" in.
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11 Villescas: Colonias, yes, please.
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13 Townsend: If you have to make an explanation why then make it.
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15 Villescas: Did Commissioner Garrett have any reason that you can recall for wanting
16 to change that term?
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18 Michaud: I don't recall. It was a verbal conversation but I think that he thought it
19 was too restrictive; but again, in staff's opinion we purposely put it in there
20 because we're talking about different entities. The reason why we broke it
21 as municipalities, the ETZ, Colonias and the county was because there's
22 some land planning with Authority or state or federal organization with
23 planning in the case of Colonias.
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25 Villescas: And Colonia...and again, I might be mistaken but I believe it's one of
26 those terms in the English language that, maybe at one point, was slang,
27 but became an official term.
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29 Hearn: I believe now we are talking about "Colonias" with a capital "C," which is
30 the subject of the Colonias Trust Fund, the Colonias Council, Colonias...
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32 (*two people speaking at the same time*)
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34 Villescas: Yeah, exactly.
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36 Hearn:and it has a special place. You might say "Colonias and other
37 unincorporated areas" or something but "Colonias" are critical to our way
38 of doing things these days.
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40 Villescas: And it needs to stay.
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42 Hearn: Yeah.
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44 Terry: Mr. Chairman. Cliff Terry. I had some personal discussions with
45 Commissioner Garrett and he served his work relationships in
46 Washington, DC area and was closely associated with some of the

1 districting and parks and so on in that state and so I believe that there
2 aren't any Colonias in Washington (all laughing). There aren't many
3 unincorporated areas there.
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5 Townsend: In fact there are places that look very much like Colonias in the northern
6 part of the state but in order to be a Colonia you have to be in the south
7 counties within 150 miles of the border so it's a very strict legal definition...
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9 Villescas: Is that true?
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11 Townsend: Yes.
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13 Villescas: I didn't know that. They have to be within 150 miles of the border? So
14 that means they exist in Arizona then and in Texas and in other places?
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16 Hedrick: Mr. Chairman. Roger Hedrick. May I offer some comments on the topic
17 of Colonias?
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19 Villescas: Oh, yes. Please do!
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21 Hedrick: In Doña Ana County "Colonias" is an official, technical term that has been
22 approved by the Board of County Commissioners. It was approved back
23 in the 90s so it's been approved by Ordinance or Resolution so it's really
24 not going to go anywhere. I, myself, depending upon the situation,
25 sometimes refer to them as "Colonias" as eligible for funding or indicating
26 the way of life or the conditions of the infrastructure and so forth or I refer
27 to them as a "Community" when I'm dealing with a group. So my point is
28 that if they are designated by the Board of County Commissioners then
29 they have done so by legislation.
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31 Villescas: So I don't even think there's anything we can do with this.
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33 Michaud: I guess in the Plan you don't have to mention in that category that...
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35 Villescas: No, okay. I didn't mean to get that one so high and mighty but it just
36 struck me as odd. I'm sorry.
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38 Michaud: That's fine. Not a problem.
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40 Hearn: If it's the will of the Commission to leave "Colonias" in and not accept the
41 proposed change have we just done it with this discussion or do we need
42 to include that in a motion later?
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44 Michaud: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Hearn, staff wasn't proposing to change that
45 section. That was listed under Direction. Our intent was to keep it as
46 "Colonias."

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2 Villescas: Oh, okay. I misunderstood you. I thought you were changing that term.
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4 Michaud: No, most of these that have suggestions that have been made we are
5 making those changes. There were a rare one or two that staff wasn't
6 suggesting. This one since we use "Colonias" throughout the document
7 as all the reasons mentioned we felt it should be left in. Again, since it
8 was a comment that was made we just decided to bring it to your
9 attention....
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11 Villescas: You just brought it forward.
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13 Michaud: I think it certainly helps in the discussion so when it gets to the Elected
14 Body level, again, they can see why you want to leave it in.
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16 Villescas: I think the reaction we got from this Board is probably more the reaction
17 you'll get from the general population, as well.
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19 Michaud: Right. To continue on, the next chapter is Chapter 8 and that's the Growth
20 Strategies chapter and that chapter provides the consensus strategy map
21 for distribution of housing and development and jobs. Now there are no
22 suggested changes to this section based on those comments. Again, you
23 just want to keep in mind that the Regional Plan points the general
24 direction for the region kind of like a compass. It leaves the lower level
25 plans to provide the detail, the additional public input and any additional
26 data collection in how to get there.
27 These are just the maps that are in the Plan. The one on your left-
28 hand side shown in red is the Consensus Growth Strategy for Housing
29 and Development. Again, that Strategy was a mix. There were three
30 scenarios that were looked at: the Trend, the Satellite and the Compact.
31 This is pretty much the Compact with a mixture of Satellite, again, trying to
32 encourage the new development and new growth; at least it will be about
33 70% of that new growth within existing municipalities with the rest of that
34 growth, 30%, in the rest of the county.
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36 Villescas: Paul, every time we had a Vision 2040 meeting, you know, next door...we
37 had these maps on the wall and these will be incorporated in, I'm
38 assuming, and not only do you have these but you had...I don't know how
39 many maps were out today but each served a specific purpose. They will
40 remain in the master Plan?
41
42 Michaud: Yes, Mr. Chairman. All the maps that are shown currently in the draft
43 Plan, which includes these maps, will be in the Plan. Some of the other
44 maps that you may have mentioned where there're a lot of existing data
45 maps that we presented to the 2040...
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1 Villescas: Yeah, especially in the early stages.
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3 Michaud: Those won't be in this Plan. What we'll probably do is just put them up, as
4 I mentioned before, we have, if you do not recall, the Prior Consultants
5 Appendix and Inventory. We had a different survey that was done by
6 someone else. That's all sort of the background data. What I'm going to
7 do is to PDF that all into one document with a table of contents and that
8 will just kind of come along if someone wanted a copy of this so when we
9 post this on-line we'll have the Plan, we'll have the Executive Summary,
10 which will be played out as it's own separate document and then we'll
11 have all that background data.
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13 Villescas: Like a reference, too.
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15 Michaud: Right! The map on the right is just the Consensus Jobs Strategy and,
16 again, the whole intent and purpose of the Plan is to try to create a
17 balance of locating jobs and housing together. Then when you put both
18 those maps together you get this illustration which is the Regional Plan
19 map itself.
20 Chapter 9 is the Implementation chapter. Again, that chapter has
21 fifty actions and those actions, again, are a preliminary list of ways to track
22 accomplishment of the Plan and that list is not meant to be an exhaustive
23 by any means. The actions only look out to the year 2016. There were
24 six actions that were identified for 2012-2013 to at least start looking into
25 as a priority list. Those are something that you, as your own group, might
26 want to look at and, certainly, the elected officials will want to look at
27 those, as well.
28 The six Priority Actions that were listed and, again, this came out of
29 the Advisory Committee, were: Action 2 regarding establishing a regional
30 future service boundary; Action 3 regarding preserving BLM and State
31 Land outside that boundary; Action 9, completing the groundwater
32 remediation at the only Superfund site that's in the county, which is
33 located in Las Cruces; Action 12 to revisit the EPA Natural Events Action
34 Plan; Action 40 to evaluate the benefit of combining the two Housing
35 Authorities which, I believe, is underway; and then Action 48 to create an
36 implementation task force regarding this particular Plan.
37 Some of the comments did express concern over Implementation
38 Plan. It was really early on when we released the Plan back in the end of
39 May, early June; talking about is this plan truly advisory, if it has
40 implementation actions, some consternation over the formation of a task
41 force. Again, this section is in the Plan based on comments that were
42 received, not just during the current process of this, but earlier on when
43 staff let the consultant go and took over the project there was a lot of
44 concern not to leave this plan just sitting on a shelf and this is trying to
45 respond to those sort of comments. There may be some actions before
46 this Plan gets adopted. We hope it will be adopted...we're hoping

1 September. It might be October but, hopefully, definitely this year. If there
2 are any actions that have been completed we certainly will delete those
3 actions. There was one additional action proposed and that was to
4 support the completion of the New Mexico Environmental Department and
5 Paso del Norte Watershed Council Plan regarding finding and rating
6 sources of bacterial exceedences as a means to identify strategies to
7 keep the Total Maximum Daily Load at acceptable levels and they are
8 actually doing that. The stakeholder group that I've met with several
9 times, which is that 319 Stakeholder Group; that's what they're doing and
10 that relates to that particular action.

11 With that, as mentioned before, the City P & Z did make a
12 recommendation of approval on the 26th of July and the County P & Z
13 made a recommendation of approval on July 28th and you are having your
14 public meeting today. As of today you don't have a date set for the
15 elected officials for their work session. We are diligently working with the
16 County and City Managers to try to get either a joint meeting with them
17 again or separate meeting with them. We are still hoping we can keep on
18 track. Right now we are on track according to the schedule; but as
19 mentioned before if we don't meet in a work session with them we may
20 push it back a month or something of that nature.

21 Just to kind of keep you in the loop with some of the other
22 communities and, again, we did do an outreach to the other municipalities:
23 Hatch, Sunland Park, Anthony and at Anthony their P & Z met. We have
24 not heard anything additional: pretty much City and County staff were just
25 pushing forward with the City P & Z, the County P & Z and the ETZ and
26 then what we'll probably do is, if we still don't hear anything from them
27 once we have a new Plan and a Resolution for the elected
28 officials...they're still getting all the comments, the e-mails and everything
29 you got they're getting but we'll try to make another ditch effort at them
30 and say, "Here's the Plan that looks like is going to be approved. Maybe
31 you could adopt and do a Resolution yourself." So that's how we're going
32 to tackle that.

33 Again, this is a public meeting. We're asking for a recommendation
34 of approval. You're making recommendation to the Extra-Territorial
35 Authority. The Plan that was presented was just dated May 26th with the
36 changes that have been presented. We did make note, of course, that
37 you do want to keep the term "Colonias" in there.

38 There were four findings that are listed in the staff report and,
39 again, the findings, just very quickly: that the City and County agreed to
40 develop a Regional Plan on the basis of regional long range planning will
41 result in better intergovernmental cooperation, greater efficiency in
42 analysis and public involvement and ultimately a more effective regional
43 response to various issues; that the City and County stated a purpose of
44 the Regional Plan is to provide a policy framework to guide the actions of
45 the City and County for long-term growth and change; the City and County
46 desired a Regional Plan based on extensive public involvement and;

1 approval of the Plan will aid in the update of future comprehensive plans
2 which is underway in the County and will be soon underway with the City.
3 For recommendation options you certainly have the option: to make
4 a recommendation, to recommend denial and then to table or postpone it.
5 So with that that's all the comments or discussion I have. I'll be happy to
6 address any other questions, Mr. Chair.
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8 Villescas: Paul, I have a question: obviously you would like us to put forth...I don't
9 even know the proper term would be...approval? Sanction?
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11 Michaud: It would be a recommendation of approval of the One Valley, One Vision
12 Regional Plan...
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14 Villescas: Okay.
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16 Michaud: With the comments suggested, with any other changes or suggestions
17 that you as a Body might have.
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19 Villescas: So the...I'm sorry. Do that again.
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21 Michaud: It would be a recommendation of approval of the One Valley, One Vision
22 Regional Plan dated there with the changes that are noted. You may
23 have to make some modifications there but...it's a recommendation of
24 approval of the Regional Plan with the changes that have been presented
25 to you in the comment matrix and this presentation.
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27 Villescas: Would a positive recommendation, Paul, then preclude any further
28 changes?
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30 Michaud: No, actually any sort of document, much like when you get a code change
31 or even a zoning case or a document like that, that moves on, since you're
32 just a recommending Body, will move on to the Elected Officials. What
33 they'll do is they will see all the comments, they'll see that whole comment
34 matrix and all those changes, suggestions, they'll see the
35 recommendations from the various Bodies, the recommending Bodies,
36 and then they'll have to take that and make their own analysis of those
37 recommendations.
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40 Villescas: Okay, I'm sorry. I stepped on you while ago and go ahead.
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42 Terry: That's quite all right, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Before we go forward
43 with the recommendations there are a couple of other changes that I
44 would like to discuss with Mr. Michaud. If you could go back to your
45 Snapshot information, the slide number 2 of those discussions you
46 mentioned it seems adding Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation

1 District Plan to Table 5-3. My question is: in your attachment you do have
2 a copy of their Land Use Plan... is that the Plan you are referring to?
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4 Michaud: That is the Plan that I'm referring to. That Plan itself won't be in the actual
5 document, though.
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7 Terry: Excellent. Thank you very much on that one. Also, on slide number 4; I
8 had mentioned to you before that there has been a coalition in force for
9 the last year-and-a-half. It is the South Central New Mexico Watershed
10 Management Coalition and it's quite similar to the Pd Watershed work
11 going on from El Paso, Texas. Currently a joint-powers agreement is in
12 motion of collecting signatures from the municipalities, the townships, the
13 cities and the county and we expect those signatures to be in-hand later
14 this month at our next meeting on the third Thursday of this month. My
15 request is that the South Central New Mexico Watershed Management
16 Coalition be added to Table 5-18, similarly to the others.
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18 Michaud: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Terry, certainly. That's no problem. What I
19 might suggest is if you have some particular verbiage as a description
20 make sure if there's a web site, sometimes what staff does is we pull off
21 web site information and you might want to provide that verbiage.
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23 Terry: I will provide a copy of the Joint-Powers Agreement to you in e-mail. It's a
24 five-page document.
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26 Michaud: That will be wonderful. Thank you. I certainly don't see that as a problem
27 as an addition.
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29 Terry: Very good. Thank you.
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31 Villescas: Does anyone else have any comments? I'm sorry. Go ahead.
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33 Townsend: John Townsend. I've got a couple of questions. Having perused this thing
34 and being the new kid on the block I wasn't here at the beginning but it
35 appears to me that the staff has done an excellent job of trying to
36 consolidate the comments from everybody. They have had a very difficult
37 task there and I think they did a very good job of it. It's not perfect. You
38 could sit here until hell freezes over and nit-pick it to pieces and it still
39 wouldn't be perfect; but I have a couple of, I guess you'd say, questions:
40 one, looking at those maps that you had here, the two maps, that's all
41 right, I don't need them...
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43 Michaud: I can put them up.
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45 Townsend: Yeah, that one...yeah...of course I go back longer than I like to think
46 about sometimes but should there be...I'm asking you for consideration.

1 I'm not making a complaint. I'm bringing up a point: that the consideration
2 to encourage municipal growth on the mesas, East and West, Talavera
3 area, places of that sort, rather than the agricultural land. It's not thrifty
4 use, guys, when we, Doña Ana County, drops from first place to second
5 place on the production of chile. It's not because there's anything wrong
6 with our farming but we're taking the area out and acreage out of
7 cultivation. It's a fact of life: if we don't farm, we don't eat. You can build
8 houses around A-Mountain. You can build houses up on the East Mesa
9 and the West Mesa; but it's (*inaudible*) difficult to raise crops up there. So
10 I'm bringing this up for consideration: maybe we should do something in
11 this Plan to encourage building in the areas that are not suitable for
12 agriculture. That's one thing.

13 The other thing: is there anybody that sits down with all of the other
14 governmental agencies to make sure that we all sing from the same
15 hymnal? A case in point: several places in here you refer to recycling
16 water, capturing stormwater and that sort of thing and then the Flood
17 Control people come along and say "We want these impoundments," and
18 the Heath Department comes along and says, "You've got to drain them
19 because they contain breeding places for mosquitoes." So you can't have
20 it both ways. We need to sing with one voice.

21 I have some questions about the...of course, I taught microbiology
22 for more years than I like to think about but I have some questions about
23 some of their Total Loads and so forth, but that's technical. If we're going
24 to encourage the utilization of runoff water, and I don't see any reason
25 why not but if we're going to do that then we need to get to (*inaudible*)
26 going to the river, be aerated and go on down stream. In other words
27 you've got...it's just like the business with the twister light bulb; you've got
28 the energy people over here saying, "Go use twister light bulbs," and
29 you've got the Center for Disease Control saying, "Yeah, but it exceeds
30 the safe limit for mercury." Well, you can't have it both ways. I think we
31 need to decide how we're going to go on it.

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33 Terry: Commissioner, may I add some relief to your concerns in that regard on
34 the water conditions?

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36 Villescas: Yeah, go ahead. I have a couple of comments as well.

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38 Terry: Thank you. May I go forward, Mr. Chairman?

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40 Villescas: Yeah, that's right.

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42 Terry: I mentioned South Central New Mexico Watershed Management and this
43 is the coalition that will be, more or less, the Regional Authority regarding
44 what your concerns are. The Flood Commissioner in Doña Ana County,
45 the Flood Commissioner in Sierra County, Sierra County itself, Caballo
46 and I mentioned the municipalities that are nearby will all be working

1 together, each one of those bodies will have a Director on the Board of
2 Directors and the whole purpose of this coalition is to do exactly what you
3 mentioned and some of the things that Paul has brought out this evening
4 regarding contamination of water from animals and so forth. Those will be
5 the concerns of this Regional Body that will be the basic Authority to
6 handle those situations and to improve them in our future. Thank you.
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8 Villescas: My comments and, Paul, you can probably address this far better than I
9 can and I think, Janet, the first time you came into one of our 2040
10 meetings and we were discussing this very point and that's the housing
11 versus agricultural land and, you know, that's an issue that has been in
12 front of this Board since the day I first got here many, many years ago. It's
13 really a tough one because: yes, we would all love to see the Valley
14 remain agricultural along those areas, you know, the rivers and stuff. But I
15 can tell you...and we've had many, many people before us
16 that...Grandpa's tired. He's in his 70s and 80s and he's been farming
17 these thousands of acres and he's just tired and his kids just don't want to
18 farm. The only thing he's got to give them is to sell that to developers for
19 houses and, you know, I personally I have the right to tell him, "No, you
20 can't do that. You cannot...even though it's your own land and you've
21 worked it your entire life you cannot sell it so that your children can have
22 something." So it's a very, very, very difficult issue and I know we address
23 this ad nauseam in our discussions many, many times and we come up
24 with this maps and, sure, we would like...but it's just a very, very, very
25 difficult issue. Yeah, it's tough. It's a hard way to make a living and...I
26 had a surprise this weekend. I had a family gathering and, our family,
27 Acosta, my great-grandfather's family, had 8,000 acres that they farmed. I
28 thought they were still farming it (*inaudible – microphone bumped*) sold it
29 and a lot of it is housing now simply because the kids didn't want to farm.
30 So anyway, those are just my two cents.
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32 Terry: Mr. Chairman. I'm Cliff Terry.

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34 Villescas: Go ahead.

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36 Terry: You have the opposite forces that are trying to control the same direction
37 that grandpa still lives in and that's the Doña Ana Soil and Water
38 Conservation District who are very interested in agriculture and the cattle
39 raising. The Chairman of that District, Conservation District, Joe Delk, is
40 an old cattle man himself and it's very dear to his heart to preserve all of
41 the vegetation to feed the cattle in this entire part of the country. Also we
42 have the Department of Agriculture that has the same interests in those
43 directions so we have kind of a check and balance working with those
44 forces working on that side of the fence as well as the ones we have to
45 deal with on this side.
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1 Villescas: Yeah.
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3 Townsend: I'm aware of that. I just didn't pick it up in the Plan is what I'm getting at.
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5 Hearn: Mr. Chairman?
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7 Villescas: Go ahead.
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9 Hearn: This is Bob Hearn. A couple of points...and I think the concerns are well
10 taken and well expressed by Commissioner Townsend. One odd thing
11 that you'll note if you start digging into what's happening a lot of the chile
12 and cotton are disappearing and being supplanted by pecans, which is, it
13 seems, the cash crop of the future. The land is still in farming. It's just not
14 making chiles anymore.
15 I believe 2040, as an Advisory Plan, has done a decent job of
16 identifying the issues here and pointing to possible areas of solutions
17 which is really, in my notion, its job...not to say how to solve these
18 problems. They call on the need for considering the transfer of
19 development rights, considering property rights, making sure that we
20 achieve a proper balance looking at the development boundaries; all of
21 which are things that kind of move in the right direction in the future which
22 is a lightning rod and needs to be dealt with by the jurisdictions in each
23 case in detail. But I think for as far it needed to go Vision 2040 has done a
24 reasonable job of calling out those issues and laying the groundwork.
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26 Acosta: Mr. Chair?
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28 Villescas: Commissioner Acosta, go ahead.
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30 Acosta: With that comment... a very good comment, by the way, Commissioner
31 Hearn, I make a motion to...do we make a motion on this or are we still in
32 discussion?
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34 Villescas: Well, we can make a motion then go into discussion.
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36 Acosta: Excuse me. I'd like to make a recommendation.
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38 Villescas: Yeah, and since you were the one that wrote it down (all laughing) you are
39 the best one to make the motion.
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41 Acosta: Mr. Chair, I've got a quick question for Paul. Clarify for me if I make this
42 motion if I make changes under the clarification of comments matrix of
43 Attachment 1...was it between that and accepting the other amendment
44 as noted? Are they two different? I'm looking at the recommendation
45 where...as it's stated. Sorry. I was going to say...I recommend approval
46 for the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Region Plan dated May 26th within

1 the changes noted under clarification in the comments matrix of
2 Attachment 1. Would that be correct?
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4 Michaud: That would be correct. Yes...and what happened with...just so you have
5 a little bit more clarification: the comment matrix that was given to the City
6 and the County P & Z, since we're still in the process, was a little less
7 complete than the final one, which you actually got to see tonight. Your
8 meeting was last and the one posted on the web site. So a lot of the
9 changes, a lot of the things that I outlined in my presentation weren't in
10 their comment matrix per se so that's why there're two different...
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12 Acosta: But it will encompass everything. That's why it's current.
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14 Michaud: Yeah, but everything in that comment matrix is everything that I've
15 summarized in the presentation is addressed in that comment matrix.
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17 Acosta: So my recommendation wouldn't encompass everything, really, that we
18 want to encompass? Correct?
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20 Michaud: Right. Correct.
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22 Acosta: So, Mr. Chair?
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24 Villescas: Ms. Acosta, go ahead.
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26 Acosta: I make a recommendation of approval of the One Valley, One Vision 2040
27 Region Plan dated May 26, 2011 with the changes noted under
28 clarification and the comment matrix of Attachment 1.
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30 Allin: Second.
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32 Villescas: Ms. Acosta made the motion and we have a second. I will now open to
33 discussion. Is there any Commissioner who would like to make further
34 discussion on the motion in front of us?
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36 Terry: Mr. Chairman, may I have...and I'm Cliff Terry...the addition of items that
37 were suggested to be incorporated in those changes in Attachment 1,
38 those that were discussed this evening?
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40 Michaud: Mr. Chairman, staff understands that to be the clarification you want to
41 keep: the word "Colonias", the addition on...I forget the Table number but I
42 did write it down...of the Water Management Group that Commissioner
43 Terry had mentioned. I think those were the...
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45 Terry: Yeah, the South Central New Mexico Watershed Management Coalition...
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1 Michaud: Right.
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3 Terry: ...and the Colonias.
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5 Michaud: Correct.
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7 Terry: Will that do for you? Yes? Okay. And that would still be covered by Ms.
8 Acosta's motion, right?
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10 Acosta: The Attachment?
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12 Michaud: It would be and it was clarified in the minutes anyway but it is certainly
13 good to point out at this point as well.
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15 Terry: Okay.
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17 Villescascas: Anyone else? Commissioner Hearn? Go ahead.
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19 Townsend: This is Commissioner Townsend. One of these places in here where
20 there're changes that had been recommended somebody wanted to put in
21 a limit to basically how far the City could provide water.
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23 Michaud: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Townsend, yeah. There was one of the
24 Actions that are listed in the plan.
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26 Townsend: Yes. Now my question is: is that static or is that...as the city grows, the
27 city limits expands, city water is going to be able to go to the city limits is it
28 not?
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30 Michaud: Correct. It's whatever the jurisdiction would determine is their planning
31 area: for example, the City, the planning area, they have proposed utilities
32 that are in the West Mesa and there're no homes so it is not static. The
33 dynamics will change
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35 Townsend: Yeah, the City causes that line to move.
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37 Michaud: That's correct.
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39 Townsend: That was just for information.
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41 Villescascas: It's just like the ETZ is not static.
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43 Michaud: That is correct.
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45 Villescascas: Any further discussion? If not, I'd like to call for a vote. Ms. Acosta, will
46 you please a poll?

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2 Acosta: Commissioner Allin.
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4 Allin: Aye.
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6 Acosta: Commissioner Terry.
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8 Terry: Aye.
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10 Acosta: Commissioner Townsend.
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12 Townsend: Aye.
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14 Acosta: Commissioner Hearn.
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16 Hearn: Aye.
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18 Acosta: Commissioner Acosta votes aye. Chairman Villescas.
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20 Villescas: Aye. Thank you, Paul. It has been a lot of work and you guys have put a
21 heck of a lot work into this thing.
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23 Michaud: Thank you.
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25 Terry: Mr. Chairman, I would also like to express my gratitude to Roger Hedrick
26 as well as Paul Michaud. I know it's been a nightmare to take all of this
27 data forward and to collate it together. I really appreciate the work you've
28 done. Thank you.
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30 Michaud: Thank you.
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32 **VI. STAFF INPUT**
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34 Villescas: Okay, next ...Staff Input. I have here as none....
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36 **1. ETZ Subdivision Ordinance Revisions Update: NONE**
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38 Villescas: ETZ Subdivision Ordinance Revisions Update: none....
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40 **2. Minor and Large Land Area Subdivision Report: NONE**
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42 Villescas: Minor and Large Land Area Subdivision Report...none.
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44 **VII. PUBLIC INPUT**
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46 Villescas: Public input? There's no public so we have no public input.
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**MINUTES OF THE
DOÑA ANA COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
July 28, 2011**

THESE ARE NOT VERBATIM MINUTES, THESE ARE SUMMARY MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mel Acosta, Vice-Chairman
Bob Hearn, Member
Sandra Tatum, Member
Natalie Mercado, Member
Michael Park, Member
Douglas Hoffman, Member
Brent Westmoreland, Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Roger Hedrick, Deputy Director
Janine Divyak, Chief Planner
Luis Marmolejo, Senior Planner
Albert Casillas, Planner
Jonathan Kesler, Planner
Arturo Herrera, Fire Marshal Office
Susan Gelvin, DAC Assistant Planner
Paul Michaud, CLC Planner

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Westmoreland called a regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at **9:05 a.m., Thursday, July 28, 2011** in County Commissioner Chambers, Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

1. ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Park	Here
Commissioner Mercado	Here
Commissioner Hearn	Here
Commissioner Tatum	Here
Commissioner Hoffman	Here
Commissioner Acosta	Present
Chairman Westmoreland	Present

Commissioner Park left at 12:45 p.m., after Item #9 was presented to the Commission.

2. APPROVAL OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Acosta moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Park seconded the motion.

All Ayes - Motion Carries.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meeting of July 14, 2011.

Commissioner Hearn moved to approve the minutes.
Commissioner Acosta seconded the motion.

All Ayes – Motion Carries.

4. PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

Chairman Westmoreland stated that the motion failed and Applicant has the right to appeal the decision before the Board of Commissioners.

8. UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY MASTER PLANS FOR BERINO AND RINCON:

Roger Hedrick, Deputy Director, provided a power point presentation detailing an overview of the various plans that are being developed in Doña Ana County.

Susan Gelvin, Planning Assistant, provided detail information as to what the surveys and windshield surveys entailed in the communities of Berino and Rincon.

Commissioner Hearn asked if food, medical care and economic development were addressed.

Susan Gelvin stated that food and medical care was not brought up by the residents. Economic development was mentioned, and looking at these issues as far as the master planning process and future long term planning for the communities.

Commissioner Tatum asked if there was an indication of the age spread in the populations, the employment or was businesses used to categorize to make this clearer.

Susan Gelvin stated that age was not asked, but did asked businesses how many people they employed and if they had plans for expansion.

Commissioner Hearn asked for electronic copies of the presentation.

9. APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT THE ONE VALLEY, ONE VISION 2040

REGIONAL PLAN: The plan is a long-range, regional comprehensive plan that evaluates the needs of the region for the next 30 years and ways to meet those needs. The main components of the plan includes a regional vision statement, snapshot of existing conditions, goals and strategies, regional growth strategies, and suggested actions. The plan is available online at <http://vision2040.las-cruces.org>.

Paul Michaud, CLC Planner, provided an overview of the plan and proposed changes and comments.

Commissioner Hoffman moved to approve a recommendation to the BOCC for the adoption of the 2040 Regional Plan dated May 26, 2011 as presented.

Commissioner Tatum seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hearn stated that he was inclined to approve it, but felt awkward for being asked to provide final approval to a work in progress. He asked if there would be a time to see the whole thing.

Paul Michaud explained that they would need to get more direction, have a work session with the elected bodies, then final changes would be make to the document.

Roger Hedrick stated that plan consists of a draft with proposed changes and asked for additional changes or recommend approval as presented.

Roll Call

Commissioner Park	No
Commissioner Mercado	No
Commissioner Hearn	Yes
Commissioner Tatum	Yes
Commissioner Hoffman	Yes
Commissioner Acosta	Yes
Chairman Westmoreland	Yes

By a vote of 5-2-0, the motion was **APPROVED**.

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2 **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**
3 **FOR THE**
4 **CITY OF LAS CRUCES**
5 **City Council Chambers**
6 **July 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**
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8 **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

9 Godfrey Crane, Vice Chair
10 Charles Beard, Secretary
11 Ray Shipley, Member
12 William Stowe, Member
13 Donald Bustos, Member
14 Shawn Evans, Member
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16 **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

17 None
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19 **STAFF PRESENT:**

20 Cheryl Rodriguez, Development Services Administrator
21 Paul Michaud, Senior Planner
22 Adam Ochoa, Acting Senior Planner
23 Helen Revels, Planner
24 Lorenzo Vigil, Acting Assistant Planner
25 Billy Chaires, Fire Department
26 Mark Dubbin, Fire Department
27 Jared Abrams, CLC Legal Staff
28 Bonnie Ennis, Recording Secretary
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30 **I. CALL TO ORDER (6:00 pm)**
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32 Scholz: Good evening. Welcome to the Planning and Zoning Commission for
33 July 26, 2011. My name is Charlie Scholz. I'm the Chair. I'll introduce
34 the members of the Commission in just a moment. No, I'll introduce
35 them right now, as a matter of fact. On my far right, Commissioner
36 Shipley; he's the Mayor's appointee. Next to him, Commissioner
37 Crane. Commissioner Crane represents District 4. Next to him,
38 Commissioner Stowe, who represents District 1; then Commissioner
39 Evans who is representing District 5. Is that right, Commissioner
40 Evans? Yes, thank you. Commissioner Bustos represents District
41 2...3, sorry. I'm skipping over here. Commissioner Beard is
42 representing District 2 and I'm in Council District 6.
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44 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 28, 2011**
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46 Scholz: The first order of business is the approval of the minutes of June 28th.
47 Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes? Commissioner

1 **V. OLD BUSINESS**

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3 Scholz: There is no Old Business....

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5 **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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7 **(SEE ABOVE)**

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9 1. **Case PA-11-01:** A request recommending approval of the One Valley,
10 One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. The plan is a long-range, regional
11 comprehensive plan that evaluates the needs of the region for the next
12 30 years and ways to meet those needs. The main components of the
13 plan includes a regional vision statement, snapshot of existing
14 conditions, goals and strategies, regional growth strategies, and
15 suggested actions. This plan if approved will be the basis from which
16 future comprehensive planning efforts will be drawn. The plan is
17 available online at <http://vision2040.las-cruces.org>. Submitted by the City
18 of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. **APPROVED 7-0**

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20 Scholz: That brings us to our next case, which is recommending approval of
21 the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan and Mr. Michaud, who
22 has worked very hard and long on this is going to do our presentation.

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24 Michaud: Thank you. Good evening, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Planning
25 and Zoning Commission. For the record my name is Paul Michaud,
26 Senior Planner with the City of Las Cruces and we're talking about the
27 One Valley, One Vision Regional Plan which we discussed at your
28 work session of June 21st.

29 Tonight I'm going to quickly go over this Regional Plan's
30 relationship to other Plans. I'm going to give a very quick Plan
31 summary and overview of the comments that have been received to
32 date. You'll have opportunity to discuss your own comments and
33 suggestions on the Plan and, again, we are asking for you to make a
34 recommendation to forward on to City Council regarding the Plan itself.

35 You've seen this diagram before: it's in the Plan itself and it's
36 illustrating the Regional Plan, at the very top of this pyramid, if you will.
37 Again the Regional plan is a very broad based plan that deals with
38 various resource topics, very similar to our City Comprehensive Plan,
39 but again, the Comprehensive Plan just deals with the city limits. The
40 Regional plan's dealing county-wide both unincorporated and
41 incorporated places. There're are other various plans that this could
42 possibly affect or go to, technical plans and sector plans, and
43 ultimately it feeds down to the very bottom, which is called
44 Implementation, your Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance and
45 things of that nature.

46 Just generally, for general information, on the comments that
47 have been received there're many formatting, typographical and

1 related points that are not summarized in the Comment matrix that
2 were part of your staff report; and that was a preliminary comment
3 matrix that we have gone through all our stakeholder meetings ending
4 pretty much last week and have completed that matrix.

5 The matrix itself, if you look at it, has three categories:
6 Clarification, Comments and Direction. Clarification is just things that
7 staff feels should be made and we're going to just go ahead and
8 approach and make. Comments were areas that we weren't quite sure
9 there was enough detail or just plain out comments we didn't know
10 what to do with. Then there was Direction, things that we were asking
11 for the Elected Bodies ultimately to make a decision on. The Comment
12 matrix does explain how staff plans to address the changes and
13 suggestions where clear direction has been given and, certainly, there
14 are other points that are identified as comments, for the most part, that
15 we may need direction to follow up on. That updated matrix will be
16 posted on the web site, if not this week, definitely by next week.

17 Technically the review period has been completed. We are
18 now in the next phase of this process for the Regional plan which,
19 again, started back in the end of 2007 and that's to get
20 recommendations from your Body, as well as the County Planning and
21 Zoning Commission and other Planning and Zoning Commissions in
22 the ETZ. During the review period, and the review period was
23 essentially June and July of this year we held twelve meetings that
24 were open to the public and, again, those were throughout the county.
25 We presented to eight stakeholder groups. We had some ads and
26 articles in both the Las Cruces Sun and the Bulletin. There was and
27 still is an informational video on Channel 20. There was a blurb on
28 KRWG and then, of course, our web site has be on throughout the
29 whole process. Except as noted in this presentation staff does expect
30 to incorporate the suggestions that were noted at your June 21st work
31 session. Just going over, I'm going to go over kind of chapter by
32 chapter of kind of where we are seeing the comments and possible
33 changes.

34 Chapter one is the Executive Summary and, as explained
35 before, that was purposely left blank. Staff is in the process of
36 developing that and we do have a draft as of today. We will hope to
37 get a draft out and post it on line probably in the next two to three
38 weeks.

39 Chapter two is the Vision Statement and again, the Vision
40 Statement states the Current Themes and Values of, ideally, what we
41 as a region hope to achieve by 2040 and these Recurrent Themes and
42 Values were collected through the surveys and all the input that was
43 collected back in 2008, early 2009. The Elected Bodies did look at the
44 Vision Statement then it went through the Advisory Committee over the
45 last several months. As you can see here, based on the comments
46 that we've received to date, it's really a lot of wordsmithing on the five

1 elements or the five sections of the Vision Statement. The one major
2 addition is to add medical to the very last bullet.

3 Chapter three is the Introduction chapter and that provides a
4 brief summary on the public engagement process that has been going
5 on for the last four years; what we call the SWOT, which is the
6 Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats and, again, that
7 was utilized by the Advisory Committee to help identify the issues as
8 well as the goals that are in the Plan. There's demographic data
9 focusing on population data and then the organization of the Plan itself
10 and then the relationship to other Plans, which is the chart that was
11 represented earlier. Based on the comments that we've received to
12 date some of the changes that we're envisioning are to revise the
13 public engagement section, to talk a little bit more about the
14 methodology, to update the number of meetings and to reference the
15 background data, the surveys, the appendix, which is noted in the
16 bibliography in the documents; and those documents are available on
17 line under "background information." They'll also be available once the
18 Plan is done. We'll PDF all those various documents into one
19 document, which will be a companion to this particular document itself.
20 We're also seeing some minor changes in text description to the
21 population subsection that addresses the trend over the next thirty
22 years of the 65-plus age group and rewording the organization section
23 to follow in chronological order, which, I believe, was Commissioner
24 Shipley's comment at the work session.

25 Looking at the SWOT and looking at Strengths: there are eight
26 Strengths that are listed in the Plan. Based on the comments that
27 have been received to date, there are two suggested changes, no
28 additions and no deletions suggested at this point and, as you can see,
29 the two suggested changes are to add White Sands Missile Range and
30 Construction and Development to the Strength that lists the vital roles
31 or institutions that play vital roles in the region. Then on the...I believe
32 this the last item on the Strengths, is the Comprehensive System and
33 Educational Institutions. There's a whole list of schools there but we
34 also list those schools in Table 5-18, so we're suggesting to remove
35 the list to there since they're in Table 5-18.

36 Looking at the weaknesses, there are a total of eleven
37 weaknesses that are listed in the SWOT. To date based on
38 comments: there are suggested changes, no additions, no deletions
39 and just one comment. Again, the changes are more changing
40 words...the first one is to change out "equal" to "comparable," to
41 change out "most of these" to "except for those." There was a
42 comment, I believe it was Commissioner Shipley, regarding the
43 weakness being unclear which was listed here: "Many people outside
44 the Region lack an awareness of the historic, cultural, environmental
45 resources and this negatively affects tourism potential." I think from
46 the staff's perspective we didn't think that was unclear; so certainly if

1 you all think that's unclear you might want to give us some suggested
2 language to make a change to that.

3 Looking at the Opportunities there are five Opportunities that
4 are listed in the SWOT. Based on the comments that have been
5 received to date there are three suggested changes, one addition and
6 no deletions. The changes: now the first is to make a separate bullet
7 for the tourism and flood control and the suggestions right now they
8 are kind of combined. The second was to look at retirees as an
9 industry, to relook at retiree centric services and businesses. The third
10 change was to change the Economic Development Opportunities
11 section, again, to change some wording to add engineering and
12 management operations. The addition was to add this following
13 one...again, some of these descriptions might change as the process
14 moves forward. You are kind of the first Planning and Zoning
15 Commission looking at this. Economic synergy potential exists in
16 pursuing rail connection of the region's industrial and airport facilities
17 like the West Mesa Industrial Park and Las Cruces International Airport
18 to the rail operations in Santa Teresa. I believe that came out of the
19 ETZ Commission in their discussions.

20 There are eight Threats in the SWOT section in the Plan. To
21 date there two suggested changes, one addition and no deletion and
22 two comments. Again, the changes: one is to add essential services;
23 the second on a change is to add...which is talking about flooding and
24 specific parts, is to add a (3) and (4)...(3) is that there is flooding due
25 to unlawful construction in flood hazard areas and (4) that there could
26 be flooding due to intensive precipitation during monsoon periods. On
27 the addition...there's an addition to add, again as a Threat,
28 "Occurrences of drought can impact the region's resources including
29 agricultural production and limitations to water supply; and then of
30 some of the comments there was a suggestion of using the term
31 "uncontrolled or poorly planned growth" regarding the fourth bulleted
32 Threat. Staff isn't suggesting that wording and so, Mr. Chairman, you
33 can kind of pipe in on this. During the Advisory Committee there was
34 quite a bit of discussion regarding the term of "uncontrolled and poorly
35 planned growth" but the fact is that nothing is truly uncontrolled or not
36 managed. To some degree something is managed and that was a
37 discussion that the Advisory Committee and staff do not suggest
38 making that change. There was also a suggestion to add water and
39 water quality as a threat. Staff really hasn't gotten the details of that,
40 but certainly we wouldn't have a problem putting that in if you feel
41 that's necessary to put in.

42 Chapter four is a chapter that deals with the concepts of
43 Sustainability and Smart Growth. Really, there've been no suggested
44 changes to this chapter. We're suggesting to change the title of it just
45 to "Concepts." You'll still have Sustainability and Smart Growth in

1 there. It'll just clean up the table of contents and to add an introductory
2 paragraph, much like the other chapters.

3 Chapter five is the Snapshot section and, again, this chapter
4 provides the existing condition on the twelve identified resource topics
5 that are listed here and discussed before. Some of the proposed
6 changes from the information that we've been receiving are: to correct
7 land ownership on the acreage for NMSU and, again, most of these
8 are just clarification items to include more survey data results that are
9 put in throughout this document; to revise the description about the
10 Paso del Norte Watershed Council; to add planning efforts on water
11 quality and expand the bacterial total maximum daily load description
12 that's already in the Plan...and that's coming from that particular
13 group; to revise description about the Doña Ana Soil and Water
14 Conservation District and update the wetland and riparian text related
15 to the work that they are doing; to add a subsection on hazardous
16 material that is identified in the list of hazards from the All Hazards
17 Plan that is referenced in this document; to reword and reorganize the
18 subsection titles and text in the Transportation Snapshot portion...the
19 comment there was that they felt separating out the non-motorized
20 from the motorized doesn't kind of get out the Complete Streets sort of
21 concept. So now none of the data is really changing. It's just how it's
22 categorized. To correct the number of high schools that were listed
23 and to include any missing education and public safety entities and to
24 update the text that the City is now doing recycling; to correct the text
25 on the El Paso Electric ownership and other facilities and other
26 facilities which are outside this region; to add the Sapphire, biofuel and
27 solar facilities at the F & A Dairy to the Table 5-12 in Renewable
28 Projects; to add positive points to Table 5-14, which talks about
29 economic considerations in agriculture, the points that were listed in
30 the Plan, which were all for the most part negative so we're trying to
31 balance that out; to add more educational institutions to Table 5-17; to
32 add the following groups to the existing intergovernmental groups,
33 which is the Lower Rio Grande Public Waterworks Authority, which is
34 the combination of the five water districts in the Vado area; to add the
35 Doña Ana Soil and Water Conservation District and to add the Council
36 of Governments that serves this area.

37 Regarding the issues that are listed in this Snapshot section,
38 there are thirty-four issues in the Plan. They cover all of those twelve
39 resource topics and, to date, there's one suggested change to that
40 issue, six additions and one deletion, based on the comments. The
41 suggested change is to reword the cross-out that you see above to
42 basically rewrite it: the cost to treat and recover water to meet water
43 quality standards is a limitation to additional future water supplies. The
44 additions include: in 2004 data collection along the Rio Grande by the
45 New Mexico Environment Department exhibited exceedences of the
46 bacterial standard for E. coli. That is in the process of being studied

1 and substantiated as such exceedences could negatively affect
2 people, plants, animals and the economic vitality of the region's
3 agriculture. The second addition is: a need exists to encourage Green
4 Infrastructure and Low Impact Development to assist with stormwater
5 management. The third addition to issues: there will likely be a need
6 for more transportation options in addition to driving a personal vehicle
7 due to the upward trend in population over 65 years of age, the
8 number of persons with a disability or unable to drive. The fourth
9 addition: there will likely a need for additional health care services,
10 again, due to that trend. The upward trend in population over 65 years
11 of age may require providing more housing options or amenities in
12 addition to the detached single-family dwellings. The other addition:
13 planning and coordination on timing and design of regional roadways
14 to avoid piecemeal roadway construction and inconsistent roadway
15 design; and that goes with a list of other items in that
16 intergovernmental section. The deletions suggested came from an
17 individual from NMSU regarding the issue that "distances between
18 communities make access to higher education in outlying rural areas in
19 the region more challenging" and he is suggesting the deletion since in
20 the last three years there have been branch campuses being
21 developed. But, again, that is just an item that we have listed as
22 direction.

23 Under accomplishments in the Snapshot section there are forty
24 accomplishments in the Plan as it exists. Based on the comments
25 received to date there are two suggested changes, two additions and
26 one deletion. The first change deals with clarification of the ETZ: in
27 the Sunland Park area, the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority has
28 authority to actually form an ETZ. In some ways they function like an
29 ETZ but they're not technically an ETZ and the Plan doesn't quite state
30 that it exists today. The second is to update the third transportation
31 bullet, really just to clarify the various transit routes that are in
32 existence. The existing description didn't quite explain it accurately.
33 Regarding additions to the accomplishments section: to add the
34 Munson Senior Center in Las Cruces. It has become the first
35 nationally accredited senior center in the State of New Mexico. To add
36 a section called "accomplishments" to Intergovernmental Cooperation,
37 much like the other resource topics and, really, just to refer to the
38 existing tables. I think this comes from the ETZ: to add more items
39 that the Council and Board of County Commissioners had done so
40 there might be a need to create another table on that. The only
41 deletion was regarding the Prehistoric Trackway bullet. That's actually
42 listed twice so it should either be in Environmental or in Community
43 Facilities but not in both.

44 The next major section in the Plan is chapter six and that deals
45 with Goals and Strategies. There are forty-three goals that are listed in
46 the Plan. Based on the comments that have been received to date

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there are no suggested changes, additions or deletions to the goals. There are various strategies in the Plan. There are actually two hundred and twenty-nine strategies listed in the Plan based on each of those twelve resource topics and, again, these strategies are possible ways to achieve that goal and it may not apply in all circumstances or parts of the region and, based on the comments to date, there are two suggested changes, twelve additions and no deletions to those strategies. The suggested changes deal with goal 6-5-1 to add "consider hazardous by-pass ways" to that particular strategy. On goal 6-7-2 it's to add not just "Colonias" regarding technology but also rural areas. Looking at additions it's to "add a strategy to work with stakeholders to develop and implement reclaimed water strategies" to goal 6-2-1 regarding the availability of safe, dependable, affordable, sustainable water supply; to add the following two strategies to goal 6-2-2 again dealing with water, dealing with water quality; to encourage green infrastructure and Low Impact Development where appropriate; to support planning and analysis of the Rio Grande Basin Watershed that will allow for best management practices and managing pollutant loads. The fourth addition is to goal 6-4-3; to work with the agricultural and ranching community when developing land use plans to come up with desirable methods and locations of agricultural and ranching activities for the long term. The fifth addition is to goal 6-6-2 regarding the coordination of transportation planning as to plan transit corridors that connect activity centers and allow higher density so that total housing/transportation costs are reduced. The sixth addition is to goal 6-7-3, is to encourage local governmental jurisdictions preparing comprehensive or master plans to coordinate with and include all providers of community facilities and utilities in the development of the Plan. The seventh addition is to support and enhance public access opportunities on state and federal lands of outdoor activities...and that's to goal 6-7-5. The eighth addition is to work with regional partners to encourage state and federal funding and regulatory agencies to remove institutional obstacles to regionalization. The ninth addition to goal 6-9-2 is to consider the adoption or modification of local zoning ordinances regarding the use of accessory dwelling units and being responsive to local housing needs such as increasing the affordability options, supporting public infrastructure investments and providing housing options in closer proximity to those that care for others. The tenth addition: to support programs that promote employment and volunteer opportunities of older aged persons, persons with a disability and other persons whose skills will strengthen the economic vitality of the region. The eleventh addition: to consider rail line extensions and spurs; and then the last addition is to coordinate among government agencies in effective ways to generate, store, process, analyze, manipulate and use spatial data and related technologies.

1 The next chapter is chapter seven and that's the Types of
2 Communities. There weren't a lot of suggested changes based on the
3 comments we received. There was a suggestion to rename the title of
4 "Colonias" in this particular section to "Unincorporated Communities,"
5 some description changes to highlight some of the infrastructure
6 improvements that the Lower Rio Grande Public Waterworks Authority
7 has been doing and then to make that same clarification regarding the
8 ETZ and around Sunland Park.

9 Chapter eight is the Growth Strategies section and, again, that
10 section is where all the maps are, for the most part, in the Plan. It
11 provides census strategy maps for the distribution of housing and
12 development and jobs. There are no suggested changes based on the
13 comments that we've received to date. Just want to keep in mind that
14 the Regional plan does point the general direction for the region. It
15 leaves the lower level Plans, the Comprehensive Plans or your
16 Detailed Transit Plan, etc. to get the detail and any additional public
17 input or data collection. What you're seeing on this map is what's in
18 the Plan. On the left in red is the Consensus Growth Strategy map for
19 housing and development, again trying to focus more development
20 towards existing incorporated areas but also realizing that there is still
21 going to be development outside incorporated areas. Then the Job
22 Strategy map to the right in blue, again, showing where existing jobs
23 are and trying to tie housing and jobs closer together. Put those
24 together and you get the Regional plan, which is illustrated here.

25 Chapter nine is, for all intents and purposes, the last major
26 chapter in the Plan and that's the Implementation chapter. There are a
27 total of fifty actions that are in the Plan currently and these actions are
28 a preliminary list of ways to track accomplishments of the Plan. Again,
29 it's not meant to be an exhaustive list. The actions do only look out to
30 the year 2016. There were six actions identified by the Advisory
31 Committee to work as a priority between 2012 and 2013 and the
32 Elected Bodies may wish to examine those priorities a little bit closer.
33 The priority actions were these: there was Action 2, to establish a
34 future regional service boundary to delineate the maximum extent for
35 provision of public and wastewater services, which to some extent we
36 sort of do already; Action 3, to preserve BLM and State Land outside
37 the proposed service boundary through actions including and not
38 limited to dialogue with the BLM and State Land Trust, land outside the
39 given priority for preservation, etc.; Action 9 is to complete the
40 groundwater remediation of the superfund site in Las Cruces; Action
41 12, to revisit the EPA Natural Events Action Plan; Action 40, to
42 evaluate the benefit of combining the two housing authorities, which
43 may already be underway or done before we get this Plan approved;
44 and then the last priority Action that was listed by the Advisory
45 Committee was to create an implementation task force to best

1 prioritize, evaluate, accomplish, consider potential funding
2 opportunities and track the progress of the Plan.

3 Looking at the Actions there were some comments expressed
4 concerned over implementation, just the section itself and it was early
5 on in the comment phase, since the Plan is advisory. There were also
6 some Actions, as I just mentioned, that might need to be deleted if they
7 were actually completed before adoption of the Plan and there was
8 one additional Action that was proposed and that was to support the
9 completion of the New Mexico Environmental Department and...
10 PdNWC, I believe it's called, regarding and finding and rating sources
11 of bacterial exceedences as a means to identify strategies to keep the
12 total maximum total daily load at acceptable levels.

13 That is the Plan itself. For meetings, you're having your
14 recommendation meeting now. This Thursday at 9:00 am the County
15 Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled to hear this and then
16 August 4th the Las Cruces ETZ is planning to hear this. At this point
17 we don't have any scheduled date for work sessions for the Board of
18 County Commission or the City Council. We're hoping that will happen
19 sometime in the later part of August and certainly no later than
20 September, with hopefully then being able to adopt either September
21 or October the Plan itself.

22 Again, this meeting is for recommendation. Staff is
23 recommending approval of the Plan with the changes that are noted
24 under clarification in your Attachment 1 of the staff report as well as
25 what's presented in the presentation. Based on the findings listed in
26 the Plan and the findings really relate back to the Resolutions that
27 were passed back in 2007 between the City and the County agreeing
28 to develop a regional plan on the basis that a long range planning will
29 result in better intergovernmental cooperation, greater efficiency and
30 analysis and public involvement and, ultimately, a more effective
31 regional response to issues related to growth, economy, environment
32 and transportation. The second finding: the City and County stated a
33 purpose of the regional plan is to provide a policy framework to guide
34 the actions of the City and County for long-term growth and change;
35 and a third, the City and County desired a regional plan based on
36 extensive public involvement; and fourth, approval of the Plan will aide
37 in the update of the future Comprehensive Plans. The County has
38 already started to embark on updating their Plan and the City will follow
39 suit as soon after this Plan is adopted.

40 Again, in your Plan there are various options that you, as a
41 Board, can do for recommendation. You can, of course, recommend it
42 for approval or to recommend denial. If you do choose to recommend
43 denial you will need to state findings to that or to table and postpone
44 recommendation...and that concludes staff's presentation, Mr.
45 Chairman.
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1 Scholz: Thank you, Mr. Michaud. I want to mention after reading the
2 comments and corrections and so on that you attached to this
3 document it seemed to me that the majority of the corrections and
4 additions were to the point. They were expansions, perhaps
5 clarifications, that sort of thing and I thought they were worthwhile. I
6 thought many of the comments were rather irrelevant. They were
7 people who wanted more specificity in the Plan and, of course, this
8 Plan is a high view, you know, and not something that says, "We do
9 this next," you know. It's not a Comp Plan, in other words, and I think
10 there was some misunderstanding of that by some of the Bodies and
11 some of the individuals that looked at this. Anyway, I certainly
12 appreciate your work on this. You have been the work horse and I
13 understand that when this is through then you are going to do the City
14 Comp Plan.
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16 Michaud: That is the plan, Mr. Chairman, and again, it's with both the City and
17 the County effort we got a lot of input for not just the Advisory
18 Committee but, of course, both City and County staff.
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20 Scholz: There's no relief for the wicked, as we say. All right, gentlemen.
21 Questions for Mr. Michaud or comments? All right, I'll entertain a
22 motion to approve.
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24 Crane: So moved.
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26 Scholz: Okay, Crane has moved.
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28 Beard: Second.
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30 Scholz: And Beard has seconded. I'll call the role. Commissioner Shipley.
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32 Shipley: Aye, findings and discussion.
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34 Scholz: Commissioner Crane.
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36 Crane: Aye.
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38 Scholz: Commissioner Stowe.
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40 Stowe: Aye, findings and discussion.
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42 Scholz: Commissioner Evans.
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44 Evans: Aye, findings and discussion.
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46 Scholz: Commissioner Bustos.

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2 Bustos: Aye, discussion.
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4 Scholz: Commissioner Beard.
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6 Beard: Aye.
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8 Scholz: And the Chair votes aye for findings, discussion and the sense of relief
9 that we're pretty close to the end of this. (all laughing) Well, I've been
10 on this for four years, too, so All right, thank you again, Mr.
11 Michaud. Appreciate it.
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13 2. **Case Z2837:** Application of Area 51 LLC to rezone a 0.25 ± acre tract
14 (K-1) within the Sonoma Ranch East II Master Plan from R-1b (Single-
15 Family High Density) to C-1C (Commercial Low Intensity-Conditional) to
16 allow for utility-related land uses - antennas, towers, communication
17 structures and other vertical structures and public/private utility
18 installations. The subject property is located south of the future
19 extension of Sedona Hills Parkway and east of Pagosa Hills Avenue;
20 Parcel ID# 02-37615; Proposed Use: Private Communication Structure;
21 Council District 6. **APPROVED 6-1**
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23 Scholz: Okay, our next item of business is case Z2837 and, Ms. Rodriguez;
24 you're going to present this, are you?
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26 Rodriguez: Yes, sir.
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28 Scholz: Before you start, I have a question for you: this came before us a
29 couple months ago didn't it?
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31 Rodriguez: Yes, it did.
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33 Scholz: Okay, and at that time were there anybody...did you receive any letters
34 of protest or...as I recall there was one letter of protest?
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36 Rodriguez: Mr. Chairman, that is correct. Staff had received one letter of protest
37 but at that Planning and Zoning Commission meeting we had nobody
38 in attendance.
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40 Scholz: Oh, okay. So none of the people who live in the neighborhood or who
41 were concerned about it came to that hearing.
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43 Rodriguez: Mr. Chairman, that is correct.
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45 Scholz: Okay...and so why did the City Council kick this back to us?
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3 **EXTRA-TERRITORIAL ZONING COMMISSION**
4 **WORK SESSION**
5 **July 7, 2011**

6 This document reflects a general discussion. There was no action taken.

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8 The Las Cruces Extra-Territorial Zoning Commission met for a work session on Thursday, July
9 7, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at the County Commission Chambers, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las
10 Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

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12 **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

13 John Villescas, Chairman
14 Janet Acosta, Secretary
15 Cliff Terry, Member
16 Steve Pacheco, Member
17 Robert Hearn, Member
18 John Townsend, Member
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20 **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

21 Kenneth Allin, Vice Chairman
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23 **STAFF PRESENT:**

24 Paul Michaud, CLC
25 Roger Hedrick, DAC
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28 **(Recording started after Chair John Villescas had begun speaking.)**
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30 **I. CALL TO ORDER (6:10 pm)**

31 Villescas: Casual but, for recording purposes it was deemed that it would be best that we
32 be up here. Now, I did get a phone call from Bonnie, oh, about four, four-thirty and
33 she did make a couple of requests, again, and because she does know that it is a
34 much less formal type of gathering. She asked that if I don't identify you when you
35 are speaking that you please identify yourself as you start to speak into the
36 microphone; and I know a couple of us, me included, have a tendency when I get
37 to talking I start to lean back and Bonnie's having a hard time and so the
38 transcribing with some of it...especially if she's not used to so many new people at
39 one time. So those two things...I will try to remember to identify but if I fail to do so
40 please do so as you start to speak. Now, do we have changes...are we going
41 to...? I mean, I am assuming we're going to start...we had a couple of things but

1 we are going to start with the Vision 2040, is that not correct?
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3 Michaud: Yeah, according to the agenda that should be...that's all.
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6 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NONE**

7 Villescas: I mean, because this is a work session and subject to the terms as a regular
8 meeting, do we still approve the minutes and such as per usual and...
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10 Michaud: You don't have any minutes on there.

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12 Acosta: You don't have any minutes.
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14 **III. STAFF INPUT**

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16 1. **Discussion of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan:** Continued
17 discussion of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. The plan is a long-
18 range, regional comprehensive plan that evaluates the needs of the region for the
19 next 30 years and ways to meet those needs. The main components of the plan
20 includes a regional vision statement, snapshot of existing conditions, goals and
21 strategies, regional growth strategies, and suggested actions. The plan is available
22 online at <http://vision2040.las-cruces.org>.
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24 Villescas: Okay, so then we can just go straight to staff input which is...you.
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26 Michaud: That is correct.
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28 Villescas: So, anyway, it's a discussion of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan so
29 go ahead and, you know, however you want...if you want us to inject, if you want
30 us to sit back and wait until you're done and then you tell us what you want to do.
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32 Michaud: Sure, yeah, Mr. Chair, I have just a maybe twenty-minute presentation just to
33 recap some stuff. Really this meeting is for you to tell us, as staff, what you'd like
34 changed. I have probably 150 slides after my last slide, which go over every issue
35 and accomplishment if we need to do that. But I have a very brief overview first;
36 and I also do have an (*inaudible*) approving it if you need somehow copies of what
37 the minutes were from the last meeting, I do have those here, too. We're not
38 approving minutes if you want to somehow want to take a photocopy.
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40 Villescas: Okay, you one thing I am curious about...should I call role so that we... Ms.
41 Acosta, would you mind? I don't think we have to read the opening presentation.
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43 Acosta: Is this being recorded or minutes being taken?

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2 Michaud: Yeah.
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4 Villescas: It is being recorded for that purpose.
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6 Terry: You should call role, Janet.
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8 Villescas: Yeah, so those...
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10 Acosta: Did you call the meeting to order already?
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12 Villescas: I already called the meeting to order. I just didn't do the preamble.
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14 Acosta: Commissioner Hearn?
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16 Hearn: This is Commissioner Hearn and I'm here.
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18 Acosta: Commissioner Pacheco?
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20 Pacheco: Here.
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22 Acosta: Commissioner Acosta is present. Commissioner Terry?
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24 Terry: I'm present.
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26 Acosta: Commissioner Townsend?
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28 Townsend: I'm here.
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30 Acosta: And Chairman Villescas?
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32 Villescas: Oh, I'm sorry... I'm here. (Other Commissioners laughing) I was waiting for....I
33 knew Mr. Allin had notified us all that he would not be here tonight.
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35 Acosta: Commissioner Allin?
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37 Villescas: He did notify us, yeah. Okay, I'm sorry. Go ahead.
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39 Michaud: Great. Good evening, Mr. Chairman, Members of the ETZ Commission. For the
40 record, Paul Michaud, Senior Planner with the City of Las Cruces. I'm not sure why
41 things at the top aren't working. Real quickly, we want to just discuss your
42 comments and suggestions on the Plan and then to, after this meeting if you think
43 you're ready, to set a meeting date for a recommendation of the Plan. Just to let
44 you know where your other counterparts are. The City of Las Cruces Planning

1 and Zoning Commission, they set their meeting for recommendation of this Plan
2 on July 26th and the County P & Z is set for July 28th. That doesn't necessarily
3 mean that you need to follow that pattern. You can certainly, if you need another
4 work session, you take as long as you like.

5 Let's just to go over these two slides, which are the main components of the
6 Plan. If you recall, there's the Vision Statement, which, of course, is a very
7 important part of the Plan. So if, essentially, every resident should be able to
8 resonate something of the Vision Statement or connect something of the Vision
9 Statement with themselves and, you know, everything so if it doesn't look like
10 we're doing that you might want to make suggestions. They are: the Snapshot
11 section is basically the existing data, background with some issues and
12 accomplishments with the twelve resource topics and, again, if there're any
13 changes or inconsistencies in it we would certainly like to know that as well.

14 Then you'll see the next major section on Goals and Strategies. Those
15 Goals and Strategies relate back to each of those twelve resource topics and,
16 again, these Strategies are just possible ways you might achieve that goal so all
17 strategies may not apply in all communities and all areas of the communities, etc.
18 Then you have the Regional Growth Strategies, which are all the maps, sort of,
19 toward the end of the Plan and those are just dealing at a very broad level the
20 distribution of, kind of where the housing is going to go and where the jobs are
21 going to go. Again, in the Plan we're estimating that there's going to be another
22 125,000 people moving here and we're estimating doubling the size of our job
23 growth in thirty years.

24 Then the last section is Implementation section, which is a preliminary list of
25 actions that the local government bodies be able to work on and, again, if there
26 are suggestions or changes there, for when it comes down to it, your meeting is
27 July 21st. You do have two items on that agenda and I can go over that. You have
28 nothing right now scheduled on August 4th, just to keep that in mind. That's really
29 all I had on there.

30 You did have some comments the last time. Just so that you know, at your
31 next meeting or whatever your recommendation meeting hearing is and I may
32 have mentioned this before: as we're getting comments, if you actually go onto
33 the web site you can see some of the public comments that we've gotten if you go
34 into the comments tab. It lists, basically, staff's response to all of the e-mail sort of
35 comments that we have gotten. We have also been, of course, meeting with
36 various groups. What I've been doing is putting it into a matrix; basically what the
37 comment was, what the suggested change was, who said it, what page it refers to
38 and I broke it into sort of three categories or what I call Clarification, which is
39 basically something that staff is just going to go ahead and change. Maybe it was
40 some sort of typo or something of that nature and it's just something that we would
41 change. Then, just a Comment, which is something that really didn't give us
42 direction but someone said the Plan looks good or this or that and a comment, and
43 the third one is Direction. There might be a new action or a deleted action or a
44 majorly revised strategy that staff isn't comfortable with saying, "We're just going to

1 go ahead and make this change. We want some direction from that.”

2 When you met the last time on this we did get some... Commissioner Terry
3 did provide some information. Most of those were what I call clarification sort of
4 things in making those changes. One was... I'll just go through it. There're three
5 points I want to make on Commissioner Terry's comments. One was regarding on
6 page 55 in the Snapshot section there is a chart on the All Hazards Plan and you
7 were saying that the dam hazard should be medium instead of low risk; and just to
8 let you know that we pulled that information from the updated 2011 All Hazards
9 Plan. Staff probably won't change that because we are referring to that Plan.

10 Then I think I had a couple of Direction requests that you might want to
11 discuss as you're discussing. Commissioner Terry had mentioned this in respect
12 to the SWOT. It's on page 17, to add two additional threats: one regarding the
13 region experience as occurrences of drought and intensive precipitation after a
14 monsoon periods and that lengthy drought periods may cause brush fires,
15 especially in the dry mountain area. I don't think staff has a problem with that but
16 you might want to discuss it since it did come from your group, if that's something
17 that you would like to add to that SWOT section.

18 The last that we had from your last meeting is on page 99 which was to add
19 more on the accomplishments of the elected bodies in the county and we probably
20 need a little bit more direction on that because there have been a ton of things,
21 exactly what you might want to point out in that might be a better question for the
22 elected bodies than yourself. But again, there're just some comments that we
23 received the last time and, just again, an example of some of the things that were,
24 you know, you'll see it in the next meeting here. With that that's really all we have
25 from the staff perspective. Again, as I mentioned I can go through... I have
26 detailed slides of all of this. If we get to that point we can slip to that and how we
27 want to approach this, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, on getting us feedback
28 and comment.

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30 Villescas: Okay. Thank you. For my part I'd just like to say I was involved as an ETZ rep
31 from the get go, from the first meeting of the Vision 2040 and so I'm fairly familiar
32 with the process and what took place. I have never been on anything like this
33 before, any kind of long-range planning, especially one that was as an intensive,
34 thanks in a large part to funding that we received from the State of New Mexico, I
35 believe. But overall it took me a while to adjust to the fact that we weren't setting
36 out a concrete plan of step A and then you go on to step B and then you go on to
37 step C and once you're done with C then we are allowed to on to D, E and F. It's
38 not like that at all. It's a general comment on where the group saw opportunities
39 and areas for growth and problems but it doesn't lay out a law that says, "This is
40 the way we are going to go," and I think when people who aren't familiar with the
41 process or the intent look at this I think they have maybe a hard time and are
42 looking for something really, really, really evident. But anyway, I was pleased with
43 the overall, especially the effort that went into it. So as a general comment I don't
44 have anything specific. I know that several of you have several key points that you

1 wanted to go over and I'd rather that we just start with whoever wants to hit one of
2 those areas and go forth from there. Is there anyone who would like to start on
3 this today?
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5 Terry: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'm Cliff Terry.
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7 Villescas: Go ahead, Commissioner Terry.
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9 Terry: If I could go back, Paul, to page 17 for just a moment... that third paragraph.
10 What I had offered to...well, was a better explanation, I thought, of not only the
11 possibility of flooding but drought, as well, and I feel that those are two specific
12 threats that we have and I think that it should be explained in the light that you
13 bring out the opportunity for monsoon periods in this territory. We are in one right
14 now for that fact and I think that's a threat that people should know about that want
15 to move to this territory and they should also know that we may have lengthy
16 drought periods that may cause brush fires because of that and that they might not
17 get rain for a long period of time as well. So I think those were two major points
18 that I was trying to bring out to enhance that paragraph or add a second one
19 regarding the drought periods.
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21 Michaud: Once again, staff has no issue with that. I guess we want to make sure that the
22 rest of the Commissioners here think that's a good idea or not.
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24 Terry: So the exact verbiage that I had said prefacing that paragraph was:
25 "The territory experiences occurrences of drought and intensive precipitation
26 throughout monsoon periods thus there is a potential for damage..." And then
27 following that, a separate paragraph: "Lengthy drought periods may cause brush
28 fires, especially I the dry mountain areas."
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30 Villescas: How does the rest of the Board feel, because, again, I know that.... and you were
31 here after our last great flooding period and we had so many issues come up with
32 developments that had been built in areas that probably should not have been built
33 and stuff and that stayed a pretty hot issue for about a year and "out of sight and
34 out of mind," I think people have forgotten. But I think this Board, especially, took
35 note of that and we haven't had any developments like that come up in a while but
36 I know that every time one does we look at that a lot closer than we used to after
37 that flood of...what year was that? 2006? Wasn't that 2006?
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39 Terry: Yes, as a matter of fact, Mr. Chairman...Cliff Terry speaking...I was the facilitator
40 for the Flood Task Force for the Doña Ana County and we did have to provide the
41 Commissioners with a report in November of 2006. It was a rather lengthy one
42 that took about an hour-and-a-half. Jorge Granegas and Chuck McMahon and
43 Paul Dugie and myself all participated in making the presentation to the
44 Commissioners. I had a 375 page report that was combined as a result of

1 reviewing four different ordinances and inputting to the ordinances and affecting
2 change of the Design and Construction Standards Ordinance at that time. We met
3 with 160 people in five different meetings and have that much public input of a 375
4 page report. So there was a tremendous territory-wide, area-wide, from Hatch all
5 the way south to the border of Texas and people came, 160 of them, to those
6 meetings.

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8 Villescas: Chairman Villescas, again, and it was a huge issue and did hit a huge area and,
9 you know, most of us that have lived here a long time know the amount of effort
10 that was put in back in the...gosh, I remember the 70s when all that El Paseo was
11 really torn up for about two years and then the dam behind I-25. I know that hasn't
12 ended yet. I don't even know the name of it; it's basically known as a running fill
13 now. But during that period I always thought to myself, "Man, if those things hadn't
14 been done what would the damage have been done then?"...because we had
15 enough damage. So I think it is, again, personally speaking a significant issue that
16 does need to be emphasized in some way. Commissioner Hearn, a lot of us are
17 nodding our heads. Do you have something specific to add?

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19 Hearn: I was going to add...I actually wasn't going to say...this is Bob Hearn. I think in
20 addition to Commissioner Terry being a member of this panel he's, of course, an
21 expert in our area in these kinds of issues so I think when he speaks we do listen.
22 One of the purposes of putting this threat list together through the report is to
23 make sure we do a good cataloging of the issues and possible problems that are
24 going to face us as we attempt to achieve our vision over the next thirty years and,
25 in that light, I think Commissioner Terry's suggestion is well made and I support it
26 being included.

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28 Villescas: Anyone else?

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30 Townsend: John Townsend. I had a couple of things, if I may. One on page, I guess it starts
31 on 72..."Presently there is only one generating station within Doña Ana County
32 located in Sunland Park... El Paso Electric does contract with remote generating
33 facilities including the nuclear generating facility, Palo Verde facility west of
34 Phoenix. Unless something has changed that I'm not aware of they own part of
35 Palo Verde and it provides a major portion of our electricity. If you were reading
36 the newspaper here just a few days ago they were afraid that the forest fire up
37 there, the Wallow Fire, up in Arizona would hit those lines, that Springerville line
38 and so forth and put us all in the dark partially. So, that is a major concern and
39 that leads me to another one.

40 Well, there's another one in there as a matter of historical interest. If I
41 remember correctly, 1916 when the Irrigation District was established it was
42 operated by the Bureau of Reclamation. It was essentially a loan to the farmers
43 and when they paid the loan off it became theirs. I do know that the water way
44 maintenance and so forth is now provided by EBID rather than the Bureau of

1 Reclamation. So you might want to check on that one.

2 The other one is in regard to the flood threats and so forth. They're real. I
3 was in charge of the Office of Emergency Management when that big one hit at
4 Vado and I can attest to you they're real. They don't happen very often and we
5 talk about flooding and as dry as it's been lately people have a hard time believing
6 it but it is real.

7 But there are some other issues that I didn't find in here. Now I'm new on
8 the Commission. I didn't get this until the early part of the week so I may have
9 missed it but there are some severe hazards, threats that I think we probably
10 ought to take into consideration. One of them is the rail transportation. I was
11 going to a political meeting here a few years ago out at Fairacres and I drove up to
12 the grade crossing there on Picacho Avenue and the lights began to go on and the
13 grates came down and I know what the law says but I also know how to count and
14 if you count the number of cars and divide by four for forty seconds and so forth
15 you can get the approximate speed of the train and the train went by there doing
16 between 55-60 miles an hour and I counted 83 cars, tank cars, of concentrated
17 sulfuric acid. Now, folks, if you have a derailment, particularly if it should be a
18 compression derailment, believe me, that many cars of sulfuric acid is a major
19 hazard and that would be the fault of the railroad. Of course, it lays where it was
20 laid out in 1850 and follows the river and so forth; but that's something that,
21 perhaps, should be considered because as the area grows the amount of freight
22 moved by rail is bound to increase and if fuel prices stay as high as they are that
23 will also tend to increase it. You can move a ton of freight running 400 miles on a
24 gallon of diesel fuel on the railroad and I don't think these trucks on the highway
25 get that. If the price of diesel fuel stays up it's going to force more traffic on the
26 railroad. So I think there are some other man-made hazards but I think those
27 should be considered and it's not all just natural hazards.

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29 Michaud: Commissioner Townsend, if you look at page 55 the chart that is listed there,
30 Table 5-8, does list hazard material accidents, highway railroad as high. You don't
31 go into a lot of detail on those types of hazards. This Plan is meant to direct you to
32 that Plan that really focuses on those hazards and what would be done.

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34 Townsend: It's the notation, the table, that's really all that's said about it, that I found. Maybe I
35 missed something. It's just an entry in the table.

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37 Michaud: That is correct. I guess if you would like to you could suggest...if you are
38 suggesting it is an issue in the SWOT or as a Goal, that would have staff better
39 understanding where you might want that information and, of course, you don't
40 have to figure that out today. You still have another meeting.

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42 Townsend: Well, I think it should be considered in Hazards, in the *(several people speaking at*
43 *the same time – cannot transcribe)*

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1 Terry: Somewhere in the....page 53 in that group of hazards.
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3 Hearn: Mr. Chairman?
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5 Villescas: Go ahead.
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7 Hearn: Just to get into the discussion ...this is Bob, again. Mr. Townsend, I think, raises
8 some very interest points apart from the hazard discussion. The issue of the
9 railroad has one that's been around for a long time and, of course, it cuts the town
10 in half, which is considered to be kind of a problem, and the distance of the
11 railroad from the West Mesa Industrial Park is a potential shortcoming of the
12 Industrial Park and people of South Mesilla, Santa Teresa and the railroad's right
13 there and runs right through it. But there just might be, in the long term, a reason
14 to call out the fact that that situation does exist. It's not easy to just pick up the
15 tracks and move them out on the West Mesa. There's some mountains in the way
16 and a whole bunch of crazy things. But the traffic tie-ups along with the hazards
17 and other things do suggest that that whole issue be brought to attention.
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19 Villescas: Also, I noted that in between the time that this work was started and today... has
20 not at least a partial agreement been reached with moving at least part of the yard
21 from El Paso into Santa Teresa?
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23 Several Commissioners: Yes.
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25 Villescas: That was completed?
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27 Hearn: Well, it's agreed that it will be done and construction is due to start...this is
28 Rob...momentarily almost.
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30 Villescas: So, it is soon, I mean, it's in the near-plan because, obviously, that will have a
31 huge effect; but like you said...Chairman Villescas... building even a spur out to
32 the Industrial Park would be quite an undertaking. So I guess maybe what we're
33 saying as a Board is at least...I don't know how I want to say it...more of a
34 mention, more of a paragraph, more of a statement directly hitting the rail
35 situation...
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37 Townsend: Yeah, I'm just saying it's something needs to be considered when we're doing it
38 because it's going to have a negative impact, as already mentioned on the West
39 Mesa, on the Industrial Park, and access to it is...if that's where we want the
40 industrial part of town then that's going to be a bit of a problem and....
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42 Villescas: Is your mike on?
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44 Townsend: As far as I know. Oh, I thought the light was on. I'm sorry. Yeah, it's something

1 that you have to take into consideration. If you're a plant owner and thinking of
2 building here, locating here, then you're going to have to consider the possibility of
3 being what your product is.
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5 Villescas: Yeah.

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7 Townsend: Of course, that's mitigated somewhat now by the container system. It's a little
8 easier to deal with that than it was, say, thirty years ago, but it's still there.
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10 Villescas: And, of course, we're talking Las Cruces; whereas area-wide, county-wide, Doña
11 Ana County that has to be a boon to Santa Teresa that it's moving there...or as I
12 understand it the yard is still going to be in El Paso. It's going to be like an
13 additional yard but, you know, so county-wide that's got to be a great plus.
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15 Townsend: One other item along that line...it's John Townsend, again... as it stands now
16 anything of a hazardous nature, whether it be chemical, radiological or just big,
17 anything of a hazardous nature has to be floated in the center of town and then
18 transported over, basically, over streets to get it to the West Mesa or any other
19 industrial outlet and so that's something they may want to look at is perhaps
20 a...what would you call it, a bypass or an access way to allow traffic to the rail
21 facilities.
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23 Terry: Signs of "HE" ... This is Cliff Terry speaking...are usually put on roads that carry
24 hazardous materials and I think those would be placed appropriately in the future
25 when we decide upon those routes. Wouldn't they?
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27 Townsend: They don't have any now that I know of.
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29 Terry: No, the Department of Transportation would recognize that. Maybe it should be
30 brought to their attention. On the overall, if I may, Mr. Chairman.
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32 Villescas: Go ahead.
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34 Terry: At the last meeting we had discussed looking at the whole body of the chapters as
35 such and the flow of the information in that regard and they suggested and
36 concurred that chapter 5, which was the very meaty chapter, the very heart of
37 information be brought forward because there was some lengthy verbiage to go
38 through in chapter 3 that could be placed beyond chapter 5 and, perhaps, provide
39 a better interest for the reading of this material. It says, "...Some verbiage that
40 comes together in the six pages set aside for the front end..." I think, in the
41 Management Information and that would replace chapter 3 beneficially; then
42 chapter 3 could be placed beyond in another section with a different name,
43 perhaps.
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Also there was some discussion from the floor on public input about chapter

1 2 about emphasizing further benefits of living in this territory, the beauty of it and
2 the culture that we have and expanding upon the culture and the beauty of this
3 land for people to move to. So perhaps some improvement of chapter 2 could be
4 embellished upon and that would help to bring information closer to the front
5 reading rather than reading through a bunch of boring information, how many
6 meetings we had, who met and where they met and all of that. So what are your
7 feelings about making those changes?
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9 Villescas: Has any other discussion been brought to you concerning the order or the flow?

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11 Michaud: Mr. Chairman, no, most of the real... vast sort of organization, you know, has come
12 from this group at this point. There may be other individuals who might want to
13 see it restructured. I think, from a staff perspective, you know, we would look for
14 direction in how all the various boards and elected committees and elected
15 governing bodies would want to see it be organized. With staff, right now we're
16 just notating all the changes and we're doing that. We just know for sure that the
17 minor things will change and that's certainly fine. So we'd like to know from your
18 group then and, whether would be tonight or whether it be an action to make a
19 recommendation on this to be a recommendation at a public meeting, you know,
20 what direction you would like to do that because that would help the County Board
21 of Commission and other elected governing bodies make their decision if there's a
22 lot of people who would like to see that changed in structure and order. I also
23 would just like to go back to Commissioner Townsend. I certainly see no problem
24 with adding, like Commissioner Terry had mentioned, on the rail yard and those
25 hazards... a paragraph similar to some of the other paragraphs that are in there
26 with some of the points that you had mentioned. I don't see that as an issue or a
27 problem.
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29 Villescas: Anyone else? Commissioner Hearn, what's your opinion on the flow as far as the
30 comments there on moving the basic components of chapter 5 in front of chapter
31 3. Does that make any difference?
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33 Hearn: This is Rob... I think that's a good idea in general. Various people have talked
34 about this for some time and it could help make the document more readable and
35 then, without knowing specifics or something, just sort of laying it out as an
36 objective to be thought about and considered with other inputs that staff gets.
37 Anything along those lines would be welcome.
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39 Villescas: Anyone else have any specific points or general comments?

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41 Hearn: Mr. Chairman?

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43 Villescas: Commissioner Hearn, go ahead.
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1 Hearn: This is Rob. I would just like to ask staff: for us ETZ guys there's one mention of
2 the ETZ in the Goals section, I think it's the last one, and that's good, I just
3 wonder if in the comments or anything that's come in so far there's been any other
4 thought about things to do with the ETZ specifically. Do we need it so there's
5 change so the management...in the way things are run be changed or anything
6 like that?
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8 Michaud: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Hearn, I've not received any comments related to
9 that. It doesn't mean that they may not exist but they've not been voiced, at least
10 to myself.
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12 Hearn: Oh, okay, thank you. I haven't had a chance to look at the comments on-line yet
13 and I will but are they in the same format as the sheet that you held up with the
14 comment and the response and that sort of thing?
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16 Michaud: No, they're all e-mail responses and e-mail chains that we're responding
17 to...individuals...the matrix that I'm sort of drafting up and, as I said, I'm about
18 seventy-five percent done with it; hopefully, I'll have it pretty well complete by the
19 end of next week. The comment period runs 'til the end of next week so another
20 week and it ends the 15th. My goal was to get that together as soon as possible
21 and as soon as it's ready, and certainly by your meeting for recommendation, you
22 know, I'll have that for you.
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24 Hearn: Good. Thank you.
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26 Villescas: Did you get the rest of the staff here? You were hoping ...you were looking to
27 someone was coming on board...additional help with that? Did that ever happen?
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29 Michaud: I don't know if they finally selected someone. They had a couple people walk
30 through, not as a final interview but, I believe, they're very...they're this close for
31 both our positions at the City.
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33 Villescas: Okay. I'm sorry. I stepped on somebody. I interrupted... someone said something
34 about e-mail.
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36 Pacheco: That was me.
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38 Villescas: Oh, go ahead.
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40 Pacheco: This is Steve Pacheco. I just wanted to say that Commissioner Hearn's comments
41 were interesting. I would like to know, too. I'm surprised nobody mentioned
42 anything about whether the ETZ is necessary any more. I think that's a really
43 good question that might be addressed. I don't know if there is some way you
44 could get some information on when it started and, you know, I don't know...some

1 history on it, perhaps.

2 That and I a couple other...well, I have a growing list but a few of the things
3 that I've seen on here...the first one is a general one is: every zoning case that
4 comes before us quotes the Comprehensive Plan for the staff's position and I
5 believe this will be used in the same way. I worry and I'm going through each and
6 every line trying to find anything that might hurt us on trying to get the economy
7 back on its feet because I've heard a lot of comments that it's not very....it's just a
8 guideline. But that guideline can be used to beat us over the head if we're not
9 careful. That's just a comment.

10 The other comment I had was a lot of these...and I'm sure we don't have
11 money for it...but a lot of these comments in the boxes throughout state the 2008
12 Vision 2040 mail survey and I'm just curious...thinking out loud if any of that would
13 have changed now after the economic meltdown that happened. I wonder how
14 many people would still feel the same way.

15 As for specific comments: on page 31 there's a Regional Land Use
16 Categories that talk about developed, critical and sensitive and government
17 retention and I'm just curious what the critical and sensitive...is that for privately
18 owned land or is that for government land? I know it's pretty "on the spot." I
19 apologize for that but just....

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21 Michaud: Mr. Hedrick's more the expert on this one but it covers both.

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23 Pacheco: Okay, 'cause just using these definitions...even just saying an arroyo is critical and
24 sensitive, that'd be pretty much every square foot of undeveloped land in the
25 county so it just worries me that that could be used to hammer or hamper
26 development in some way.

27 Another one that I was that caught my eye was the...on page...hoping I
28 didn't lose it here...the Water Rights...oh, now I've lost it....about 37...oh, I wish I
29 could remember...

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31 Michaud: I think it starts on 35? There's a section on Water Rights.

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33 Pacheco: Yes, and it talks about that there's a lot of talk about reusing water, saving
34 stormwater and reusing it for some other type of use. But the State Engineer does
35 not allow that and surface water is the state's water and can be retained but it
36 cannot be cycle it off for another use.

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38 Terry: Steve...Cliff Terry here...in 2008, I believe it was, an agreement was made with
39 Texas that new water was available through stormwater runoff, which was
40 previously permitted to flood down the river and flood into Texas. Obviously, in
41 2008 when Texas had their terrible floods, as well as we did in these territories,
42 that following that, two years later that agreement was formed. So there is new
43 water available regarding stormwater runoff and, matter of fact, we do have a
44 coalition that the JPA has been formed and is under review at this time and,

1 perhaps, by next month will be signed by the municipalities of all of this area, of
2 the county and the City and the townships, as well. When that JPA is signed there
3 will be a South Central New Mexico Stormwater Management Coalition officially
4 and this will be more or less a Regional Stormwater Management Authority and
5 the word "authority" is really not one that people like to hear or listen to; but it will
6 be playing into that role in the future.
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8 Pacheco: Thank you, Commissioner. I didn't realize they had changed the water harvesting
9 rules.
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11 Terry: So we'll be harvesting more water and we have the permission to do that at this
12 time.
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14 Villescascas: And will Texas play a role in that Coalition?
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16 Terry: Yes, they will.
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18 Villescascas: Even though it's called Central New Mexico...
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20 Terry: South Central.
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22 Villescascas: South Central... West Texas.
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24 Pacheco: That was all I've got. Thank you and thank you, Commissioner.
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26 Villescascas: Thank you, Commissioner Pacheco. Anyone else?
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28 Townsend: I have a question I'd like to ask: Doña Ana County alone among the thirty-three
29 counties in New Mexico has been singled out by the Federal Communication
30 System for attachment, I guess you'd call it for want of a better word, with El Paso;
31 and ask any politician who tries to get his message across from Albuquerque you
32 can't turn into a public station here and get the television or news from
33 Albuquerque. In fact, we do not have a television station in town. Again, from a
34 public safety standpoint, I hit this situation pretty hard back when I was in the
35 Office of Emergency Management but if one of these things happened, be it a
36 flood, be it whatever, we don't have a really good functioning public warning
37 service and I think that's something that should be mentioned.

38 We have one set up or did have unless it's been changed with the state
39 through the State Office of Emergency Management. But guess what, folks?
40 We're locked off with Texas and the one time that I had to use it I found that out.
41 It doesn't work real well, I mean, the people in Van Horn and Sierra Blanca really
42 aren't concerned with our problem here. So that's one of the things I would like to
43 see Doña Ana County join the rest of the state and for the purposes of that sort of
44 thing. And that may be an issue with the feds but that's the way it is and I'm

1 simply bringing that up because, well, it wasn't the case that started it, I went to
2 work one morning and traffic was backed up on 70 all the way out beyond Oñate
3 High School clear down to Madrid Road at the time I got there.
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5 Villescas: They must have been filming a movie.
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7 Townsend: No, this was a traffic accident that they had to get the Life Flight in there to move
8 the victim to proper medical care and people were calling in on their cell phones
9 and the radio KGRT was putting out news and, well, putting out information they
10 were getting from the cell phones, most of it awfully erroneous, and there was no
11 way...here yesterday, I believe it was, they had a major fire out here at Watson
12 Lane and I would have really hated to try to drive a ladder truck through the
13 congestion that was going on there. It happened pretty close to cession of the
14 work day. So if there's some sort of a warning system...they have one in Texas as
15 you go across the line, you know, there's signs up on the road that say...I don't
16 know how to say..."Extreme Fire Danger" but you know what I'm talking about.
17 They have flashing lights and the light is flashing to tune the radio to a certain
18 station. We talked about a system like that and I found out that most of the radio
19 stations now are basically record players. They go out and stack them up in the
20 morning with CDs and they take care of themselves. There's not an operator on
21 duty. It's very difficult to get a notice put out... and that was a problem in Joplin,
22 Missouri not too long ago. It's not in there and that's not intended as a criticism of
23 the people that wrote it but it's something. I think, that should be taken into
24 consideration. Maybe they should consider severing us from Texas and returning
25 us to New Mexico for those purposes.
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27 Michaud: This is Paul with the staff. Commissioner Townsend, certainly, we'll look at that
28 and if it's not in there it's a good point to make.
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30 Villescas: This is Chairman Villescas. It was interesting that just yesterday I was given a tour
31 of the KRWG facilities on campus. I'm working on a grant right now to try to get
32 funding for a microwave relay for (*inaudible*) in Deming and to reach...right now
33 they can't get past the mountains to reach Lordsburg and Silver City's very spotty;
34 but it is controlled by the feds, you know, and we are severed off from
35 Albuquerque by design and we have been lumped into the El Paso area by the
36 federal government and the only way, if you are interested, for example, in getting
37 Albuquerque news it's not possible here without paying for some premium service
38 that'll get you to...I think it's only available through Comcast. But yes, you are
39 absolutely correct in that we are severed and it's not by accident or by
40 economics...well, I guess it is for economics; but it's certainly the feds that do
41 control those lines and our line happens to take us into Texas.
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43 Hearn: There could be a lot of support for severing from Texas. Remember what
44 happened when the Texas Roadhouse opened up and put their one-star flag up?

1 (all laughing)
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3 Villescas: Yeah, that's true.
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5 Townsend: Well, it severs us from all of our Emergency Management stuff that comes out of
6 Santa Fe and Albuquerque and they have a very good, for at least at that time, a
7 very good system in place in the other thirty-two counties. But when you activated
8 it in Doña Ana County you got El Paso and the one time that I had to use it, it
9 didn't work and, boy, did I catch it for that! But that's...it's not your fault; but I'm
10 just saying it's something that needs to be put in there that someday maybe we
11 can rejoin New Mexico.
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13 Villescas: I know the University has just installed that system that they test the first
14 Wednesday of every month and it causes quite a stir; but that's very localized, I
15 mean, that's only the University. The area we're talking about, really, is not
16 connected, as you say, now... probably a very good point and is there a solution to
17 that right now? No, but it is definitely worth, you know, mentioning that.
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19 Townsend: I have no solution but I am saying it is a problem.
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21 Villescas: And as we grow it's going to be a bigger problem. Whom else? What else do we
22 have? I know at a work session we don't make any decisions or votes or anything
23 so if there is.... Did we help you?
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25 Michaud: Mr. Chairman, you certainly did. Yes.
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27 Villescas: Okay, if there are no further comments I know there was another issue that we had
28 talked about at the last Commission meeting. Did we decide to bring those points
29 here to this work session or are we going to hit that at the next formal meeting on
30 those specific changes that we went over. Do you remember?
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32 Townsend: As it is right now I don't remember which one we did or which way we decided.
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34 Villescas: I think we wanted to...because we did want to have a vote on that and make those
35 specific changes I think we gave ourselves a month to make those changes, bring
36 them forward and then one at a time we were going to do a yay or nay on that and
37 so I believe that was at the next session and not for this work session. Is that what
38 you recall?
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40 Terry: What I recall...Mr. Chairman...it's Cliff Terry, Board of Chaparral. Paul Michaud
41 requested that we come back with some kind of written statement, as I recall.
42 Was that what you wanted?
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44 Michaud: Well, we'll get the written statements basically when you hold your public meeting

1 for recommendation because we'll have to advertise. Through the minutes, that's
2 your written statement because you'll actually need to make a formal
3 recommendation on the Plan. So that would be a written statement.
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5 Villegas: The next meeting, which is July 21st...correct?
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7 Michaud: July 21st. Correct.
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9 Villegas: Is that sufficient as far as notification? Is it?
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11 Michaud: What you have on your agenda...I think it's from Mr. Kesler, just so I know what
12 you have on your agenda for July 21st... you have, let's see... Case SU-11-011,
13 which is a Special Use Permit to establish and operate a dog training business...
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15 Villegas: Okay.
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17 Michaud: ...at 4208 Escondido Lane in Las Cruces.
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19 Villegas: Okay.
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21 Michaud: You have Case Z-11-003 and that's a request of zone change from ER-3 to ER-6
22 to facilitate the division of property for an estate settlement...
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24 Villegas: A family thing?
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26 Michaud: ...and that's at 4777 South Highway 28.
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28 Villegas: That's by Mesilla Park.
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30 Michaud: Then you have a proposed amendment 2011-01, which is Ordinance 8802, Article
31 1, Purpose, Authority and Scope of the Code, Section 1.6, Definitions, Article 3,
32 General Districts and Special use Permits, some other things are typed. I'm sure
33 you probably know more about that than I do.
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35 Villegas: That's exactly what we were just talking about. So we did put it on the agenda for
36 that night, right?
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38 Michaud: So you have those three things already on your agenda. We only have to notify
39 for the Vision 2040 forty-eight hours so we could put it on that agenda. You do
40 have your next meeting, which would be a City meeting like this, which would be
41 August 4th. Right now, when I talked to the staff at the City there are no upcoming
42 cases for that meeting but we certainly could put the recommendation for Vision
43 2040. It's really up to you what you would like to do. If you think there's already
44 too much on your next agenda, you want to meet and put it on the August 4th, you

1 can do that. It's whatever you would like.
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3 Villescas: Well, August 4th would only put us seven days past the July 28th meeting, which is
4 the... I mean, you've got the 26th, the 28th and then our next one will be the 21st so
5 August 4th would only put us a week past the 28th. Does that work for you as far
6 as...?
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8 Michaud: That works fine for staff. It's whatever works best for you.
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10 Villescas: And as far as the Board goes, we may have a choice there that we could come
11 August 4th to take care of this and, as of right now there's probably nothing else on
12 the agenda... or... so we could stay home that night... or we can stay longer on the
13 21st. I'm open to suggestions.
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15 Terry: My suggestion is August, Mr. Chairman.
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17 Pacheco: I agree with August. This is Steve Pacheco.
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19 Villescas: We've had a couple of late ones lately, you know. I guess we're doing pay backs
20 for all the short meetings we had. So unless there's any objection from one of you
21 all I will set it for August 4th to put this on the agenda for a yay or nay for our
22 recommendation. Any objections? Because I think that one on the 21st, I think
23 those things you were talking about are going to be lengthy.
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25 Pacheco: Mr. Chair?
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27 Villescas: Go ahead.
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29 Pacheco: So how would... would we... 'cause there'll still be some comments dribbling in...
30 will there be a final before we vote on it or are we voting on the "yes" here on the
31 4th?
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33 Michaud: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Pacheco, you'd still have suggestions if there are
34 further suggestions or changes or comments. I'll obviously know what you have
35 here. I'll wrap everything up in that matrix so you'll have it and see what other
36 people are saying as well. Really we are looking for direction of you generally
37 moving it forward with the certain changes or not.
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39 Villescas: Well, would we get anything else in a written form in a packet, you know, like an
40 addendum or, "This is where we are going with changes in these areas?"
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42 Michaud: Paul, again. What you'll get in the staff report would be the matrix, that comment
43 matrix, which will summarize what you've done. You've mentioned a couple things
44 regarding maybe adding the blurb on the railway. I'll try to write something or draft

1 something up in these areas that you've made some comments on so that you can
2 look at them because those were specifically your comments. So, hopefully, you
3 can maybe get some better direction on those. Then if there's anything new that
4 comes up, certainly you can raise it up to public meeting and make suggestions
5 and if there's things that you still want to move it forward and still things you don't a
6 hundred percent know you can certainly mention some general comments as, "you
7 want this direction but you are still moving it forward or you're not moving it forward
8 for X or Y."
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10 Villescas: Does that help you, Commissioner Pacheco?

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12 Pacheco: Yes, it does. Thank you. Say, could you give us your e-mail address again,
13 please, also?

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15 Michaud: Yes. It's pmichaud@las-cruces.org (*spells it out*)
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17 Pacheco: Thank you.
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19 Acosta: Mr. Chairman, I do have one question for you.
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21 Villescas: Commissioner Acosta, go ahead.
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23 Acosta: I'm sorry. I don't mean to be redundant. For the August 4th meeting, I know that
24 prior to our meeting and prior to this meeting we had recommendations that we
25 were going to discuss at the August 4th meeting. Correct?
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27 Villescas: Correct.
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29 Acosta: Okay. Those recommendations...is staff going to write those up for us just so that
30 we can look at them or do we even recall what those recommendations were? I
31 know that Commissioner Hearn had some really good specifics and we were all
32 pretty much on board with him and Commissioner Terry had some as well. But I'm
33 going to be real frank...I can't remember.
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35 Villescas: Well, these are recorded minutes...I mean, a recorded session which will be
36 turned into minutes and...Paul?
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38 Michaud: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Acosta, the minutes of your last meeting, which
39 was in June, we actually do have a draft of those. Since this is a work session you
40 couldn't make a motion on that. I do have...they are dated April 7th and that's the
41 wrong date on here...if you'd like to take these back and you can go ahead and

1 start looking at some of those. What I did do, just so that you are aware and
2 mentioning and that staff had sort of mentioned some of Commissioner Terry's
3 comments, but just some of the general comments that Commissioner Hearn had
4 that you had, Commissioner Pacheco, I noted those in that matrix and, again, as I
5 mentioned before, I'll make sure that that matrix is as complete as possible,
6 certainly with all of the stuff that you had contributed. Obviously, we got some new
7 stuff at the last second. It may not be reflected in there.

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9 Acosta: Okay. I'm just worried about all this fourth meeting, you know, like what specifics
10 are we expected to accomplish... *(two people speaking at the same time – cannot*
11 *transcribe the rest of her question)?*

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13 Villescas: Yeah, and, obviously, you'd like to see something prior to that.

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15 Acosta: Thank you.

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17 Villescas: Fair enough?

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19 Michaud: Fair enough...and, again, as I said, I do have right at the table here, if you want to
20 get preview of what you had said before you can go ahead and do that.

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22 Villescas: Okay. So August 4th it is?

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24 **IV. PUBLIC INPUT**

25 **V. COMMISSION INPUT**

26 **VI. ADJOURNMENT (7:08 pm)**

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28 Villescas: All right! Any other reason why I can't adjourn this work session? I know that we
29 have public input but there's no public here. So Commission input...any of the
30 Commissioners have input on any other matter?

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32 Terry: Mr. Chairman, I think that if Mr. Michaud is pleased is please with what we have
33 accomplished at this point we can adjourn.

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35 Villescas: Okay and I don't even think we need to take a vote. We are adjourned. That's it.

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Chairperson

**MINUTES OF THE
DOÑA ANA COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
WORK SESSION June 23, 2011**

THESE ARE NOT VERBATIM MINUTES, THESE ARE SUMMARY MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brent Westmoreland, Chairman
Natalie Mercado, Member
Bob Hearn, Member
Sandra Tatum, Member
Mel Acosta, Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Roger Hedrick, Deputy Director
Albert Casillas, Planner
Jonathan Kesler, Planner
Paul Michaud, CLC Sr. Planner
Tom Schuster, CLC Sustainability Officer
Sughosh Kuber, CLC Sustainability Co-op

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dick Salopek, Member

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Westmoreland called a work session of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 9:02 a.m., Thursday, June 23, 2011 in Room #113 of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

1. ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Mercado	Present
Commissioner Hearn	Present
Commissioner Tatum	Present
Commissioner Acosta	Present
Chairman Westmoreland	Present

2. APPROVAL OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Tatum moved to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Acosta seconded the motion.

All Ayes – Motion Carries.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of June 9, 2011.

Commissioner Acosta moved to approve the minutes.
Commissioner Tatum seconded the motion.

All Ayes – Motion Carries.

4. PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS
NEW BUSINESS**

- 5. One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan - Discussion and input on the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. The plan is a long-range, regional comprehensive plan that evaluates the needs**

of the region for the next 30 years and the strategies and processes to meet those needs. The main components of the plan include a regional vision statement, snapshot of existing conditions, goals and strategies, regional growth strategies, and suggested actions. The plan is available online at <http://vision2040.las-cruces.org>.

Paul Michaud, CLC Sr. Planner presented a six minute informational video and provided an overview of the regional plan. He stated that comments and recommendations would be accepted by the end of July.

Roger Hedrick, Deputy Director for Community Development presented the spatial and physical aspects of the plan.

Commissioner Hearn asked if the process for the July meeting would contain sources of information or would be generated by an individual basis.

Paul Michaud stating that comments submitted by the public have been placed under the comments section on the website, but would like for the groups to have their own ideas and have the elected officials tell Staff what to change, delete or add to the plan. He further stated that he was working on the matrix and summary which may be completed by the July meetings. If not complete, at least the matrix would have the raw comments.

Commissioner Acosta stated that he believed a transportation hub in the free trade area in the inland port of entry in Santa Teresa would be beneficial to distribute goods and ship them out which would create a lot of jobs. He further stated this would be beneficial because the report showed that 1/3 of all jobs are in government, and jobs need to be created elsewhere.

Commissioner Tatum stated that she had read the plan and specifically looked for a compelling interpretation from the public and research conducted that would relay what people are looking for and what they would like. She felt that this would touch and sustain the real vitality of the community which would use their current talents to support families, provide uniformity to colonias, and have issues like health care and poverty addressed. She further stated that she supported an action plan, and would appreciate that the plan would define the why of the plan.

Commissioner Mercado asked if anything has been done regarding the recycling of tires.

Paul Michaud replied that the plan did not get into this kind of detail, but stated that Arizona used tires for asphalt.

Tom Schuster, CLC, stated that there were several solutions like tying them together to stabilize banks and arroyos. He further stated that he would pose the question to a director and provide update.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

7. **PUBLIC INPUT:**

Joan Woodward commented that the state park superintendent painted a picture of how life on the river could be based on the One Valley One Vision and she was able to see the superintendent's version of the vision when explained. She stated that this was a motivational plan meant to be vital and compelling that would help people articulate their own vision for the valley. She asked that when reading the plan it would be done in a compelling way to motivate people and be articulate in a way to move the people to work together. So that when one speaks of One Valley One Vision everyone will know what they are talking about.

Earl Burkholder stated that as a surveyor and engineer he had been impacted with electronics and GPS which have been traditional. He further stated that spatial data was part of the infrastructure, i.e., concrete, sewer pipes, roads, etc. and was common to everything. Although new, it had a huge arena in planning and working together. He would like for Vision 2040 to get everyone in the same page using newer technology to help everyone.

8. STAFF INPUT: None.

9. COMMISSION INPUT: None.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Acosta moved to adjourn.
Commissioner Mercado seconded the motion.

Chairman Westmoreland adjourned the work session at 10:11 a.m.

Officer: Planning and Zoning Commission

Submitted by: Isabel De La Rosa, Secretary

General Meeting on One Valley, One Vision 2040
June 22, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

Discussion following staff presentation:

Tom Allison, citizen, suggested staff encourage the state work on a regional plan about "Vision 3000."

Bonnie Burns, League of Women Voters, asked several questions.

1. How different is this version from the original PJS version? The League has a land use policy and with the first plan we did a thorough analysis. Therefore, I am trying to figure out how to go about approaching this plan. Paul Michaud, Senior Planner with the City of Las Cruces responded a comparison of the two was not done. He added that the 2040 Advisory Committee used the PJS Inventory and public input as a starting point in the draft plan out for public review.
2. Was there an additional cost incurred? Vincent Banegas, Planning Administrator with the City of Las Cruces, explained that the monies spent on the 2040 project after ending the PJS contract includes salaries of the Las Cruces and Doña Ana County staff. He added an exact figure is not available since staff works on other projects besides 2040.
3. You said the local governments have to update their comprehensive plans. This would be good guidance, then, because you have to have your local people do the local plan.
4. I didn't see much growth up in Hatch – is that right? Roger Hedrick, Deputy Community Development Director with Doña Ana County, explained that the consensus strategy encourages growth in Hatch and nearby Rincon. However, this growth is a smaller portion of the total growth.
5. Are there ways we can provide agricultural jobs, for example growing food for local markets? Paul Michaud replied that the plan does not get into specifics, but includes Goal 6-9-1 to promote the region's agricultural areas with strategies as encouraging access to locally produced food.
6. Will this plan be used when we are considering development, ordinance adoption and so on? Paul Michaud replied it would be used in a similar fashion as the local comprehensive plan.

George Pearson, citizen, bicycle advocate, commented.

1. He would like to see the snapshot section on page 59 identify complete streets and not break into categories of non-motorized and motorized. In addition, to identify Route 28 as a major transportation corridor since it is identified in Action 29.
2. I did not notice a study for light rail for Las Cruces/El Paso in the plan. Paul Michaud responded that the plan includes a strategy under Goal 6-6-4 to 'consider the feasibility of other transit options, including high-speed rail corridors.' This is also addressed as a possible opportunity in the SWOT portion of the plan.

3. In the transportation goals area, I would rather see a picture of the Solano Road diet than the Triviz trail. It's an example of mixing uses rather than segregating uses, which the trail illustrates.

Barbara Brunette, citizen, remarked.

1. I am curious about the high rise/low rise description. How high are you taking about? Roger Hedrick replied that downtown Las Cruces would likely experience the highest height up to five stories. Paul Michaud added that the regional plan does not specify any particular height, as each local jurisdiction will need to update or develop plans that are more detailed. There was discussion of height and zoning in downtown Las Cruces.

Bonnie Burns added a comment about the changes that have happened to San Diego in the last 30 years.

Meeting adjourned about 7:10 p.m.

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ONE VALLEY, ONE VISION 2040 ACTIONS

- (1) Create an individual master plan for each identified growth area in the comprehensive plan.
- (2) Establish a regional future service boundary to delineate the maximum extent for municipal provision of public water and wastewater services. Developers could be granted infrastructure provisions when developing within the future service boundary, but would be restricted under certain circumstances in their ability to tap into the public system if their plans are located outside this boundary.
- (3) Preserve BLM and State Land outside the proposed future service boundary through actions, including and not limited to:
 - Maintaining and enhancing dialogue with the BLM and State Land Trust
 - Expressing that land located outside the proposed future service boundary should be given priority for preservation as disposal plans are prepared and released.
- (4) Evaluate and incorporate within the County and municipal codes consistent mechanisms that protects the presence of agriculture and the financial livelihood of agricultural landowners by considering tools such as conservation easements, purchase or transfer of development rights, or other similar programs. As conservation easements, purchase or transfer of development rights, or other similar programs.
- (5) Modify existing zoning codes and/or policies to provide incentives for appropriately-placed mixed use developments.
- (6) Revisit, update, and adopt water conservation policies and programs in the County and incorporated municipalities.
- (7) Pursue securing surface water rights for other uses in addition to agriculture.
- (8) Update policies and implementation documents to best address events and localized conditions that can negatively affect water quality.
- (9) Complete groundwater remediation of the Superfund site in Las Cruces.
- (10) Incorporate enhanced measures to capture, store, and release stormwater for later use as part of the region's water management practices.
- (11) Identify, prioritize, and fund new and rehabilitation of existing regional flood-protection infrastructure.
- (12) Revisit the EPA Natural Events Action Plan last updated in 2000 to ensure it still meets the needs of the region.
- (13) Identify properties where development rights may be acquired and secure funding to do so, in order to establish protective buffers along continuous portions of the Rio Grande.
- (14) Work to identify critical and sensitive natural areas and wildlife corridors, and protect these areas from development in a manner that reasonably compensates, provides incentives, maintains similar existing property rights, or in another similar manner that balances the public and property owner interest.

- (15) Create a task force to discuss ways that technical and administrative resources can be used most effectively in open-space conservation and management in a manner that balances the public and property owner interest.
- (16) Draft and adopt arroyo, trail, and open-space management plans which balance the public and property owner interest.
- (17) Evaluate the possibility of environmental impact fees for development that encroaches on sensitive environmental areas.
- (18) Develop options for utilizing surface water to a broader degree for the benefit of people, plants and animals.
- (19) Evaluate the formation of a state-approved authority to identify and address regional storm water and flood control.
- (20) Identify and install signage of hazardous cargo routes within the county.
- (21) Monitor the science of climate change and trends in weather patterns affecting the region to remain current and strategically plan for unexpected occurrences.
- (22) Refine and develop policies for regional roads that may include: NM 404 as part of El Paso's Northeast Parkway Southern access road from Doña Ana County into Spaceport.
- (23) Continued involvement in South Central Regional Transit District.
- (24) Develop a Long Range Transit Plan for RoadRUNNER Transit that integrates transit corridors with land use coordination.
- (25) Prepare an Alternatives Analysis for passenger rail between Las Cruces and El Paso.
- (26) Implement Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) as part of the regular maintenance of the transportation system.
- (27) Coordinate transportation management plans among transportation agencies.
- (28) Work to find funding sources for necessary improvements to the Doña Ana County airport and Santa Teresa Port of Entry that support Foreign Trade Zone efforts. Improvements may include accommodation of large passenger and cargo aircraft, dedicated truck lanes, expansion of commercial rail services, and a rail transfer station.
- (29) Study the designation of NM State Route 28 as a Scenic By-Way.
- (30) Update county and municipal Parks and Recreation Master Plans; coordinate a regional Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- (31) Modify regulations that require the development or contribution of parks for new development within unincorporated Doña Ana County.
- (32) Construct a mental health correctional triage center in Doña Ana County.
- (33) Construct a new facility for the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority.

- (34) Construct a regional public safety facility that may include law enforcement training and fire academy training.
- (35) Increase the number of residential and business sites that incorporate renewable energy through grants, programs, and alternative financing mechanisms. Focus on governmental facilities, sites, and community facilities.
- (36) Strengthen housing policies for mixed use and mixed-income housing opportunities in local comprehensive plans.
- (37) Develop a Strategic Housing Strategy for Doña Ana County.
- (38) Develop a variety of housing programs and incentives to make housing affordable to purchase or rent.
- (39) Identify ways to develop more attractive, livable site-built dwellings to reduce the total percentage of manufactured housing for new development.
- (40) Evaluate the benefit of combining the Las Cruces and Doña Ana County Housing Authorities for increased opportunities and efficiencies.
- (41) Promote and make necessary improvements for business opportunities around the Spaceport, existing industrial parks, and airports within Doña Ana County.
- (42) Develop benchmarks to assess the regional economy (e.g., establish benchmark number of new jobs annually, benchmark percentage to increase average annual salary, workforce training etc.).
- (43) Continue implementation of the master plan in downtown Las Cruces.
- (44) Promote renewable energy businesses and facilities to Doña Ana County, including solar, biofuel, geothermal, and wind.
- (45) Prepare a comprehensive survey of the region's historic structures, sites, and neighborhoods.
- (46) Revisit and prioritize the implementation actions of local comprehensive plans.
- (47) Hold more frequent meetings between the Doña Ana County Commission and local elected officials to discuss regional issues.
- • (48) Create a One Valley, One Vision 2040 implementation task force to best prioritize, evaluate, accomplish, consider potential funding opportunities, and track progress of this plan.
- (49) Prepare and/or implement regional feasibility studies for water, utilities, and transportation.
- (50) Engage in a feasibility analysis regarding the future of the Las Cruces ETZ, including its purpose, boundaries, and compatibility and streamlining of its plans and regulations.

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2 Scholz: Those opposed same sign...and abstentions... all right. I'll just sign this
3 copy and it's off my plate then.
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5 **III. NEW BUSINESS**
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- 7 1. **Discussion of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan:** This
8 meeting is to present and take comment on the One Valley, One Vision
9 2040 Regional Plan dated May 2011. This plan is the result of public input
10 over the past year by the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee, a group of 45-
11 invited stakeholder representatives around the county. The plan is advisory
12 and looks at growth from various perspectives beyond any one political
13 district or authority. It covers a range of resource topics that closely match
14 those identified in the local existing comprehensive plans. The main
15 components of the plan includes a regional vision statement, snapshot of
16 existing conditions, goals and strategies, regional growth strategies that
17 shaped a consensus housing and jobs strategy, and suggested
18 implementation actions.
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20 Scholz: Okay, our new business then is discussion of One Valley, One Vision, the
21 2040 Regional Plan. Paul, are you going to kick it off or are you going
22 to...
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24 Michaud: I'm going to kick it off with the promotional video, which is a six-minute
25 video from the Advisory Committee.
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27 Scholz: Excellent. Okay, let's look.
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29 (No audio on video presentation)
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31 Scholz: Do we have audio on this? It helps. Well, I'm pretty good at lip-reading
32 but... Well, it says the volume is up 100 percent but I still can't hear
33 anything. I wonder if the video player is patched in here.
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35 (Continued attempts to play the presentation)
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37 Scholz: Well, why don't we let the people in the audio booth play with this and you
38 go ahead with your presentation.
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40 Michaud: Good evening. For the record, my name is Paul Michaud, Senior Planner
41 with the City of Las Cruces and with me is Roger Hedrick, Deputy
42 Community Development Director with Doña Ana County and we'll both
43 be giving the presentation. We are going to review the process of One
44 Valley, One Vision 2040, quickly review the relationship to other Plans,
45 present a very brief summary of the Plan itself and, of course, take any
46 questions or comment.
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1 (Mr. Michaud gave the first part of the PowerPoint presentation for One
2 Valley, One Vision 2040)

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4 Scholz: Thank you, Paul. Roger?

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6 Hedrick: Good evening, Mr. Chair, Members of the Planning and Zoning
7 Commission. Again, my name is Roger Hedrick at Community
8 Development, Doña Ana County. My comments this evening will primarily
9 focus on the physical and spatial aspects of the Plan, those parts of the
10 Plan that can, basically, be mapped and graphed.

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12 (Mr. Hedrick gave the second part of the PowerPoint presentation for One
13 Valley, One Vision 2040)

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15 Scholz: Thank you, Roger.

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17 Michaud: Thank you. Just a few concluding things: we have various meetings
18 going on regarding the 2040 project. Tomorrow we have our general
19 meeting, which is just to the public at large, which is going to be at the
20 County Government Center at six o'clock. The County P & Z will be
21 hearing this presentation on Thursday morning. At the same time we're
22 also doing a joint work session with the Board of County Commissioners
23 and City Council, as well, on Thursday; and then at Sunland Park on July
24 6th.

25 We also have been meeting with various other groups. We're
26 meeting with MVEDA on July 5th. We've met with the Chamber of
27 Commerce...I forget what they're called but I'm calling it the 319 Water
28 Stakeholders Group. We've met with a whole bunch of different other
29 individuals and when he's requesting us to meet, give a presentation or
30 whatnot; we go ahead and meet with them. Just to let you know on that.

31 We do have hard copy locations of the Plan in color. One, of
32 course, is our town hall or City Hall and it's in the Building Permit Center
33 here on the ground floor; but there're are various other locations that
34 individuals can actually access the Plan itself or you can also access it on-
35 line. We do have...they say the video should be working so we could
36 either after this presentation do the video or take questions; however you
37 would like to do that, Mr. Chairman, on that.

38 Again, we're looking for your recommendation on the Plan itself:
39 what's good about it, what you might want to see changed about it, just
40 general comments so we can take that recommendation and move it up to
41 the elected body...so, whether we do that today, partly today or through
42 July, as well.

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44 Scholz: Okay. Yes; I'd like to see the video.

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46 (Video created by the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee was presented.)
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1 Scholz: Okay! Well, I'm glad it worked that time. Paul, do you want to take
2 questions first or should we just, you know, pepper both of you with
3 questions? You both have microphones so... okay, we're open for
4 questions. Gentlemen? Okay, Commissioner Crane.
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6 Crane: On one of your earliest illustrations, Mr. Michaud, you showed a sort of
7 star pattern of contributing organizations and at each name of the
8 organization had a parentheses and number. Is that a number of
9 representatives?
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11 Michaud: The number actually represented the number of people, so on agricultural
12 it was showing whatever the number was: three or....
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14 Crane: The number who turned up?
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16 Michaud: The number of people who were invited in that sector.
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18 Crane: Thank you.
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20 (Sudden overlapping audio from CLC TV presentation coming in over speakers)
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22 Scholz: What kind of audio interference are we getting here? Is somebody
23 listening to a sportscast or something? The TV in the back...okay...well, I
24 hope you'll shut it off or close the window. Thank you. Okay, question or
25 comment? Commissioner Shipley.
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27 Shipley: Paul and is it Richard, is that correct?
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29 Scholz: Roger.
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31 Shipley: Roger, excuse me. I just want to say overall I think this is a very good
32 Plan. It's covered almost everything we really need to look at on a large
33 basis. I thought it was very helpful to go through and I learned a great
34 deal from it, especially about things outside the City and the County and
35 Colonias and that and I thought it was very good.
36 The format of the Plan, on the other hand, I had difficulty with and,
37 in particular, I had problems with...if you're going to reference a table or a
38 figure, make it so it's right behind where you're referencing it even though
39 it breaks up the Plan. If you have to delve, go back fifteen pages to find it,
40 you can understand, you know, you're wasting your time doing that and
41 so, I went through here and I listed every place, you know, where a table
42 should go and I'll be happy to share that with you. I had some minor
43 things: I thought the headings are on the...like the Chapter 2 Regional
44 Vision is on the second page but when you turn to the first page there's
45 nothing on there so there should be a heading on each page if you're
46 going to do that. If you look at that the odd-numbered pages have no
47 headings, the even-numbered pages do and the first page you turn to is
48 going to be page 1 and there's no heading there for each chapter.

1 There was a couple of questions I had with regards to...on page
2 11, you had something about focus groups and you said, "More than 15
3 meetings held throughout the process." Do we know how many there
4 were; I mean, how many more than 15?....16?....17? Can you be specific?
5 Why are we speaking in generalities? If we're going to document it tell
6 them exactly how many
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8 Michaud: Yeah, we can clear that up. Okay.
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10 Shipley: And when do you change from Vision 2040 to One Valley, One Vision?
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12 Michaud: It changed pretty much this year. We thought to put a new moniker just to
13 kind of differentiate from the previous....
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15 Shipley: You might explain when that was decided and who decided that, I mean, I
16 think it's fine; but all along I've been looking for Vision 2040 and now it's
17 One Valley, One Vision 2040 and I didn't have an explanation.
18 The other thing that I noticed is that you make reference to the
19 surveys that were taken. There were phone surveys and there were mail
20 surveys. Nowhere in here is there an appendix that has a list of that or
21 any data about how many people were contacted or how many people
22 submitted that; so you've got snippets in here of....on pages where it says,
23 let's see, "56.8 from a mail-in survey," but how many people responded,
24 you know. What are we talking...56.5 people or a hundred people or a
25 thousand? And there's nothing in there....there ought to be a section that
26 says, "This is the mail-in survey. These are the questions that were
27 asked. These are the responses and these are charts that go to that."
28 That way somebody can look and say, "Was it effective to do a mail-in
29 survey? Did we spend our money appropriately, etc.?"
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31 Michaud: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Shipley, on that particular point; we didn't
32 put all the data in there because we wanted to keep it short but the
33 appendix and the inventory that the previous consultant did, all that data's
34 there but we could certainly reference those documents that someone
35 could go to, to get all that information.
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37 Shipley: In the draft here there's no appendix. There's only a table of contents.
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39 Michaud: Correct, because the appendix was the original appendix from when PGS
40 did their appendix and all that information. We used that information to
41 help develop this particular Plan; but, again, as I said, we probably
42 wouldn't have put it in this Regional Plan, the actual survey and all that
43 information but we would certainly reference because it's a bound
44 document. You could certainly reference that appendix (*inaudible - two*
45 *people speaking at the same time*)
46
47 Shipley: Okay. It's just not clear.
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1 Michaud: Yeah, sure.

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3 Shipley: And I got this one, for example, on page 14, it says, "23.2% to 37.4%
4 agreed or strongly agreed and 33.3% and 52.53% disagreed or strongly
5 disagreed that we are doing a sufficient job to address water conservation,
6 flood control, air pollution, waste management and illegal dumping." Well,
7 if your gonna do something like that why don't you just put a bar chart or a
8 pie chart in there that shows, you know, these are the topics and you've
9 got sectors that show that; because it's meaningless to me. What's the
10 message you are trying to give with this chart or with this snippet? I
11 mean, 23.2% to 37.4% of what? That's what's not there.

12 Of Respondents: again, how many respondents and, you know,
13 and that's why I say it's very confusing to me. So there are several of
14 these and I'll be happy to give you a copy of what I've highlighted here.
15 *(inaudible- moved away from microphone)*.

16 One other thing in the...the spacing when you did your Plan, they
17 made paragraphs and they blocked those paragraphs and in some of the
18 paragraphs there's very little spacing between...and you almost had to
19 really almost draw a line between the words...and all you had to do was
20 take away one word and put it on the next line and it would have come out
21 right. You know, there's big spaces...everything else except that one line
22 and, you know, there's room enough to move that.

23 Under Chapter 3 Opportunities, on page number 16: first of all, I
24 thought 16 ought to be made page 15 and, because page 15 is a table,
25 the Introduction and Opportunities, and if it came in front of instead of
26 after...so we're jumping back and forth.

27 The other thing was in the Introduction on page 14 there's a picture
28 on page 13 of White Sands Missile Range but we didn't even put any
29 information in about White Sands in our Introduction and we didn't talk
30 about the size of White Sands and how many people are employed there
31 and how much money does this community get from there. There's
32 nothing in here that even, you know, brings that into thing and they're
33 significant. They're the third largest employer in our county and I thought
34 it was kind of an oversight to do that so I thought that that ought to be
35 highlighted in there in the Introduction. Also the White Sands is the
36 largest military base in the United States and we could've highlighted that.
37 I think that would do that, as well.

38 There was...I had a question on page 16: you had a statement
39 about, "...and border crossing." It says, "There are economic development
40 opportunities of all kinds in manufacturing, value-added agricultural
41 processing..." and I don't know what value-added agricultural processing
42 is nor do I know...it says,"alternate energy utility..." I think that's
43 supposed to be "utilities." "Health care, tourism, space tourism, arts,
44 entertainment, public and private partnerships and border crossing,"...so
45 are we saying that we ought to have more than one border crossing at
46 Santa Teresa? We ought to encourage more in the...we have, what?
47 Fifty-seven miles of border with Mexico?

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1 Michaud: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Shipley, I believe with the border crossing
2 it's just the existing border crossing, the business that it brings. It's
3 referring to that. Also, Santa Teresa's Comprehensive Plan is proposing
4 they would like to see another border crossing not for vehicular use but for
5 pedestrian use so that could be included with that, as well. Value-added
6 agricultural processing, that's just taking...instead of just having raw chile,
7 maybe you're making salsa out of it or something. It's value-added or
8 doing something else to that product.
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10 Shipley: Okay. And the other thing was up in the first paragraph under
11 Opportunities you have a comment about Regional Trails or Recreational
12 Trails. You said, "We need to look into possible regional transit
13 connection enhancements between communities within the region as well
14 as...,"...since we're talking regional do we need the "within the region?"
15 "...as well as to Albuquerque, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas. Options
16 include commuter rail-enhanced rapid bus routes and recreational trails or
17 similar connections." How would a trail be a regional transit connection?
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19 Michaud: Well, a trail, if you have it along the Rio Grande, it could be. I mean, the
20 Rio Grande connects various communities and connects into El Paso.
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22 Shipley: From?
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24 Michaud: I mean, it's maybe not for work but maybe someone's using it for
25 recreation.
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27 Shipley: Well, yeah, I guess when we're talking about possible regional transit
28 connection enhancements and, you know, a trail, to me, is more of a
29 pastime, you know, take the bicycle and go, those kinds of things. Am I
30 missing something or are you looking at a motorized trail like the
31 Shenandoah Mountains has or....
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33 Michaud: I don't this is just saying, "motorized." It's saying, "non-motorized," and
34 you're looking at just some of the stuff we're doing with the Outfall
35 Channel and connecting to the Rio Grande and then that trail eventually
36 connects to Mesilla, so in that sense that is a regional trail system. It's,
37 again, not for motorized vehicles. It's primarily for bicycles and walking.
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39 Shipley: Well, when I was looking to Albuquerque, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas
40 and I was thinking, "How does this relate?" So that's....okay.
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42 Scholz: Commissioner Shipley, do you have much more?
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44 Shipley: Oh, I have. Yes, sir.
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46 Scholz: You do?
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48 Shipley: Yes, sir.

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2 Scholz: Well, I'm hoping that you'll give your notes to these gentlemen. You said
3 you would do that or copies of your notes. I think that would be helpful.
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5 Shipley: I will do that.
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7 Scholz: I want to leave time for other people to comment on this. Commissioner
8 Crane, comments?
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10 Crane: I endorse what Commissioner Shipley says about the absence of any
11 citation about bibliography of where we find the mail survey of 2008 and
12 the mail and phone survey. You mentioned a bound volume. Is this
13 accessible to the public?
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15 Michaud: It is. I believe it's still on the Vision 2040, on the 2040 web site under past
16 documents.
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18 Crane: It really does need to be in the bibliography and that would include full
19 details like how the recipients are chosen, how many responded and like
20 matters?
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22 Michaud: Definitely for the mail survey. For the phone survey that was done
23 independently through NMSU. I do have a separate document on that so
24 we may have to figure out how to slip that into that particular document.
25
26 Crane: Yeah.
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28 Michaud: All that information, actually, is on line. If you go into, I think, either it's in
29 past meetings or past documents, the two surveys with the results and the
30 questions that were asked. That's been on-line for months and for years
31 we've had the inventory that's on there as a kept document that was
32 produced by the previous consult.
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34 Crane: Okay, but we do need a citation in the bibliography
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36 Michaud: We'll make sure we do that.
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38 Crane: Thank you.
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40 Scholz: Commissioner Stowe, comments, questions?
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42 Stowe: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I like the Plan. I like the inclusive nature of the
43 Plan. It seems to be flexible for future changes as needed. It seems to
44 cover all of the topics I could possibly think of. I'm very positive about the
45 work you've done. Thank you.
46
47 Scholz: And Commissioner Evans. No comments. Okay. I just have a couple
48 and, of course, I worked on this and so I feel, you know, a sense of

1 accomplishment, I think, when we finally finished it and I think it's pretty
2 close to being finished. I think many of the things that Commissioner
3 Shipley brought up this evening are details that can be corrected with
4 addenda, with, you know, the addition of an appendix or that sort of thing.
5 I would mention to Commissioner Shipley there was a formatting problem
6 with this when we put it together and I recall, Mr. Michaud, you said we
7 translated it from one format to another. Wasn't that it?
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9 Michaud: Mr. Chairman, we started out in Word. That's sort of what I use and what I
10 have. We have a graphics person who put it into End Design and those
11 programs don't speak very well together so...and part of the problem with
12 the word spacing close together and some orphan words....so we realized
13 when we put it back out that there was some of that in there, realizing that
14 we'll have to work and get into those corrections. There were some other
15 issues: when we had an editor, they were using Word and then someone
16 else transferred it into that. So we're aware of some of those typos and
17 some of those things that are going on but, certainly, we do appreciate
18 you pointing it out just to make sure we do get them and correct them
19 before the Plan's adopted.
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21 Scholz: Yeah, I think formatting is always a problem with a document this large,
22 particularly one that's being worked on by half-a-dozen different people
23 and I appreciate the work that you guys did. I think it was very good
24 work.

25 My other comment was about "One Valley, One Vision." Mr.
26 Hedrick came up with that and I think it's a good way to look at this Plan
27 because what we've tended to do in the past, in this county anyway, is
28 look at individual municipalities or specific districts, you know, like the
29 MPO does their planning or like the water people do their planning. That's
30 really too narrow of a focus, you know. We're not looking at the big
31 picture that way and so I think this title gives us some idea that we are
32 looking at the big picture as opposed to simply looking at the growth of
33 Las Cruces or surrounding communities and that's why I really liked it. In
34 fact, I think it received unanimous approval, didn't it? Was there anyone
35 who objected to it on the committee? Not that I can recall, anyway. We
36 all thought it was a great, you know, if I may say so, a brilliant stroke.
37 Okay, well, that's all the comments I have. Commissioner Shipley.
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39 Shipley: I just wanted to also say, on page 99 we're talking about issues and one of
40 the things that I was missing here was that we talk about governments
41 working together and talking to each other and I think there's some good
42 examples of that not happening right now. If you look at the recent road
43 improvements that were done on I-10 from our county line where it joins
44 Texas we've got three lanes, Texas has two lanes that narrows down so
45 all that's wasted and then we get almost up to the split at I-25 and we go
46 back to two lanes and, you know, we're back and forth and those kinds of
47 things need to be ironed out really, really well and I think that this is an
48 opportunity for that inter-governmental cooperation, not only with just the

1 state, you know, and local governments but also the federal and the
2 Bureau of Transportation, Department of Transportation and it would have
3 been nice to see a plan where they said that, "We're going to complete
4 this and do this so we all have a good flow," because now it works for, you
5 know, 15 or 20 miles and then it doesn't work. But I think that was one of
6 the things that we should highlight there is that it needs to be not just the
7 local government and state. It needs to be the federal government, as
8 well, involved in that.
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10 Scholz: Thank you. I worked on the Intergovernmental group and we had some
11 long conversations about these problems and one of the things that came
12 up in terms of water companies, I believe and you can correct me if I'm
13 wrong, I think there are like a 125 different water companies serving Doña
14 Ana County. You talk about confusion, you know, and duplication and that
15 sort of thing and lack of cooperation, and it happens at a number of levels
16 in a number of kinds of agencies. When we were talking about access to
17 the new high school recently someone suggested that we make Dripping
18 Springs Road a four-lane road and that's a central idea because, if you
19 remember when we passed the annexation we said there should be a stop
20 light there, there's going to be turn lanes and so on. You know it really is
21 being upgraded for that. There are five different jurisdictions, or actually
22 four jurisdictions and a private landowner that would have to be dealt with
23 in order to make that happen, in order to make that a four-lane road plus
24 we'd have to find a funding source for it. So I think that that kind of
25 cooperation is absolutely necessary and I'm glad that we took this first
26 step toward not only mentioning that this kind of intergovernmental
27 cooperation is necessary, but I think we had some considerable
28 intergovernmental cooperation. This is the City and the County sitting
29 right in front of us so I think we've made some steps in that direction but
30 there's a long way to go. Anyway, any other comments or questions,
31 gentlemen? You are going to share your comments with these
32 gentlemen. Anything from you, Paul, Roger?
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34 IV. ADJOURNMENT (7:01 pm)

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36 Scholz: All right, I am going to declare our work session closed at, let's see, I have
37 7:01. Thank you very much.
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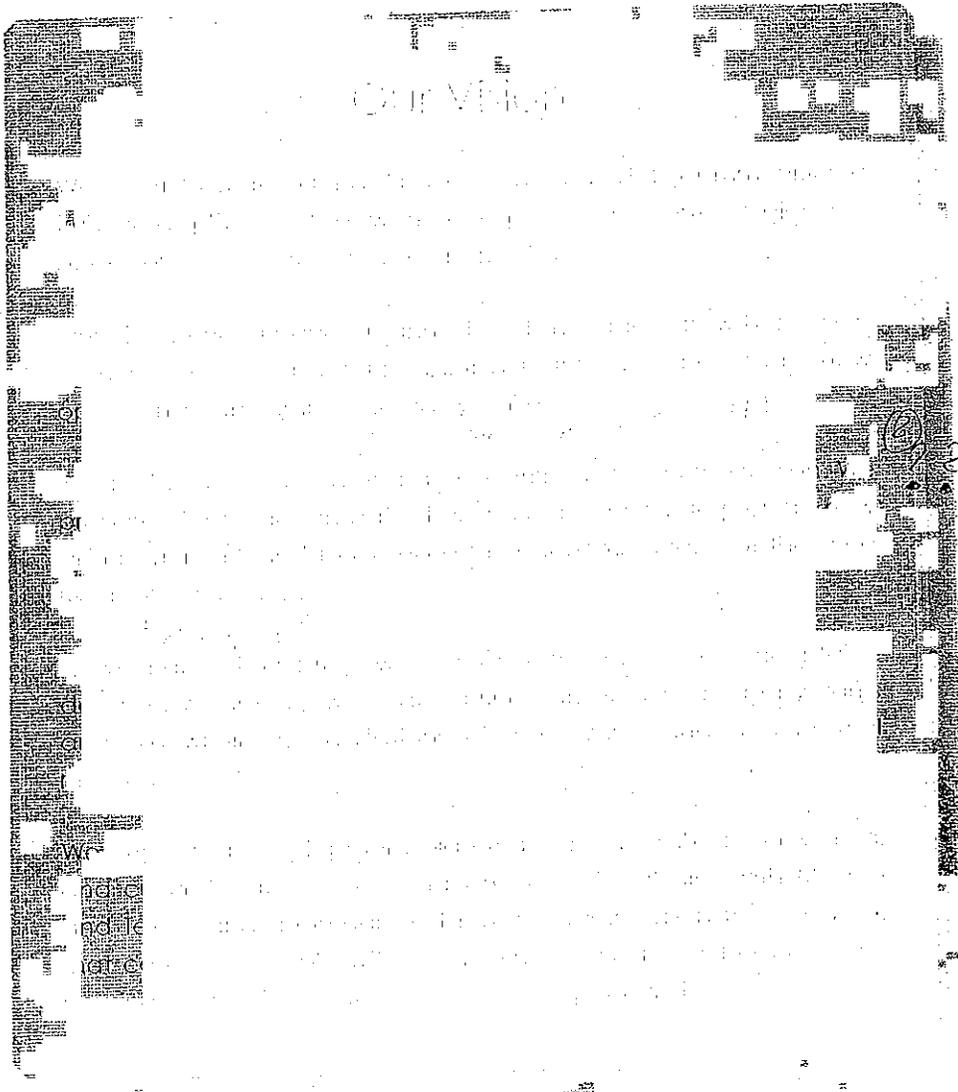
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Chapter 2, Regional Vision Statement

Regional planning efforts are based on a community vision. To achieve a basis of consensus, "One Valley, One Vision 2040" was developed using an intensive public input program and inventory process.

Using this information, we identified recurring themes and core values that help the community to focus efforts on using limited resources efficiently to achieve a sustainable future.

Having a shared vision that functions as a regional plan reduces land use conflicts between jurisdictions and helps manage future growth and development in a proactive and cost-efficient manner. The comprehensive plans for Doña Ana County and the City of Las Cruces will now have a shared vision with goals they can look to when developing their respective policies and actions.



"WE ARE PREPARED"
"WE WILL PREPARE"
"WE SHALL PREPARE"

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3.1. Purpose

The One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan is advisory and looks at growth from various perspectives beyond any one political district or authority. It addresses issues in much the same way local comprehensive plans do, but from a broader perspective. It establishes basic guidelines regarding plans and development and helps to attain consistency. The plan was created recognizing a balance exists between the interests of the public and those of private property owners, and seeks to respect private property rights, due process, and just compensation.

The plan does not take the place of or change existing local planning or regulatory functions, nor does it apply to all local issues. It is a voluntary guide and addresses what we think may occur in the future; however, unanticipated events may require future decisions contrary to stated goals, strategies, and actions. This regional plan has the following characteristics:

Long Range/Broad Scope

It seeks to address topics that are shared among jurisdictions and communities, grouping identifiable themes for which strategies are then prepared. The time horizon in which the plan seeks to identify and address the issues spans a 30 year period, thus reflecting the communities' desire for long-range planning.

Vision

The plan is intended as the vision of our community's future. Through the long range/broad scope approach, the dynamics of our community, particularly land use and growth perspectives, can begin to take shape and be realized.

Practicability

One Valley, One Vision 2040 allows subsequent comprehensive planning activities to draw from work carried out in this regional effort. If the principle themes of this plan are incorporated, each jurisdiction's local policy and plans should remain consistent with the regional perspective. At the same time, it will address the individual community's need and remain true to that community's organizational and operational structure.

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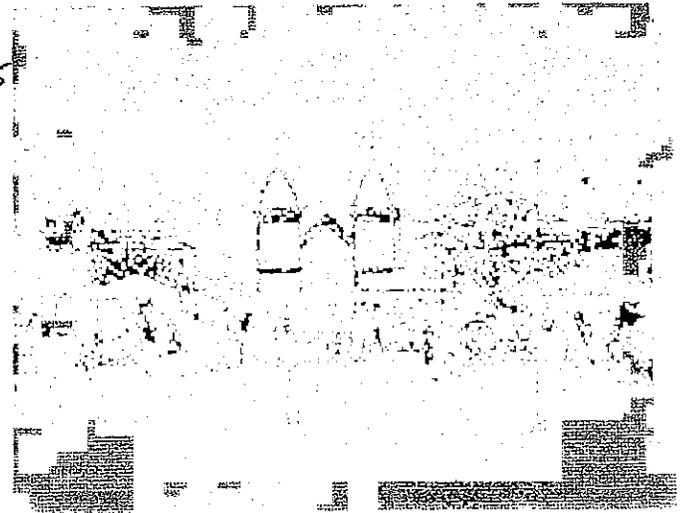
3.3 SWOT *STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS (SWOT)*

A SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis is a strategic planning tool that aids in specifying goals and identifying factors involved in achieving them. The following summarizes the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats identified during the process.

Strengths

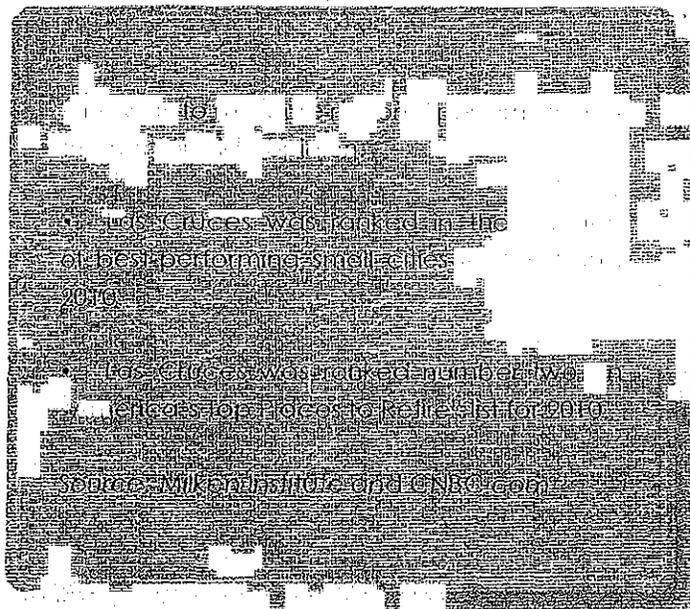
- Participants recognize the region is growing and they support planned growth.
- Local institutions such as education, aerospace, healthcare, and government play vital roles in the regional economy.

what about Agrarian?



Downtown Las Cruces farmer's Market

- Agriculture is a major feature along the Rio Grande and provides a significant economic base for the region.
- Agricultural and rangeland practices benefit the area by providing groundwater recharge, wildlife habitat, green space, open space, and cultural traditions for the region.
- The climate and environment are assets. Some of the positive aspects of the region include: (1) temperate weather, (2) communities surrounded by vast undeveloped public space, (3) diverse plant and wildlife, and (4) scenic landscapes.
- The region enjoys a rich cultural heritage and offers an agrarian small-town lifestyle with urban amenities. We have a diverse borderland culture and a growing retirement population.



Las Cruces was ranked in the top 10 of best performing small cities 2010

Las Cruces was ranked number two in the top 100 cities for places to retire in 2010

Source: Miller Institute and CNBC.com

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WHAT ABOUT THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE? THE LARGEST MILITARY BASE IN THE UNITED STATES. ??

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- **Five rounds of public forums** - There were 27 of these forums held between March 2008 and October 2009. Three additional forums were held between May and June 2011, for a total of 30 forums open to the public.
- **Focus Group Sessions and Stakeholder Meetings** - There were more than 15 meetings held throughout the process.

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 PUBLISHED?

- **Surveys** - There was a mail survey done in May 2008, which was updated in October 2008, along with a phone survey done in October 2008.
- **Website** - Throughout the process, the One Valley, One Vision website was available for information on the process. It included drafts of the plan, contact information, instructions on how to leave comments, meeting material, and meeting dates. In addition, meeting agendas were available on the county website.

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Vision 2040 Advisory Committee



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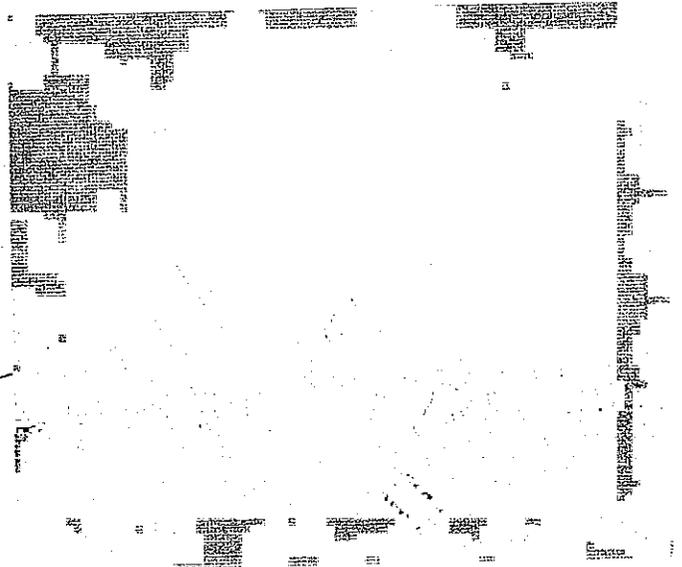
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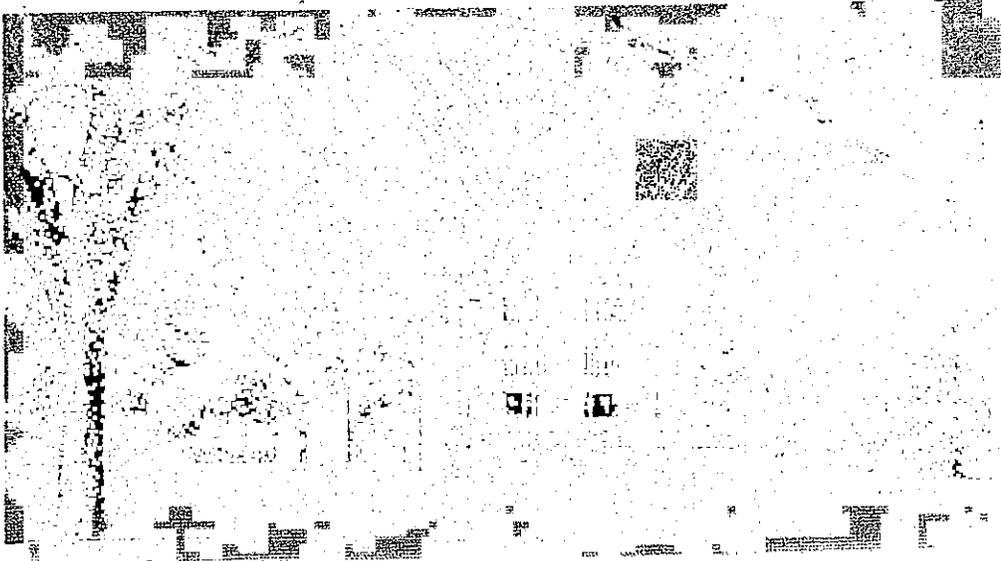
- We have an evolving arts community that promotes performing, visual, and literary arts as an integral part of education, economic growth, and community development.
- There is a comprehensive system of educational institutions in and near the area including New Mexico State University, Doña Ana Community College, University of New Mexico, University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, New Mexico Military Institute,

New Mexico Highlands University, and El Paso Community College (EPCC).

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White Sands Missile Range



New Mexico State University

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Weaknesses

- The region must increase the employment and wage base. *SPACE³*
- Many of those educated and trained in the area are believed to seek employment outside the region.
- Not all parts of the region have equal levels of basic infrastructure. *"COMPARABLE"*
- The large distance between communities creates challenges. *"SPACES AGAIN"*
- Improvements in transportation systems are needed for existing users and to accommodate future growth.
- We have a developing health-care network constrained by long travel distances for certain needs.
- The region must do better in improving the sense of identity or branding for its urban center, the City of Las Cruces.
- A fragmentation of infrastructure planning and management, such as those for flood control, can potentially affect

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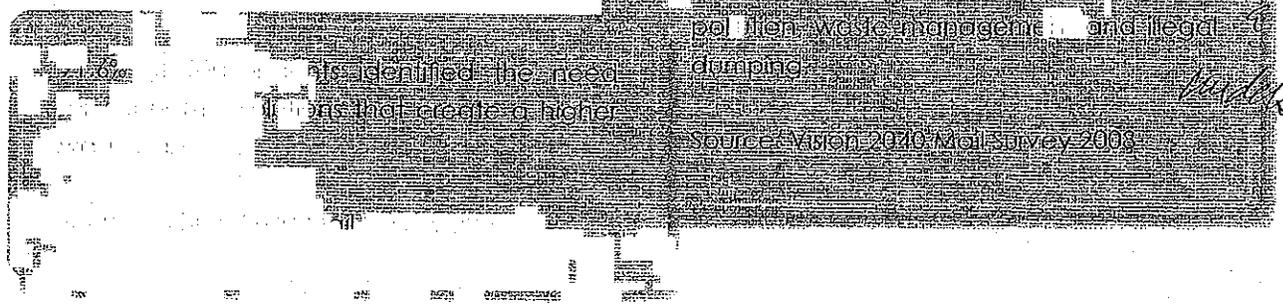
responsiveness during an emergency, available funding priorities, or impacts of decisions to adjacent communities.

- Not all our young people get the education they need or obtain a high school diploma or equivalent degree, which can negatively impact all aspects of our quality of life from increased public assistance to the type of economic development the region attracts.

- Many people outside the region lack an awareness of the historic, cultural, and environmental resources; this negatively affects tourism potential. *MEANING IS NOT CLEAR*

- There are limited arts and entertainment venues for youth, with most of these within the Las Cruces area. *EXCEPT FOR THOSE*

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Chattanooga? Tennessee

Suggestions for economic development opportunities noted during the Vision 2040 process:

- Support maintenance and construction businesses.
- Take advantage of fee-for-idea opportunities, including sell-over business program and grants.
- Encourage recycling-related businesses.
- Pursue manufacturing and related aerospace opportunities.
- Expand agricultural sales and exports to manufacturers, including value added processing.
- Integrate urban development with mid- or small-scale agriculture.
- Foster energy industries such as bio fuel, biomass, solar wind, geothermal or lowhead hydro.
- Promote increased tourism, including food and agricultural tourism.
- Expand agricultural tourism in the area.
- Develop a "green" economy, such as locally produced goods.
- Encourage local manufacturing, such as the region's pet and toy industry.
- Develop tourism around the area's history, including the river and local culture.
- Look at pet care as an industry.
- Foster more industrial park development.
- Support the ongoing master planning in downtown Chattanooga.
- Pursue opportunities related to alternative energy and energy efficiency.

Source: Vision 2040 Visioning Sessions, 2008 & Advisory Committee, 2010-2011

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Opportunities

• We need to look into possible regional transit connection enhancements between communities ~~within the region~~ as well as to Albuquerque, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas; options include commuter rail, enhanced rapid bus routes and recreational trails or similar connections.

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• There are economic development opportunities of all kinds in manufacturing, value-added agricultural processing, aerospace, spaceport, transportation-related sectors, alternative energy (utility), health care, tourism, space tourism, arts/entertainment, public and private partnerships, and border crossing.

ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT

OPERATIONS

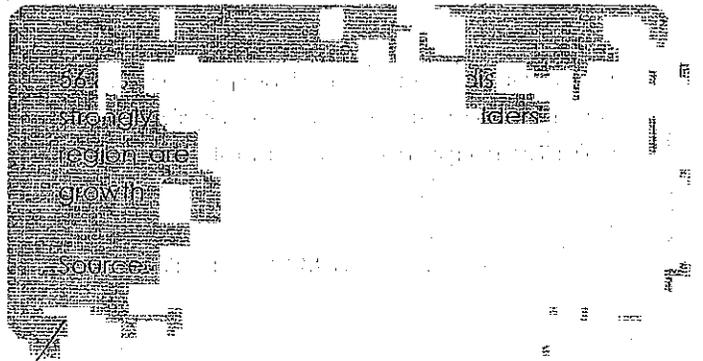
UTILITIES

• We have the ability to maintain, preserve, enhance or replicate our important historical, cultural, and natural resources.

• There are development opportunities near existing urban areas on public lands, e.g., land too small to use for open space or land reserved for a use that is no longer needed.

• There is potential to enhance the Rio Grande as a community asset.

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Threats

• Recessions are cyclical requiring planning to provide services and funding.

ESSENTIAL

• Despite being viewed as an affordable place to live, affordability in the region is affected by differences in incomes, cost of housing, and other household expenses.

• There is potential for damage from flooding in specific parts of the region as a result of the (1) age, condition, design of or development around flood-control infrastructure or (2) disruption of the function of natural or constructed flood-control systems from such factors as illegal dumping, loss of vegetation, or lack of maintenance.

UNCONTROLLED/POORLY PLANNED GROWTH

• Built environment includes the threat of ~~ens~~ encroachment on our historical, cultural, agricultural, and natural resources.

• Growth is causing denser populations near military installations, airports, and other economic engines of our communities. We need to be mindful of how this encroachment may negatively affect our quality of life and the operations of these facilities.

• With any agricultural land use there are potential negative aspects that could detract from quality of life such as odor and misuse of pesticides and fertilizers.

• Our transportation system is not always in pace or ahead of growth.

• Political changes outside the region can affect in positive and negative ways the level and type of economic activity at military and military-related industries.

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3.4 Population

On this section we look at how the region compares to other counties in New Mexico, adjacent areas, and areas within the region regarding population growth over the last thirty and ten years. Contributors to this increase included retirees, residents relocating from nearby El Paso, Texas, military personnel and related professionals, people relocating for employment opportunities, and people who are simply drawn to the desert environment.

*INCREASE IN SIZE
OF NMSU (STUDENTS & FACULTY)*

Historic Growth

According to the decennial U.S. Census, Doña Ana County ranked second among all New Mexico counties in total population

growth from 2000 to 2010. Sandoval County ranked first at a population growth rate of 31.7 percent compared to Doña Ana County at 16.5 percent. For the period 1980 to 2010, Sandoval County ranked first at a population growth rate of 73.6 percent, with Torrance County at a growth rate of 54.3 percent and Doña Ana County at 54.0 percent.

Compared to neighboring areas, Doña Ana County had the highest population growth rates from 2000 to 2010. Juarez, Mexico had the highest population growth rate from 1980 to 2010, closely followed by Doña Ana County, as shown in Table 3-1, "Neighboring Area Population Change 1980 to 2010."

Within the region, Las Cruces experienced the highest population growth rate from 2000 to 2010, while Anthony and Sunland Park



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birth rate. However, these long-term trends reduce the "natural increase" in population, which is a key component in population growth as is the difference between the number of people moving in to and the number moving out of the region.

Figure 3-2, "Projected Population Growth," shows the results of these population projection scenarios. For this plan, it was assumed Doña Ana County and its communities will add approximately 125,000 people by 2040 for a total of 325,000 people, which is near the mid-range projected population growth.

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Relocation Sources

Table 3-3, "Relocation Sources," lists some of the top contributors to population growth from relocation.

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Ethnicity and Race

Ethnicity and race, as used here, are based on the categories of the U.S. 2010 Census. The majority of people in the region identify their ethnicity as Hispanic and their race as white as shown in Figure 3-3, "Race" and Figure 3-4, "Ethnicity" respectively.

Age

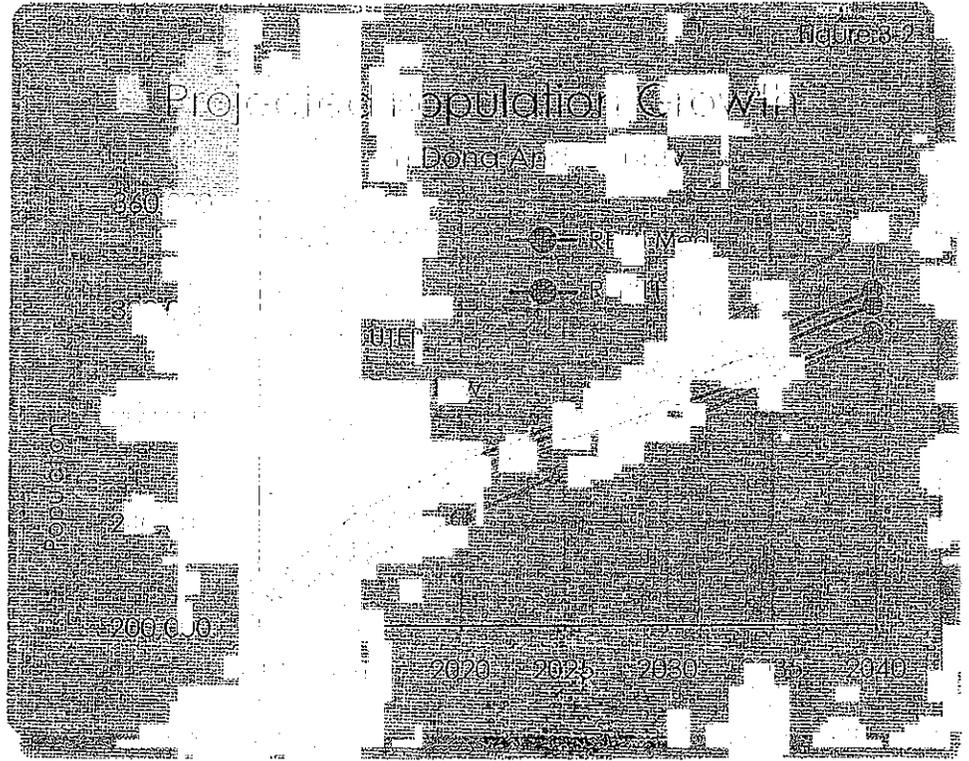
Overall, census data indicates that the general age and gender characteristics of the region's population have not changed much during the past decade. The past trend has been a decrease in school-aged people with slight increases of those within the workforce and retirement age groups. Compared to all of New Mexico, Doña Ana County has the most persons less than 19 years of age. The region's male to female ratio has remained relatively equal.

As shown in Figure 3-5, "Age Group Projections," the population of people over 65 years of age in New Mexico is expected to increase between 2010 and 2040. During this same period, all other age groups are expected to remain stable or decrease.

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Recreation Sources

Table 8.3

Top U.S. Counties (excluding New Mexico)

Top New Mexico Counties

White - 74%
Black - 2%
American Indian - 2%
Asian - 1%
Other - 19%
2+ Races - 3%

Hispanic - 65%
Non-Hispanic - 35%

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3.5 Organization and Plan Relationships

The One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan is organized similarly to a comprehensive plan. It covers a range of resource topics that closely match those identified in the local existing comprehensive plans.

The resource topics covered in this plan are: Land Use, Water, Air Quality, Environmental Resources, Hazards, Transportation, Community Facilities and Services, Utilities & Infrastructure, Housing, Economy, Community Character, Design, and Historic Preservation, and Intergovernmental Cooperation.

This regional plan provides a snapshot of existing conditions, trends, or projections in Chapter 5, "Regional Snapshot" and provides guidance on physical development through a common vision statement in Chapter 2, "Regional Vision Statement." As applicable, it includes goals and strategies in Chapter 6, "Goals and Strategies" that taken together bring the region closer to its idealized future identified in the vision statement and through the Consensus Growth Strategy in Chapter 8, "Regional Growth Strategies." Lastly, Chapter 9, "Implementation" provides actions to take within the next five years.

Both the regional plan and local comprehensive plans provide a formal starting point for addressing the needs of the region. As illustrated in Figure 3-6, "Plan Diagram" they also provide a unifying framework for different and more specific types of planning that may arise throughout the process. Continual evaluation of these planning documents is encouraged.

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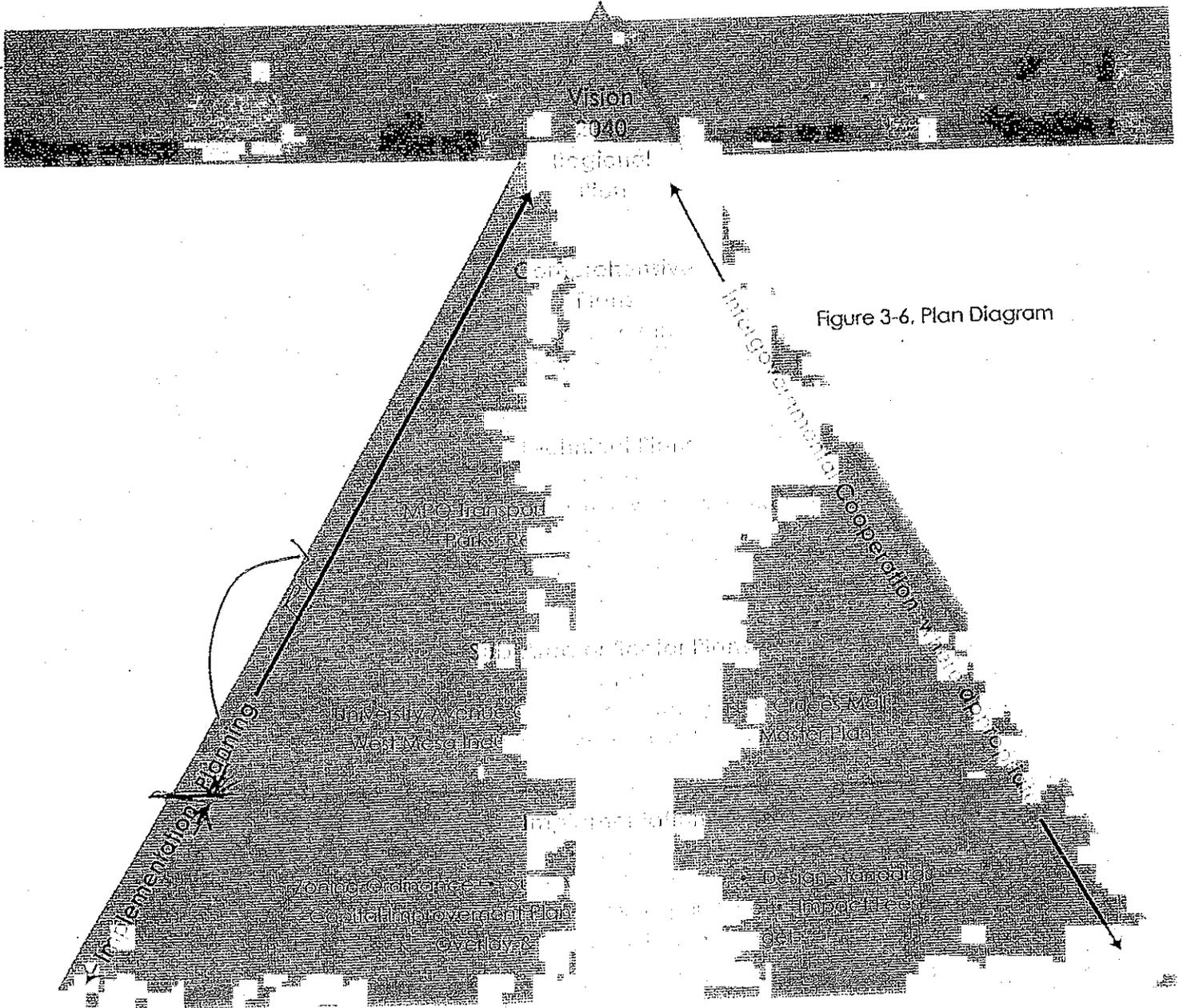


Figure 3-6. Plan Diagram

Chapter 4, Sustainability and Smart Growth

Sustainability¹

The concept of sustainability has grown in importance in recent years as communities have tried to manage their resources in the best way possible. This concept refers to responsible development, and is not intended to connote anti-development.

A popular concept referenced on sustainability is illustrated in Figure 4-1, "Triple Bottom Line," which relates to the resiliency of a community to adapt in the face of change or growth. In this model, economic wellbeing, environmental health, and social equity are in balance with one another.

Social equity for local government refers to creating openness in the formation of public policy, encouraging participation in the public process, and providing public resources and services that are accessible and reasonably distributed. Actions that advance all three objectives are preferred. Policies and actions may focus primarily on one of the three areas, but should consider impacts to the other two as well.

Smart Growth²

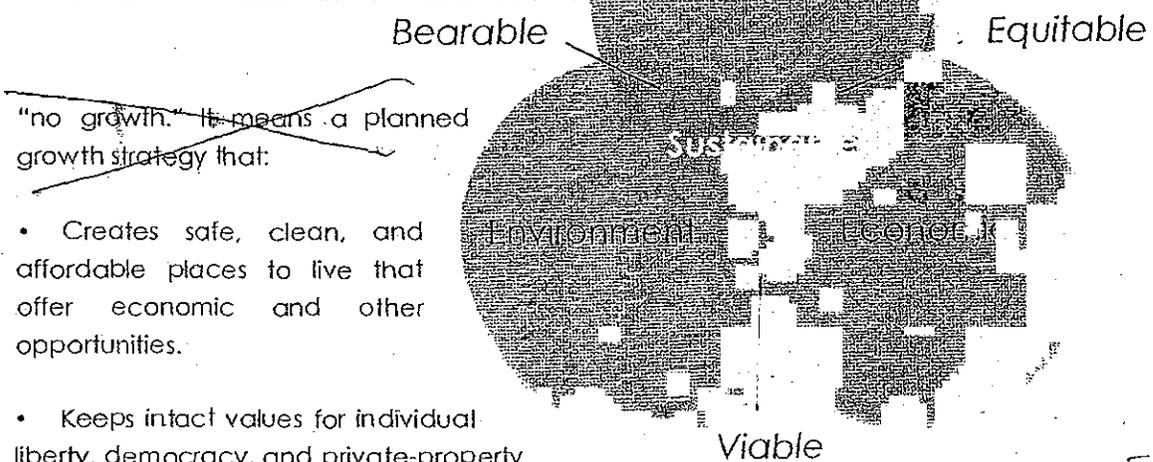
Another concept that has gained support in recent years is smart growth, an approach geared towards developing sustainable communities with more resilience and adaptability. In contrast to prevalent development practices, smart growth encourages a larger share

of regional growth within areas already served by infrastructure and discourages this growth on environmentally sensitive areas according to the following principles developed by the Smart Growth Network and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:

- Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions.
- Provide a mix of land uses.
- Take advantage of compact building design.
- Create a range of housing opportunities and choices at all income levels.
- Create walkable neighborhoods.
- Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place.
- Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas.
- Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities.
- Provide a variety of transportation choices.
- Make development decisions predictable, fair and cost effective.

For this plan, carrying out sustainability and the principles of smart growth doesn't mean "no growth." It means a planned growth strategy that:

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~~"no growth." It means a planned growth strategy that:~~

- Creates safe, clean, and affordable places to live that offer economic and other opportunities.
- Keeps intact values for individual liberty, democracy, and private-property rights.
- Recognizes natural market forces exist that are best left alone; however, opportunities to use, respond to, or guide these forces should be pursued to better manage the region's resources.
- Welcomes growth in a way that is mindful of its impact to important historic, cultural and natural resources.
- Uses renewable and finite resources wisely in a way that minimizes or reuses waste.
- Addresses the inter-relationship of the resource topics identified in this plan.
- Encourages communities to move toward sustainable practices over time.
- Uses an open process that affords everyone opportunities to participate in public decisions.
- Fosters a sense of community that best matches the region, municipalities and neighborhoods.

Figure 4-1, Triple Bottom Line

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- Tries to anticipate changes or events beyond our control that may threaten the usual way of doing things so the region is more resilient.

The application of these principles will vary with the current condition and future plans of the particular geographic location in the region. But by keeping these principles in mind as we plan for the future, we will be able to achieve a better balance of social needs, a strong economy, and protection of our valued natural resources.

Chapter 5, Regional Snapshot

The Regional Snapshot covers an introduction, plus three sections for each of the twelve resource topics: Existing Conditions, Projections, or Trends; Issues; and Accomplishments.

The Existing Conditions, Projections, or Trends section summarizes facts, trends, plans, or programs that have relevance to the key issues affecting the communities in the region. It also includes an "Organizations" subsection describing key governmental entities that can be contacted for further information and assistance on the specific resource topic.

The "Issues" section summarizes the issues identified by participants. The "Accomplishments" section highlights recent known regional efforts for each resource topic.

5.1 Land Use

The land-use element is a fundamental component of all comprehensive plans, defining the general distribution, location and characteristics of existing land use, future growth, and community form. A regional comprehensive plan is intended to address facilities and resources that affect more than one jurisdiction, and is used to provide a framework for municipal and county comprehensive plans.

A regional comprehensive plan does not provide the same level of detail a local plan

would. Regarding land use, a successful regional plan will define the physical attributes that make up the character of the region, rather than itemize specific details of land use.

Existing Conditions, Projections, or Trends

Organizations

Doña Ana County and the incorporated communities of Anthony, Hatch, Las Cruces, Mesilla, and Sunland Park all address land use. The Las Cruces ETZ and the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority, which has powers similar to an Extra-Territorial Zone, also address land use. Table 5-1, "Land Ownership," provides several other government organizations key to planning land use in the region. Large private land holders and institutions like NMSU equally influence land planning in the region as well. More information can be found at www.co.dona-ana.nm.us, www.villageofhatch.org, www.las-cruces.org, www.mesilla-nm.us, and <http://cityofsunlandpark.org>.

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Planning:

At the outset, it should be acknowledged that while a few local comprehensive plans have been prepared for the region, most

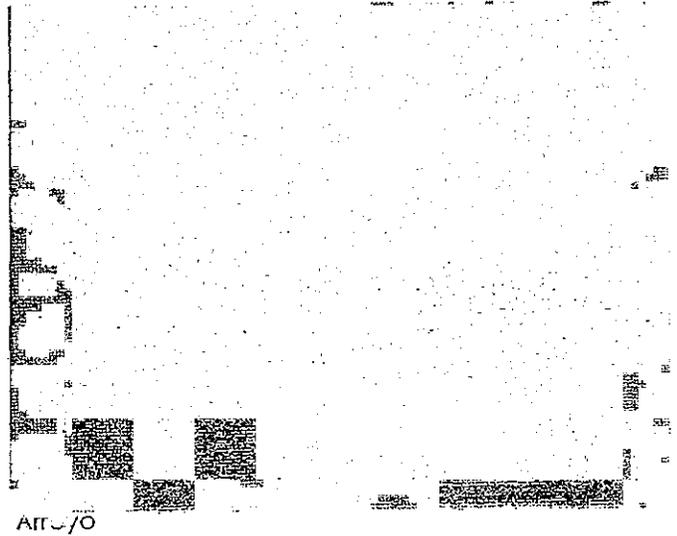
Regional Land Use Categories

As noted above, existing land use in regional plans is far more general than local comprehensive plans. Subsequent municipal and county comprehensive plans may address many specific land-use categories including: agriculture, single-family residential, multifamily residential, commercial (retail and office), public (schools and parks), semipublic (churches other gathering places), industrial (light and heavy) and so forth. However, for the purposes of identifying the quantity, location, density, and form of regional growth, the following four existing land-use categories have been identified: Developed, Critical and Sensitive, Government Retention, and Undeveloped. Map 2, "Existing Development - 2011," illustrates regional land use in Doña Ana County.

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Developed

This includes lots with structures that are 12,000 square feet or smaller, with a minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet. It was assumed a 6,000 square-foot lot with a structure or dwelling unit on it cannot be further subdivided based on the minimum lot size for the county. Thus, maximum density generally is established for perpetuity. However, since an 11,999 square-foot lot cannot be split either, the maximum lot size to define as developed has been rounded up to 12,000 square feet for ease of computing purposes. Nine square miles have been identified in this category.



Critical and Sensitive

This is land that generally should be conserved in its natural state (e.g., surface water, floodplains, wetlands, arroyos, steep slopes, protected wilderness, wildlife habitat, tree stands, and cultural areas) in a manner that reasonably compensates, provides incentives, maintains similar existing property rights, or in another similar manner that balances the public and property owner interest. Thirteen square miles have been identified in this category.

Government Retention SPACING

This is land that is owned and generally maintained by the State of New Mexico and/or the Federal Government. This land is generally not available for development today. It is the largest land-use category at 3,385 square miles.

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Undeveloped

The remaining land in the county is determined to be undeveloped or land suitable for development purposes. The total area under this designation is 397 square miles.

Ownership

Map 3, "Land Ownership – 2011," and Table 5-1, "Land Ownership," delineate the land ownership in the region. Federal agencies and the State of New Mexico own the majority of the land in Doña Ana County. Private land accounts for about 13.3 percent of the land area. We assume that most development will occur on private land, yet, many of the federal and state lands may become available creating large developable areas released at a single time. In these instances, it will be necessary to coordinate the release of such lands with existing land-use plans.

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Annexations

Annexations take unincorporated land of Doña Ana County and add it to existing municipal boundaries. Table 5-2, "Annexations," summarizes the amount of land annexed by the region's municipalities between 2000 and 2010. The listed date of

incorporation may be different from when the community was founded, recognized as a community, or before New Mexico became a state in 1912.

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Issues

- The proximity of Mesilla, Las Cruces, and the Las Cruces ETZ along with the proximity of the urbanized area of El Paso to unincorporated Doña Ana County, Anthony, and Sunland Park create a need for jurisdictional collaboration on where growth and annexations should occur.
- Growth has occurred on the outskirts of communities or away from existing/planned infrastructure.
- The proximity of developing urban areas close to the Rio Grande has increased development pressure to convert agricultural land to other uses.
- There is no mechanism for transfer of development rights, conservation easements, or similar programs in the county.
- Residents and local decision makers near agricultural areas are often unaware that agriculture is a commercial/industrial business with corresponding needs and economic considerations.

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effort in the Lower Rio Grande region which makes up Doña Ana County. LRGWUO is made up of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association, the Town of Mesilla, the Anthony Water and Sanitation District, the Village of Hatch, New Mexico State University, the Lower Rio Grande Public Works Authority, and EBID. More information is available at <http://wrrr.nmsu.edu/lrgwuo>.

Created in 2001, the Paso del Norte Watershed Council address issues related to the establishment and maintenance of a viable watershed along with activities on the Rio Grande. More information is available at www.pdnwc.org.

Planning

Water planning has existed in New Mexico at some level since before statehood, and recent planning efforts have become more comprehensive and broadened in approach. In 2003, the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer and Interstate Stream Commission adopted the New Mexico State Water Plan. The primary purpose of this plan is to move New Mexico forward on techniques and technologies for improved water supply and quality. This plan has a broader regional scope than the "40-year water plans" provided by New Mexico State

Statute that some municipal and community water supply entities adopt.

The Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization (LRGWUO) prepared the 2003 New Mexico Lower Rio Grande Regional Water Plan, encompassing all of Doña Ana County and a portion of south Sierra County. This plan includes analysis of the surface and groundwater supply available to the region, demographic analysis, population projections to 2040, current water use, and projected water demand, as well as strategies for future management of the region's water. It estimates ample groundwater supply based on a projected water demand by 2040 of 733,730 acre-feet per year that is dependent upon factors that include localized conditions, rate of use, and water recharge capacity. LRGWUO is presently embarking on an update to this 2004 plan.⁵⁰

Water Rights

Under New Mexico water law, all ground and surface waters belong to the public and are subject to appropriation under the Doctrine of Prior Appropriation. A water right is the legal right to use a specific quantity of water, on a specific time schedule, at a specific place and for a specific purpose. By state statute, the New Mexico State Engineer has general supervision of waters of the state, though there are also federally reserved water rights.

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The water rights for the planning region are within the Lower Rio Grande stream system where the New Mexico State Engineer is conducting a hydrographic survey of ground and surface water rights for the Lower Rio Grande Stream Adjudication. Water rights are confirmed by court actions known as general stream adjudications. The owner, place of use, purpose of use, diversion point, and quantity of each water right are determined in ongoing stream adjudication.

Water Conservation

Conservation policies and plans exist for many of the entities within Doña Ana County. Table 5-3, "Conservation Plans and Policies," highlights some of these.

The City of Las Cruces has taken many steps towards water conservation. A Sustainability Officer oversees the City's Sustainability Program, which includes assessing the impact of sustainability practices within the city and community at large. Also, the city has a full-time Water Conservation Coordinator who is charged with administering a multi-faceted water conservation program. Doña Ana County and the other municipalities incorporate conservation in conjunction with other functions.

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Water Sources

Rainfall and snowmelt in southern Colorado form the headwaters of the Rio Grande. The water level of the Rio Grande is affected by precipitation, irrigation, and climate conditions throughout its flow to the Gulf of Mexico. River water for use in the planning region is stored initially at the Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs and released for diversion and distribution in the EBID system comprised of canals, laterals, and drains that return water to the river.

There is a hydrologic link between the surface water system of the Rio Grande and the groundwater supply. Irrigation provides the major source of groundwater recharge in the region, and, in return, the aquifer provides water to the river under certain conditions. Rangeland improvements associated with ranching, such as brush treatments, can provide water sources in the remote desert environment. Existing conditions which affect the relations between the surface water sources and the underlying shallow aquifer include irrigation practices, weather and precipitation patterns, releases of water from the Caballo Reservoir upstream, and groundwater well pumping.

Surface Water

The sources that supply surface water throughout the planning region include the following:

Solid Waste Management Facilities Dona Ana County (2011)

(Table 5-11)

Facility	Size (Acres)	Approximate Lifespan (in years)	Service Area
Corralitos	640	99	City of Las Cruces and portions of Dona Ana County
Camino Real	480	8	Portions of Sunland Park and southern Dona Ana County
Anthony Butler			City of Anthony and Union County

Source: South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) & NMCEC (Solid Waste Department) & Dona Ana County Public Works

programs aimed at reducing the number of individual on-site disposal systems. These efforts include new wastewater treatment plants and increased capacity throughout the county to keep pace with anticipated growth. This includes the East Mesa Water Reclamation Facility in Las Cruces that began operation in 2009. Some ongoing wastewater treatment projects include the North Wastewater Treatment Plant serving Sunland Park/Santa Teresa through the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority, a treatment facility near Radium Springs by the DAMDWCA, and a treatment plant in Chaparral by Dona Ana County.

Solid Waste

Through a Joint Powers Agreement in 1990, Las Cruces and Dona Ana County formed the South Central Solid Waste Authority

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(SCSWA) to provide integrated solid waste management solutions for area residents and businesses. SCSWA operates the Corralitos landfill located off I-10 south of the Las Cruces airport. This is the primary public landfill serving the region. Another landfill that serves the public in the region is the privately-owned Camino Real Environmental Center landfill located in Sunland Park, NM.

Several transfer stations that hold waste for later movement to a landfill exist throughout the county, as well as one recycling center located in Las Cruces. Las Cruces is the only community in the county providing curbside solid waste pick up. For others, their options are to haul or pay for a private curbside service to remove solid waste. Table 5-11, "Solid Waste Management Facilities," provides additional solid waste information.

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Electricity

Electricity for the region is provided by El Paso Electric Company, with a service area covering Doña Ana and El Paso Counties, along with portions of some adjacent counties. El Paso Electric Company generates electricity mostly from fossil-fuel sources like coal; however, New Mexico State Statute requires it to use 15% renewable sources by 2015 and 20% renewable sources by 2020.

Presently, there is only one generating station within Doña Ana County located near Sunland Park. El Paso Electric Company operates two other generating stations in its service area in El Paso County. El Paso Electric does contract with remote generating facilities including the nuclear generating Palo Verde Facility west of Phoenix, Arizona, and the fossil-fuel generating Four Corners Facility west of Farmington, New Mexico. Present renewable non-residential sources include Hueco Mountain Wind Ranch in Horizon City, Texas, Southwest Environmental Center Solar System in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the Camina Real Landfill methane gas to energy facility near Sunland Park, New Mexico.

Natural Gas

Zia Natural Gas Company provides service in Hatch and some northern portions of Doña Ana County since its 2011 purchase of a portion of the Rio Grande Natural Gas

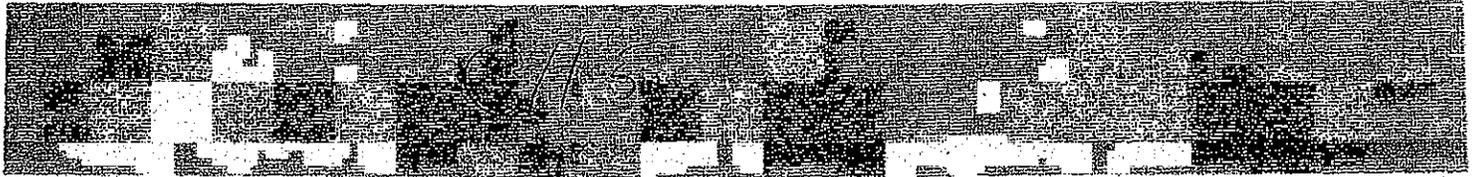
Association (RGNGA) service area. RGNGA was a nonprofit corporation owned by the City of Las Cruces and the Village of Hatch, providing service to residents of Las Cruces, Hatch, and portions of Doña Ana County.

The City of Las Cruces provides natural gas service to residents of Las Cruces and a portion of unincorporated Doña Ana County previously served by RGNGA. New Mexico Gas Company, a subsidiary of Continental Energy Systems L.L.C., provides service to southern Doña Ana County, which includes the communities of Anthony and Sunland Park.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, New Mexico has the third largest natural domestic gas reserves. Most of these reserves are in the northwest part of New Mexico.

Telecommunications

Doña Ana County has a variety of telecommunications providers that range from land lines to cellular phone services offering voice (telephone), video (cable) and data (internet) connections. This is a dynamic market and new suppliers are being added at a rapid rate. Coverage relies on a network of lines, towers, and other infrastructure.



Existing homes

As shown in Section 3.4, "Population," the region's population growth may reach as high as 350,000 by 2040. With this increase, the current housing stock should be viewed as a resource to be conserved and maintained for a range of future housing needs.

The focus of much of this Housing section is on affordable housing. It should be noted that unincorporated Doña Ana County and its municipalities provide a range of housing types, styles, and prices. Map 6, "Mean Property Values -2011," shows the range of housing using mean property values for Doña Ana County.

Maintenance

A primary concern is many homeowners lacking the means to maintain, upgrade, or make their home more energy efficient as indicated in a 2006 survey conducted by BBC Research and Consulting for the City of Las Cruces Consolidated Plan FY 2006-2010, and Analysis to Impediments to Fair Housing.

Over half of the responding homeowners in the survey claimed inability to afford needed home repairs, with three percent indicating repairs were so important, failure to carry them out meant the house was "unlivable." These numbers, although only focusing on Las Cruces, imply similar or higher figures may exist outside municipal boundaries.

Household Size and Familial Status

According to the Las Cruces Consolidated Plan referenced above and the draft 2011-2015 New Mexico Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development -Doña Ana County Profile, the average household size declined in 2000 from the previous decade.

BBC Research and Consulting reports that in Las Cruces, based on 2000 Census data, single-parent households with their own children grew to 3,640 or 12 percent of total households. Of these, 79 percent are female heads of household. Male heads of household for the same period showed the largest point increase of 42 percent from the previous decade. This suggests that with any further increase in related dynamics, households may find it harder to find housing that is deemed affordable given the lack of dual incomes.

Income

As is discussed under Section 5.10, "Economy," employment trends indicate the region is growing. However, much of this growth is in the very low to moderate wage range. Average annual income from the national to local level has declined in general over the past two years. These declines, coupled with the typical lower average annual incomes for Doña Ana County, mean housing affordability is a challenge for many residents.

Individuals in Poverty Doña Ana County vs New Mexico Census Data 1999-2009

Poverty

As shown in Table 5-13, "Individuals in Poverty," the poverty rate over the last ten years has remained relatively constant, with the average poverty rate for Doña Ana County approximately six-percent higher than the poverty rate for New Mexico. Affordable housing is redefined in a situation such as this. Often, government assistance for housing is necessary and programs to generate specified housing to meet the demand become more important for the community to address.

Year	NM Rate (%)	County Rate (%)
1999	17	25
2000	17	23
2001	18	25
2002	18	25
2003	18	24
2004	17	23
2005	18	26
2006	18	23
2007	17	23
2008	17	23
2009	18	24

Colonias

Colonias create challenges over a range of housing issues. Chapter 7, "Types of Communities," provides additional information about colonias within Doña Ana County.

Manufactured and Mobile Housing

Mobile and manufactured homes are dwellings built on chassis substructures for transport. The major difference in the two designations relates to the construction standards existing in the year of manufacture. Those built in 1976 or before are considered mobile homes per uniform standards of The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The designation varies for those built during 1976-1983. For those constructed in 1983 and beyond, HUD regulations tightened and they were officially called manufactured homes. Typically, manufactured homes are sold as real property, can qualify for Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) financing, and are placed on permanent foundations.

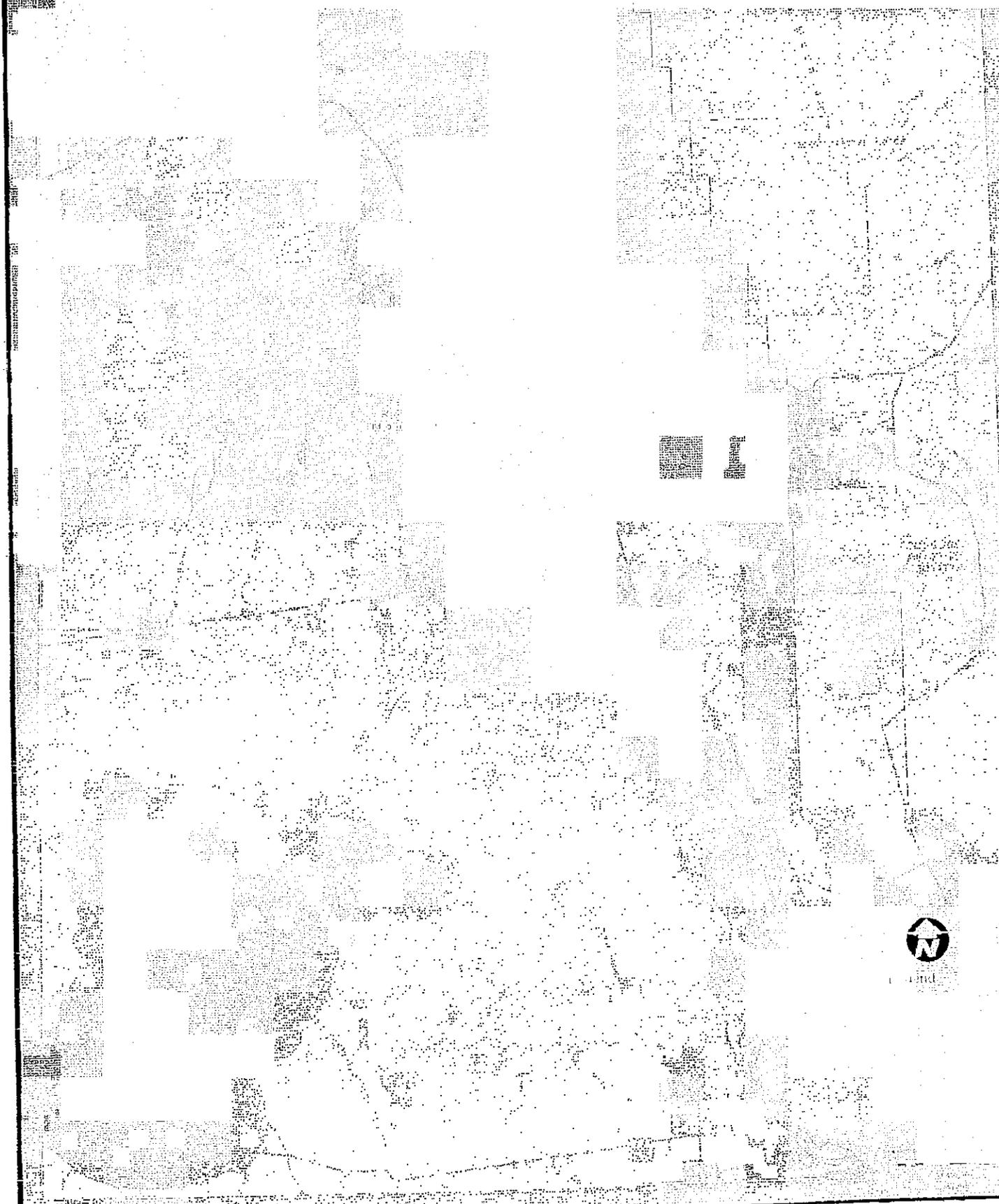
Renter vs. Owner

The cost of housing as a percentage of household expenses between 2005 and 2009 is higher for renters than for home owners as shown in Figures 5-4, "Gross Rent as % of Household Income," 5-5, "Homeowner Cost as % of Household Income (Mortgage)," and 5-6, "Homeowner Cost as % of Household Income (Without Mortgage)."

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Map 6 - Mean Property Values - 2011
Dona Ana County, New Mexico

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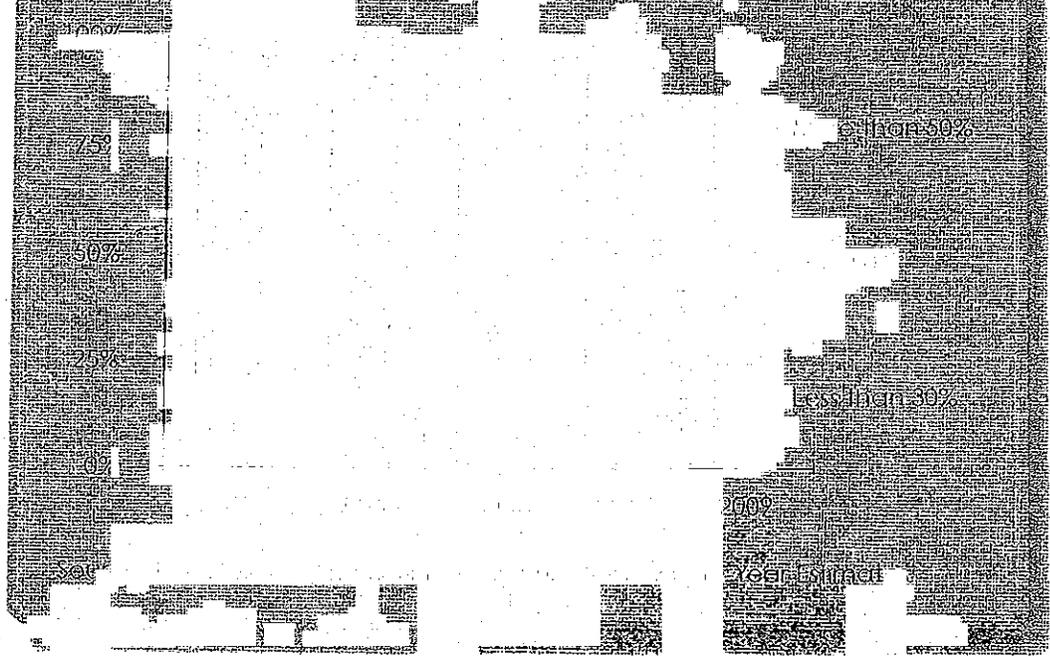


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Gross Rent as % of Household Income

Figure 5-7



Many zoning districts within the region allow for manufactured and mobile housing. Census data generally shows that 16 to 19 percent of the housing units in New Mexico since 1990 are manufactured and mobile homes. Figure 5-7, "Manufactured and Mobile Homes," shows that Doña Ana County and its neighboring counties provide a greater percentage of manufactured and mobile homes than other counties in New Mexico. Neighboring El Paso County, Texas only provides about one fourth the number of manufactured and mobile homes. These factors indicate potential affordability challenges that warrant further study or action, including considering the feasibility of establishing a region wide definition for affordability.

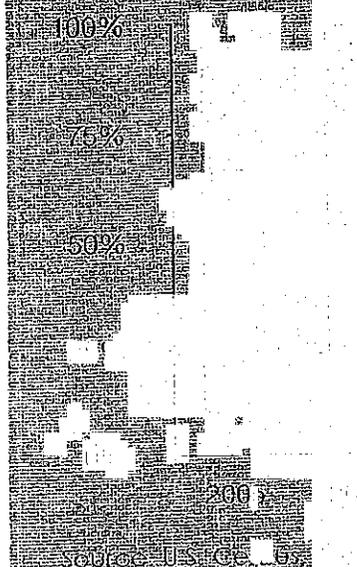
Affordability Index

Typically a home is deemed affordable when its cost accounts for no more than 30 percent of household income. One standard for consideration in Transport 2040 and the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) is a 45 percent of household income threshold for both housing and transportation costs combined. However, if applied to the region, a different threshold value may be more appropriate.

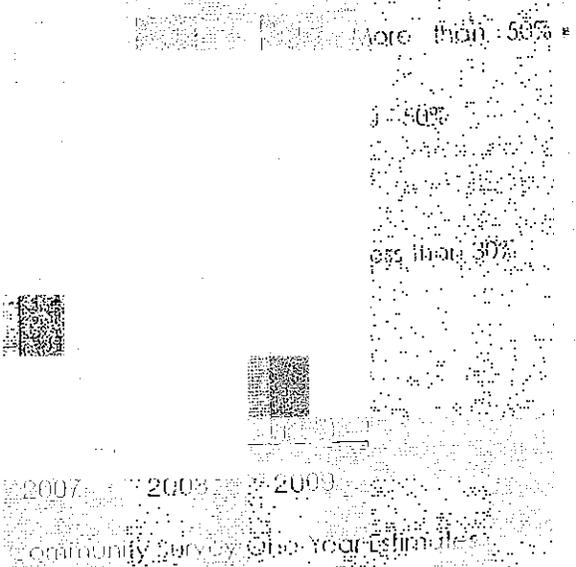
An affordability index combining housing and transportation costs may be beneficial to the region since concerns over growth focus on the impact of new development to the fringes of our urban areas. Many of our smaller communities have further travel distances to obtain regional goods and services.

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**Homeowner Cost
 as % of Household Income
 (With Mortgage)**

Figure 5.5



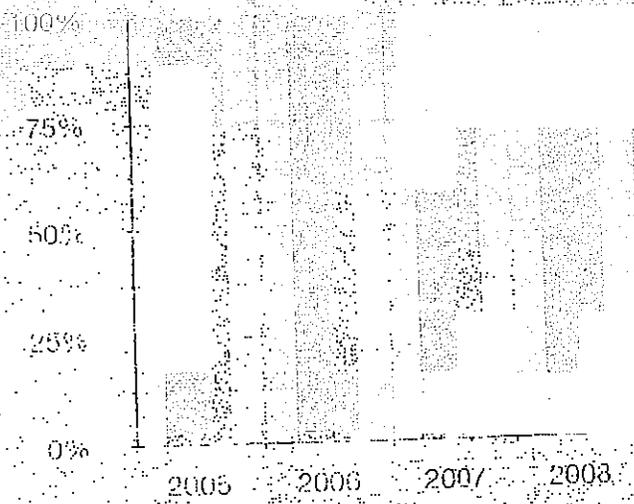
Source: U.S. Census Bureau



Community Survey One-Year Estimate

**Homeowner Cost
 as % of Household Income
 (Without Mortgage)**

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

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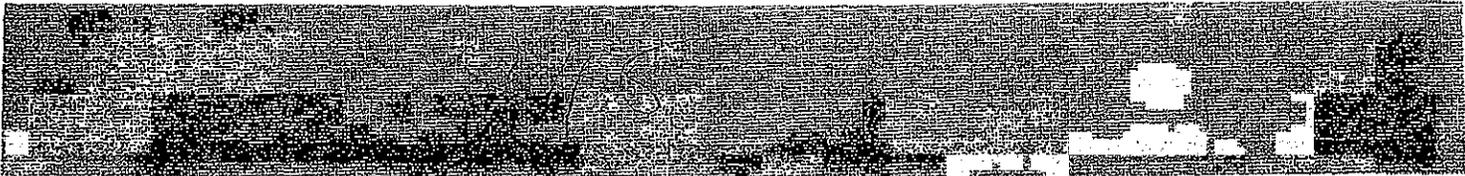
Issues

- There is limited affordable housing supply and assistance to meet the projected demand of the region's low-to-moderate income home buyers and low-income renters.
- Existing local public, private and non-profit entities have limited capacity or financial means to construct, maintain, and rehabilitate existing areas of substandard housing to meet present identified needs.
- There are ongoing efforts to provide safe housing, basic services, and infrastructure within the colonias in Doña Ana County.

Accomplishments

- The state of New Mexico adopted the Affordable Housing Act and Rules authorizing local governments to provide buildings, land, infrastructure, and financing for the creation of affordable housing, through state constitutional amendments approved in 2004 and 2006.
- Las Cruces prepared and adopted the Affordable Housing Strategic Plan in August 2009, identifying various ways to improve affordable housing opportunities citywide, including the creation of an Affordable Housing Land Bank, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and revisions to various development codes to ease the creation of affordable housing. Implementation is ongoing.

- In 2009, the Casa del Quinto Sol 17-single-family home subdivision near Vado opened. The development uses sustainable building design and a variety of financial assistance methods to make housing affordable to local residents as part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Model Colonia Initiative and Tierra del Sol.
- Las Cruces adopted the Affordable Housing Land Bank and Affordable Housing Trust Fund Ordinance in November 2010, as called for within the 2009 Affordable Housing Strategic Plan.
- In 2010, the state of New Mexico approved the Colonias Infrastructure Act, and legislation paves the way for ten million dollars annually to be available for infrastructure projects within designated colonias. Twenty-six percent of colonias in the state exist in Doña Ana County, and these will receive assistance in improving livability aspects therein.
- The National Association of Counties awarded the Doña Ana County's Colonia Initiative its 2006 and 2010 Achievement Award for its programs assisting colonias.



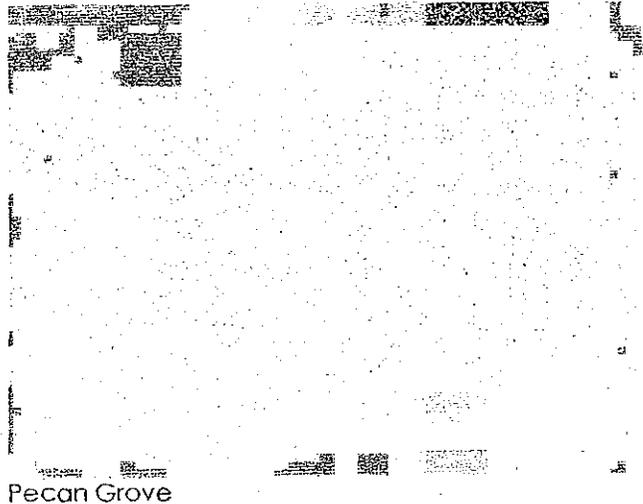
Three major organizations for regional business and industry research are found in partnership with the University of New Mexico (UNM), New Mexico State University (NMSU), and University of Texas El Paso (UTEP). These are the Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) through UNM, Arrowhead Center and New Mexico Business Outlook through NMSU, and the Border Regional Modeling Project through UTEP. More information is available at <http://bber.unm.edu>, <http://bbrs.nmsu.edu>, and <http://academics.utep.edu>.

Planning

One of the most recently created economic plans of a regional nature is the 2010 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy prepared by the South Central Council of Governments (SCCOG). The SCCOG, the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA), local municipalities, and the local Chambers of Commerce all assist their communities by collecting data or providing business assistance and information. These various organizations are actively involved in many localized economic development efforts and planning.

Since 2008, Doña Ana County, Las Cruces, and Hatch have adapted a Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) plan to assist on development, management, and funding as a way to attract and strengthen business. LEDA was initially formed with the intent

of having a simultaneous Local Options Gross Receipts Tax Act (LOGRA) passed so that a local community could create an economic development fund through a tax. Very few communities in the state actually enacted the LOGRA. Therefore, a major funding source comes from the Capital Outlay by the State of New Mexico that fluctuates with State budget priorities and available funds.



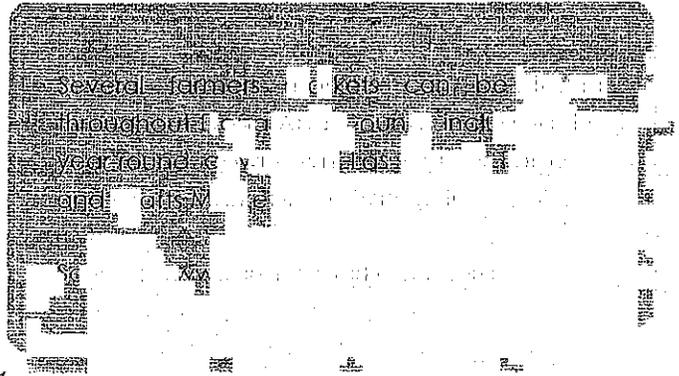
Agriculture ⁵²⁻⁵³

Agriculture is part of the region's heritage and is still very important to its economy and culture. Doña Ana County leads other New Mexico counties in total market value and production of agricultural commodities like upland cotton, onions, tomatoes, chile, pecans, greenhouse products, colonies of bees, alfalfa hay, corn silage, and eggs. In 2010, Doña Ana County ranked third out of all other New Mexico counties for the number of milk cows and fifth for head

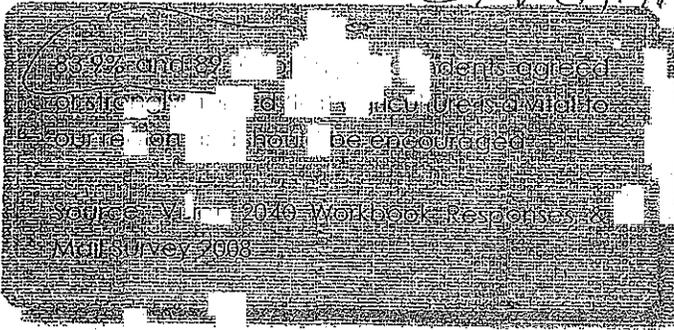
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of cattle and calves. Doña Ana County regularly ranks first, or in the top three, of New Mexico counties for total annual cash receipts, with half this value from crops and half from livestock. Agricultural and ranching practices are commercial/industrial businesses with corresponding needs and economic considerations as shown in Table 5-14, "Economic Considerations in Agriculture and Ranching Practices."

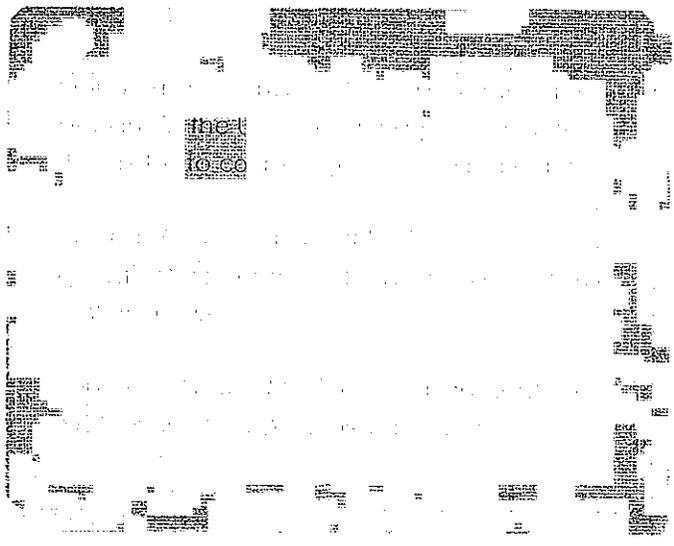


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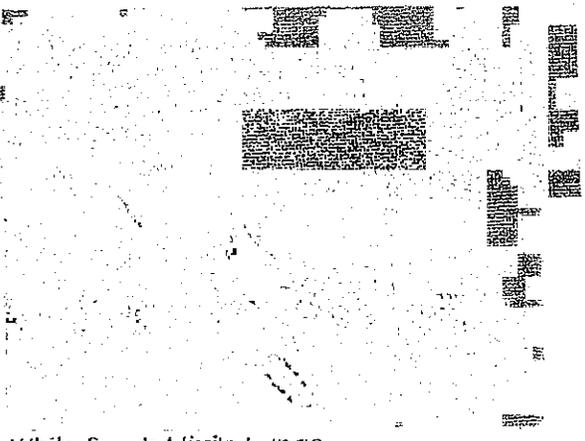
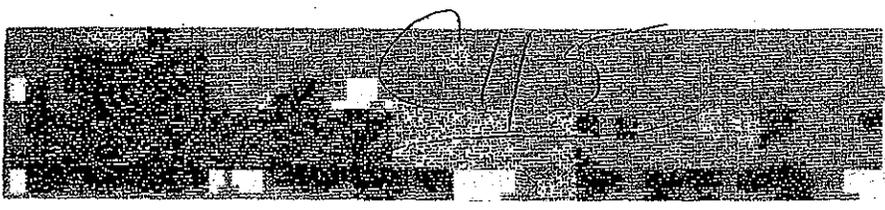


Employment

Map 7, "Jobs Supply – 2011," illustrates existing employment locations in Doña Ana County. As the largest population center in the region, the central portion of Doña Ana County offers many existing and new employment opportunities. Las Cruces, Mesilla, and the Las Cruces Extra-Territorial Zone (ETZ) make up the majority of this area. It is home to many of the largest employers in the area, including Las Cruces Public Schools and New Mexico State University. East of this area is White Sands Missile Range – already one of the region's largest employers, it is expected to grow over time despite current expansion plans being put on hold.



The northern communities of Hatch and Rincon offer many agricultural and industrial opportunities. The development of Spaceport America in southern Sierra County has the potential to attract thousands of jobs, many of which are expected to locate in Las Cruces and northern Doña Ana County.



public school districts, one-stop training offices, and numerous job training organizations.

The SCCOG 2010 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy identifies opportunities for training entry-level workers, matching worker skills with high-tech industry needs, and updating job skills for workers changing fields. The MVEDA has also identified a need for "soft skill" training. Soft skills relate to subjects such as interacting with other people, conflict resolution and negotiation, problem solving, and team building.

Income

Table 5-16, "Median Household Income," shows Doña Ana County has a lower median household income compared to New Mexico and the U.S., with median income lower for all three areas in 2009, likely in response to the 2008 national recession. However, overall indicators show wages are improving in the region.

According to the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, the average annual wage for all occupations in Doña Ana County has increased approximately \$8,000 from 2005 to 2010. In comparison, the annual wage for all of New Mexico increased approximately \$6,500 during this period. It should be noted wages vary depending on the industry and position. Some of the lowest paid occupations average less

White Sands Missile Range

than \$25,000 annually. These include many support services related to agriculture, food service, health care, office, property maintenance, and transportation. Some of the highest paid occupations average more than \$70,000 annually. These include management, computer systems, and medical fields.

Issues

- There is an ongoing need to keep workforce training in pace with future employment needs.
- Competition from outside Doña Ana County creates a loss of skilled and technical labor for the region. This also negatively affects locating business to the region. This is particularly evident along the El Paso, Texas border. In part, places like Chaparral lose labor potential because it has less infrastructure capacity to support industry than El Paso. The number of available low and middle income housing in Anthony, Santa Teresa, and Sunland Park often is not enough to support desired employment.
- People in the region desire economic development that increases wages and salaries.

- There is a need for a comprehensive economic development plan for all of Doña Ana County that incorporates the tri-county 2010 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy prepared by the SCCOG and efforts of the MVEDA.

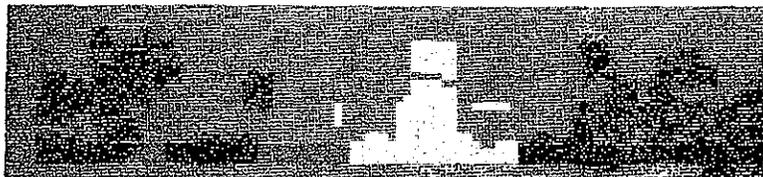
- There is underutilization of the Foreign Trade Zone designation which provides special customs procedures to U.S. plants engaged in international trade-related activities available at the Las Cruces International and Doña Ana County International Airport.

- Political changes outside the region can affect in positive and negative ways the level and type of economic activity at military and military-related industries.

- Population density increases near military installations, airports, and other economic engines. This encroachment may negatively affect quality of life and the operations of these facilities.

Accomplishments

- Construction of the Spaceport, located in nearby southeastern Sierra County, is progressing. Virgin Galactic is ^{THE} major tenant company with plans to launch suborbital spaceflights. This state-financed facility positions Doña Ana County for future economic and development opportunities.



76% of mail survey and 67.0% of phone survey respondents agreed or strongly agreed the region had a strong sense of identity.

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Alameda Historic District, Las Cruces

and approval of public art, and completion of local capital improvements to enhance streetscapes, such as special street lighting in historic districts, installing street furniture, fountains, or gateway structures.

Historic Preservation

Aside from the existing efforts noted in the "planning" section, local governments could work more proactively with the State Historic Preservation Division and other preservation organizations to a) identify potential buildings and districts for new designations; and b) utilize legal tools to facilitate the process, such as the establishment of Certified Local Governments (CLGs) and their own historic preservation ordinance.

Issues

- Community design and historic preservation implementation relies on the private property owner since state and federal programs are voluntary and limited

local implementation regulations and programs exist.

- No comprehensive survey of the region's historic structures, sites or neighborhoods presently exist, only a patchwork of older small area surveys.
- Management of our built environment includes consideration of encroachment on our historical, cultural, agricultural, and natural environment.

Accomplishments

- In 2005 and 2010, Las Cruces included demolition-delay provisions in its historic overlay districts for the South Mesquite Neighborhood Overlay and Alameda Depot Neighborhood Overlay.
- In 2010, restorative and adaptive reuse measures were taken for the De la O Saloon and other adobe structures in the Doña Ana Village State and National Historic District.

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5.12 Intergovernmental Cooperation

Intergovernmental cooperation is any arrangement by which officials of two or more jurisdictions coordinate to address and resolve issues of mutual interest. It can be as simple as communicating and sharing information, or it can involve entering into formal intergovernmental agreements and sharing resources such as equipment, buildings, staff, and revenue. It can also involve consolidating services, jurisdictions, or transferring territory.

It is an important function since many issues cross jurisdictional boundaries and affect more than one community. Frequently, the actions of one community impact others. Watersheds and other ecosystems, economic conditions, land use, commuter patterns, housing, and effects from growth and change are all issues that can spill over municipal boundaries and impact the region as a whole. Table 5-17, "Benefits of Intergovernmental Cooperation," lists some benefits of intergovernmental cooperation.

Benefit	Possible Examples
Benefit to citizens	Ability to provide services more efficiently
Cost savings	Increase in service efficiency
Efficient use of public resources	Reduce duplication of services
	Reduce litigation, compatible planning, greater predictability, build trust, create pattern of working relationships

Existing Conditions, Projections or Trends

Organizations

Table 5-18, "Agencies for Intergovernmental Cooperation," lists some of the local government or quasi-government agencies that may or will be involved in resolving the regional issues that are outlined in this Vision. Involvement of other groups, including those identified in the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Advisory Committee, and community water and sewer providers, are equally important.

Table 5-18 GOES HERE!



Planning

The region has several examples of inter-governmental cooperation that could be expanded, and there are other areas in which it could be created or modified. Table 5-19, "Existing Intergovernmental Groups," lists some of these ongoing inter-governmental groups and activities.

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Issues

• Local governments tend to focus and address issues at their political boundary level and not at an intergovernmental level. Some of the regional issues identified for intergovernmental cooperation include:

- issues of fragmentation among utility and other regional service providers and service area boundaries for utility extensions,
- annexation policy,
- school districts, including school locations and workforce training,
- MPO jurisdictional studies,
- air-quality issues with the state of Texas, City and County of El Paso, state of Chihuahua Mexico and City of Ciudad Juarez,
- tourism, including identifiers as a

tourist destination,

- flood control, including general agreements on methods for managing arroyos and storm events,
- smart growth and sustainable development, including land use compatibility,
- regional development codes and standards,
- implementation of regional and comprehensive plans, and
- economic development, including taxing and work-force training differences between New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico.
- Fragmentation of water, wastewater and flood control authorities creates challenges in regional planning and management, and adds to a lack of public awareness and implementation of existing plans, strategies, and policies.

What about Roadway & Interstate Highway Planning / Coordination (City/County)

3 lane from TX (2 lanes, to Las Cruces TO 2 lanes @ I-10 / I-25

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Agencies for Intergovernmental Cooperation

Office of the State Engineer
Department of Transportation
International Boundary and Water Commission
Office of the State Engineer
Otero County, New Mexico
Serra County, New Mexico
Sunland Park, New Mexico
Yardley, Texas

Zachary, Texas

International Boundary and Water Commission

Office of the State Engineer

Dona Ana County, New Mexico

Julesburg, Mexico

Otero County, New Mexico

El Paso County, Texas

Los Cristos, New Mexico

Serra County, New Mexico

El Paso, Texas

Ferns County, New Mexico

Sunland Park, New Mexico

Local Aviation Commission

Mosilo, New Mexico

Yardley, Texas

State of New Mexico

Highway and Transportation

Districts and Counties

Planning Organizations

Los Cristos, New Mexico

International Boundary and Water Commission

Rural Planning Organization - South Central Council of Governments

Military

Walt Whitman Air Force Base

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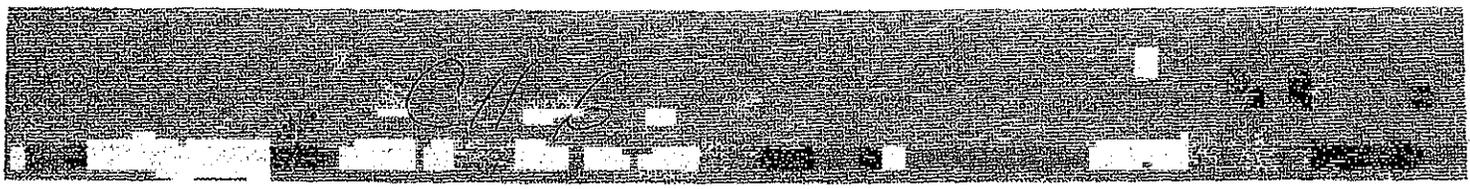
Walt Whitman Air Force Base

Land Use and Quasi-Judicial Agencies

Bureau of Land Management

New Mexico State Land Office

El Paso County, New Mexico



Strategies

- Develop funding strategies to cope with natural-hazard emergencies.
- Participate in regular updates of the All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan.
- Enforce development standards in flood zones to limit construction in flood-prone areas.
- Improve flood control where development has already occurred in flood-prone areas through reasonable and equitable funding mechanisms.
- Increase public awareness of what to do in the event of an emergency through public service announcements in a variety of media.
- Install active smart signs along the region's Interstates and U.S. Highways that serve to inform travelers of where to go and what to do in case of highway shutdowns due to dust storms or flood events.
- Identify hazardous-cargo routes and install applicable signage within the county.
- Make provisions for management and access of protected critical and sensitive areas regarding public health, safety, and welfare (e.g. border control, flood management, fire protection).

Goal 6-5-2: Protect our people and property from the negative effects of storm water.

Strategies

- Coordinate storm-water management policies with water-management agencies to aid in better response, allow for improved funding opportunities, and to better protect property from flooding erosion.
- Encourage communities to adopt and implement storm drainage master plans.
- Prepare an assessment of the arroyos and man-made storm water systems of regional significance to develop policies for minimizing impact to natural arroyos, provide appropriate drainage, retention, and detention functions, and allow for regular maintenance.
- Develop regulations requiring adequate flood and drainage control systems and maintenance for new and redevelopment.
- Install weather stations and telemetry systems to aid in advanced warning of potential flood conditions.
- Implement existing storm-water management plans.
- Identify factors that increase the likelihood of flooding and develop mitigation plans accordingly. These plans would integrate wildlife protection and other goals found in Section 6.4, "Environmental Resources."

SPACING

Regional Goals and Strategies

6.6. Transportation

An effective, efficient transportation system is vital to shaping our communities and facilitating our lifestyles. While roads account for the majority of the region's transport options, equally important are transit services, railways, airports, bicycle lanes, paths, trails, and pedestrian accommodations. Providing for a variety of practical and multi-modal transport options makes safer, healthier communities and reduces environmental impacts.

Goal 6-6-1: Encourage the development of a safe, efficient and effective intermodal transportation system for a variety of transportation choices.

Strategies

- Prepare system-wide or corridor-management plans related to access, safety, parking, demand, asset, or other needs.
- Develop land-use patterns and create a transportation system that focuses on expanding multimodal opportunities, connectivity, and decreasing vehicle miles traveled.
- Support inter-governmental collaboration toward funding, planning and implementation of regionally important transportation projects.

- Increase awareness of shared roadways.
- Plan access ways for agricultural business use.
- Incorporate new technologies and green infrastructure for new and redeveloped transportation projects.
- Consider alternate sources for roadway-maintenance funding including: forming improvement districts, seeking grants, entering cost-sharing agreements, approving bonds, and developing impact fees.
- Ensure that the intensity and design of land uses maintain the ability of roads to carry traffic safely and effectively.
- Promote transit-oriented development along existing and planned transit corridors by encouraging appropriate design, mixed land uses and intensities.
- Jointly plan community, utility, and transportation facilities in relation to planned growth.

Goal 6-6-2: Coordinate transportation planning with other functions, including land use planning

Strategies

Goal 6-8-2: Meet the projected needs of residents through location, access, character, extent and timing of public utilities and infrastructure.

Strategies

- Establish performance standards for utilities to ensure they adequately meet the public's needs.
- Prepare capital improvement plans to aid in prioritizing utility and infrastructure improvements.
- Prepare asset management plans to better maintain existing utilities and infrastructure.
- Find ways to improve the utilization of existing infrastructure as an alternative to expansion or new construction.
- Support contiguous development and charge appropriate fees for new development.
- Preserve land and reduce costs by protecting undeveloped areas and prioritizing existing development.
- Provide services more efficiently to decrease public costs.
- Plan utilities in concurrence with road, building, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements.

- Priority funding must be provided to upgrade utilities and infrastructure located within existing approved colonias.

Goal 6-8-3: Coordinate with other local governments, utility districts, and state and federal agencies on the provision of utilities that have multijurisdictional impacts.

Strategies

- Form intergovernmental partnerships to fund and operate regional utilities.
- Seek financial assistance from state and federal sources for improvement and development on wastewater treatment, gas, water, sewer, telecommunication, and other utility needs.

Goal 6-8-4: Develop and implement comprehensive measures to maximize resource conservation.

Strategies

- Integrate conservation measures into new and redeveloped public facilities and sites.
- Educate residents and businesses on conservation practices, technology, and related measures.
- Set and monitor standards for energy-

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use reduction in public facilities.

- Consider conservation ordinances, programs, and sustainability plans.
- Move toward the creation of a county-wide recycling program to reduce pollution and waste in our landfills.
- Evaluate energy consumption to look at conservation measures as well as affordable alternatives.
- Encourage rural areas to use self-sufficient and non-polluting technologies for energy, water and sewage services.
- Perform periodic emergency checks and prepare back-up procedures on utility infrastructure to ensure operability in the event of a real emergency.

*PHOTO VOLTAGE STREET LIGHTS
STOP LIGHTS - FLASHERS ETC.*

6.9. Housing

Housing efforts are directed at providing residents of all socioeconomic levels with safe, sanitary, and affordable living options. These living spaces should be climate-appropriate, energy efficient, and accessible to transport options.

Goal 6-9-1: Create livable mixed-use neighborhoods with increased mobility options and a strong sense of community.

Strategies

- Lower commuting costs by offering "live-work" alternatives that reduce the overall commute time.
- When appropriate, facilitate the incorporation of mixed-land use arrangements in new and infill development proposals.
- Encourage mixed residential types and densities consistent with local zoning ordinances, growth patterns, economic development opportunities, transportation infrastructure, and overall livability.
- Accommodate housing options for a range of socioeconomic levels within neighborhoods.
- Encourage development that considers usage, fit within the neighborhood, and environmentally-friendly design.

Goal 6-9-2: Provide a range of housing alternatives that provides safe, clean, comfortable and affordable living environments.

Strategies

- Increase affordable housing units throughout our communities through

Regular Meeting
June 14, 2011
6:00 P.M.

HATCH

Members Present: Mayor Nordyke, Trustee Burns, Trustee Torres, Trustee Franzoy, Trustee Nunez

Others Present: Jim Schoonover, Judy Naff, Janim Diryall, Roger Hedrick, Paul Michaud, David Shields, Griselda T. Martinez, Miguel Vicens, Jim Hayhoe, Rob Spence, Mike Castillo, Danny Ross, Elizabeth Porras

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hatch was held in the Trustees Chambers located at 133 N Franklin Street, Hatch, New Mexico, on the above date. The Clerk/ Administrator called the roll as follows: Trustee Franzoy Present, Trustee Torres-Present, Trustee Nunez-Present, Trustee Burns-Present, and Mayor Nordyke-Present. There being a quorum, Mayor Nordyke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Nunez led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Trustee Franzoy moved to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Burns. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Burns moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 2011 as written. Seconded by Trustee Nunez. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Nunez moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Jim Hayhoe gave an update on the Spaceport, Solar Project, BLM, SPA.

David Shields with Bohannon Huston gave projects update. Hatch water well project, have noted arsenic levels found in the first water quality test. The next step is to pump the well for 12 hours or so and re-test. A Hydrogeologic back out to perform the pumping and test samples. Sun Western Contractors have begun construction and should have first pay application turned in on Friday. Canal Road Improvements (Archer towards city limits) LGRF 2011 grant agreements went out a couple of weeks ago, so you should have already received and accepted. Placitas Arroyo final design is scheduled to be complete by the end of the week.

Paul Michaud gave a presentation of One Valley One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. The Plan summary purpose is to provide an advisory plan about growth at a broad, regional perspective that local governing bodies can use when making present day decisions that affect growth.

Trustee Burns moved to approve SCCOG administration contract for CDBG Planning Grant. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Nunez moved to approve the Chile Festival request to host "Beer Garden" for this year. Seconded by Trustee Torres. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Franzoy-aye, Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Nunez-aye, and Trustee Burns-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Nunez moved to approve Resolution #802 for CDBG Adopting required CDBG Policies. Seconded by Trustee Burns. The Board was polled as follows: Trustee Franzoy-aye, Trustee Torres-aye, Trustee Nunez-aye, and Trustee Burns-aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Torres moved to approve to request RFP for CDBG Planning Grant. Seconded by Trustee Burns. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

Trustee Burns moved to approve to hire Diana Mejia as Police Officer starting June 20, 2011 @ \$14.45 an hour. Seconded by Trustee Torres. Motion carried with all Trustees voting aye.

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
EXTRA-TERRITORIAL ZONING COMMISSION
FOR THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES
DONA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT OFFICES**

**June 2, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Villescas, Chairman
Kenneth Allin, Vice-Chair
Janet Acosta, Secretary
Robert Hearn, Member
Cliff Terry, Member
Steve Pacheco, Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Michaud, CLC, Long Range Planning
Tom Murphy, MPO
Roger Hedrick, DAC, Community Development
Janine Divyak, DAC, Community Development
Bonnie Ennis, CLC, Recording Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER (6:07 pm)

27 Villescas: I'm going to go ahead and call this Thursday ETZ meeting to order. It is
28 6:07 pm. This is the June 2, 2011 meeting. Commission members shall
29 not privately discuss with any interested persons the merit of a case which
30 is pending before this Commission. If there has been any such
31 discussion, it should be disclosed at this time. Because this Commission
32 acts in a quasi-judicial capacity, this hearing tonight follows the
33 procedures mandated by the New Mexico Court of Appeals. Anyone
34 wishing to give testimony on a case must be recognized by the Chair, go
35 to the podium, state his or her name, address, and be sworn in. An
36 applicant's presentation may be limited to four minutes. A neighborhood
37 representative or representatives of other groups may be limited to three
38 minutes each. A neighborhood spokesperson may be limited to ten
39 minutes. You may speak more than once on a case, but the Chair
40 reserves the right to further limit the time allocated to speak. This meeting
41 will be conducted by a modified form of Robert's Rules of Order. It takes
42 four affirmative votes for a passage of a case. Please note that a
43 Commissioner may vote "yes" on an amendment to the main motion, yet
44 vote "no" on the main motion. Any affected party may appeal the decision
45 made by the Commission to the ETA. Commissioner Acosta, call the role,
46 please?

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2 Acosta: Yes. Commissioner Allin?
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4 Allin: Here.
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6 Acosta: Commissioner Hearn?
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8 Hearn: Here.
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10 Acosta: Commissioner Terry?
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12 Terry: Here.
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14 Acosta: Commission Steve Pacheco?
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16 Pacheco: Here.
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18 Acosta: Chairman Villescas?
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20 Villescas: Here.
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22 Acosta: And Commissioner Acosta is here.

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24 **II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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26 NONE

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28 **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 7, 2011**

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30 Villescas: Item III, approval of the minutes. Do I have a motion?
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32 Allin: So moved.
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34 Villescas: Do I have a second?
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36 Acosta: Second.
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38 Villescas: Any discussion? If not, Commissioner Acosta, would you call the role,
39 please?
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41 Acosta: Commissioner Pacheco.
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43 Pacheco: Aye.
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45 Acosta: Commissioner Terry.
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47 Terry: Aye.

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Acosta: Commissioner Hearn.

Hearn: Aye.

Acosta: Commissioner Acosta votes aye. Commissioner Allin.

Allin: Aye.

Acosta: And Chairman Villescascas.

Villescascas: I vote aye.

IV. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

Villescascas: I noticed the next item on the agenda is old business but normally we ask staff if there're any changes to the agenda. If not, then we'll go on to old business and there's none.

V. NEW BUSINESS – NONE

Villescascas: New business, none....

VI. STAFF INPUT

Villescascas: ...and actually the purpose of tonight's meeting is singular and that's actually put under Staff Input: Discussion of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan. Staff, do you want to go ahead?

- 1. **Discussion of the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan:** This meeting is to present and take comment on the One Valley, One Vision 2040 Regional Plan dated May 2011. This plan is the result of public input over the past year by the Vision 2040 Advisory Committee, a group of 45-invited stakeholder representatives around the county. The plan is advisory and looks at growth from various perspectives beyond any one political district or authority. It covers a range of resource topics that closely match those indentified in the local existing Comprehensive Plans. The main components of the plan includes a regional Vision statement, snapshot of existing conditions, goals and strategies, regional growth strategies that shaped a consensus housing and jobs strategy, and suggested implementation actions.

Michaud: All right, thank you. Good evening, Mr. Chairman and Members of the ETZ. For the record, my name is Paul Michaud. I am a Senior Planner with the City of Las Cruces. Also with me this evening is Roger Hedrick, Deputy Community Development Director. We'll be kind of tag team in the presentation. I'll do the first half and he'll do the latter half. That's how, sir, we will unroll the presentation.

1 Terry: Great.

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3 Michaud: It's about a twenty-two minute presentation, give or take; it's sort of a short
4 version but you certainly can get into a lot more detail of the Plan as you
5 see fit since it's your work session. We'll talk about the process of One
6 Valley, One Vision 2040. We will review the relationship to other plans,
7 present the other summary and, at this point, and then take any questions
8 and comments.

9 First, why do a Regional Plan? There are several reasons and
10 here are just some. One is to put in writing the regional shared Vision and
11 Goals to keep them in mind as local governing bodies, as the County
12 Board of Commission or the City Council, make decisions. Another one is
13 to create an environment to attract business to the area and to sustain
14 quality of life. A third is to identify opportunities for exploring and resolving
15 intergovernmental issues. Another one is to build awareness of local
16 interests and perspectives to other levels of government. Again, this
17 Regional Plan covers not just unincorporated Doña Ana County it also is
18 meant to cover all of our incorporated municipalities, the City of Las
19 Cruces, Anthony, Hatch, Mesilla and Sunland Park and to elicit a more
20 effective regional response to growth, economy, environment and
21 transportation and, again, this is just a few.

22 Why might it be important particularly to the ETZ and that
23 geographical area? Well, elements of this Regional Plan do support the
24 Comprehensive Plan for the ETZ and, again, the Comprehensive Plan,
25 we'll go into this later, is still a long-range plan and it sits underneath what
26 would be the Regional Plan. There's been a lot of population growth that
27 has occurred and will continue to occur within the Las Cruces ETZ and
28 Las Cruces and the Doña Ana County elected officials make up your ETA
29 and these governing bodies are scheduled to act on the Plan so these are
30 just some of the reasons why it is important for the ETZ.

31 Why was it started? There were several key drivers that were
32 going on in when this originally started back in 2006-2007. One of them
33 was upcoming updates, which are still forthcoming, to the Comprehensive
34 Plans of Doña Ana County and Las Cruces, which happened shortly after
35 some updates to Hatch, Mesilla and Sunland Park and their
36 Comprehensive Plans. What comes out of that is a share of information,
37 analysis, public outreach and other efficiencies and that's one of the
38 reasons why this sort of process got started. Another reason was some
39 major events: there was a major flood in 2006, some large state land
40 development projects going on and some high construction activity.
41 There's also the dust, the quality of life issues and more effective regional
42 response to growth. Then third, there was some funding opportunity to
43 help pay for a Regional Plan so that certainly kick-started it as well.

44 Looking at population and this is in the plan: just looking at the
45 Las Cruces ETZ it's real hard to get data from the annual census data
46 because we don't actually create it but we kind of created this cell. It's

1 very similar, though, to the City of Las Cruces but what we do have, at
2 least from the last...we have information for 2000-2010, so that last
3 decade the ETZ increased about 20%, very similar to Las Cruces. So
4 looking at the last thirty years it probably was a very similar increase of
5 about 50% estimating. Looking at future projections for 2040 and further
6 years we're estimating an additional 125,000 people and that's a mid-
7 range projection that's used, and where are those people going to go? All
8 of this is unincorporated parts of the county as well as incorporated areas.
9 Is it going to happen in the same fashion as it has been happening or
10 something different, or will we want to encourage it? That's again, some
11 of the reasons why this regional planning process was started.

12 Where have we been? In 2007-2008 there was a lot of data
13 collection going on in public input through focus groups, visioning sessions
14 and they all survey, its own survey, etc. In 2009 there were some initial
15 draft plans coming out on some of the regional plan. There were also a
16 couple on the Comprehensive Plans and getting input on there. Toward
17 the end of 2009 and the beginning of 2010 there was a concerted effort by
18 the Board of County Commissioners, as well as the City Council of Las
19 Cruces, to just focus on the regional plan and get that moving forward
20 before we embark on the Comprehensive Plan updates. What we've been
21 doing through 2010 up until recently is working through an expanded
22 Advisory Committee and this is a representative group of about forty-five
23 invited stakeholders throughout the region to help staff reshape the
24 Regional Plan draft and that's the Plan draft that's on-line and that you
25 have in front of you. The municipal invited representative was a P & Z
26 member or Mayor. For the ETZ it was your Chairman. We met monthly,
27 religiously, to go through and took three four-hour meetings to hammer out
28 the Plan. That group also appointed their own seven-member Steering
29 Committee to help staff, direct and get recommendation from that group
30 and that was then elected by their own group to give us further direction.

31 Where are we now? In June-July, we're taking public comment on
32 this Plan and we are hoping by the end of July, mid-to-end of July, to get a
33 recommendation from the appointed bodies; so that would be yourself,
34 the ETZ Commission, the City's Planning and Zoning Commission, etc. In
35 August-September we'll be preparing it. If you notice in the Plan there is
36 no Executive Summary; that is just the summary of the Plan, a very short
37 four-page or so version. That will be created once we know there are no
38 further changes so that's why it's sort of blank at this page so we'll be
39 making those changes. Of course, there's adoption as well as any
40 revisions that are needed as directed by the elected bodies. The elected
41 bodies do, by Resolution, need to formally adopt the Plan so it can be
42 effective in the community. So if the ETA doesn't adopt it, it wouldn't
43 technically be effective in the ETZ; the same with Las Cruces, Hatch, etc.
44 and we're hoping that we can get these adoption hearings done in
45 September and compiled and finish off the Plan.

1 What happens after adoption? The elected and administrative
2 officials, those are the staff, will use the Plan as guidance in making
3 policy, programming and capital improvement decisions, much like we use
4 the Comprehensive Plan. In this Plan, as well, there is a recommendation
5 to establish a task force or some other mechanism to kind of start the
6 processing steps on the actions that are in the Plan, as well, to monitor the
7 Plan to see how well it's meeting its intended goals in the Vision, etc.

8 To talk about Plan relationship, as I mentioned; the Regional Plan
9 is the first of its kind for this region, Doña Ana County, and that sort of sits
10 at the top, a very broad, high-level Plan. Underneath that you have the
11 Comprehensive Plans which deal just specifically with the jurisdictions so
12 the ETZ just deals with boundaries of the ETZ or Comprehensive Plan;
13 whereas the Regional Plan goes much across boundaries. Then you
14 have various technical plans, sub-area or sector plans and those are all
15 long-range plans and guidance-sort of documents. Underneath all that on
16 the very bottom are your implementation tools and how you might need to
17 take some of those Visions and goals that are in some of these upper
18 level plans and implement them and actually make them actually happen,
19 your Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, Design Standards, etc.

20 The main components of the Plan: the Vision Statement, very
21 important; it states recurring themes and values for the region as a whole
22 of what ideally we hope to achieve. It doesn't mean we are there yet but,
23 again, it's an idealization and all that that Vision Statement was, a lot of
24 input from the Advisory Committee but all the input and all the surveys and
25 all that information that happened through 2008-2009, all that input that
26 we got so that's a whole culmination of that. So we want to make sure
27 that the community finds that Vision Statement and buys into that Vision
28 Statement. The Snapshot section, which includes a SWOT, the
29 Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats; really it's just talking
30 about the existing condition and it's broken down into twelve resource
31 topics and those resource topics mimic, for the most part, what you would
32 find in the Comprehensive Plan. New Mexico state statute doesn't require
33 and particular elements. You can kind of create your own. We tried to
34 look at what the County has, the City has, etc. to kind of make it so its fit is
35 very similar. Those twelve resource topics are: land use, water, air
36 quality, environmental resources, hazards, transportation, community
37 facilities and services, utilities and infrastructure, housing, economy,
38 community character, design and historical preservation and
39 intergovernmental cooperation. Again, so the Regional Plan is looking at
40 it from a regional perspective, a little different than your Comprehensive
41 Plan which would look just at your jurisdiction and be a little bit more
42 focused and specific.

43 The next section that you see in the Plan is the Goals and the
44 Strategies and this Plan identifies forty-three goals. It doesn't have to but
45 that's what came out of it; and it goes, again, on those goals and
46 strategies for each of those twelve resource topics. The goals are

1 something that everyone should share into: the strategies may apply in
2 certain instances, may not. They are just possible ways you can actually
3 achieve that particular goal.

4 The Regional Growth Strategies is the section that describes the
5 alternatives and assumptions that were examined on housing,
6 development and jobs that developed into the map that you see in the
7 Plan, which is the maps of where the general distribution of housing
8 development and jobs would be.

9 Then there's an Implementation section, which is really just a
10 preliminary list of actions that these local governing bodies can start to use
11 as a list of ways to achieve what's in the Plan: the Vision, goals and those
12 consensus strategy maps. So that's sort of the general category of what's
13 in that.

14 The purpose, again, of the Plan: it's an advisory Plan. It's not a
15 Zoning Ordinance. It's not a Regulation. It's an advisory about growth on
16 a very broad level from a regional perspective that local governing bodies
17 can use when you make the present-day decisions, whether that's a
18 capital improvement project, whether that's a new annexation, etc.

19 There are some conceptual principles of Sustainability and Smart
20 Growth and, basically, the group took that into these ten principles to tailor
21 it to our region. I won't read through all those. They are in the Plan and,
22 again, they are just an element that's sort of a basic Plan.

23 The Vision itself, of course, is very important because it shows a
24 broad view of what we would ideally like to be thirty years from now.
25 There are five components to that Vision. The first is: we want to make
26 Doña Ana County and all its communities a truly great place to live, work
27 and play for residents of all ages, backgrounds, cultures and economic
28 levels. The second: our Vision encompasses planned and managed
29 growth in areas such as jobs, economy, tourism, infrastructure and
30 encourages new opportunities that improve quality of life. The third: we
31 envision strong economic growth in the region. We prepare to take
32 advantage of arising opportunities to provide new and better jobs and to
33 increase the economic vitality of the area for all of our residents. The
34 fourth: as we map out our future we recognize the value of our mountains,
35 desert environment, rivers, agriculture and private property rights and live
36 within the limitations of the unique land and natural resources. Then the
37 last: we envision a development plan that embraces the rich historical and
38 cultural heritage of Doña Ana County, its ties with Mexico and Texas, and
39 an integrated multimodal transportation network that connects people with
40 each other as well as with economic, housing, recreational and
41 educational opportunities.

42 So, again, the Vision statement is very important so we want to
43 make sure that this action does represent what everyone generally can
44 live with. I'm not going to go over the SWOT part: the Strengths,
45 Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. These are just a snippet of
46 what's in the Plan but these were really used to help develop the issues

1 and the goals that are in the Plan and you certainly can go through these
2 in the Plan yourself and, again, if there are things that need to be tweaked
3 or whatnot, you know, we'd want to know about.

4 The other part of it is that in the Snapshot you have: Issues and
5 Accomplishments. This is just been a very small example on economy of
6 an issue. People in a region desire economic development that increases
7 wages and salaries. That actually came directly from using the mailer or
8 phone survey but it came from the survey. An Accomplishment: there are
9 renewal energy facilities in solar and biofuel are being developed being
10 developed and then there's a list of that. So, again, it lists some issues
11 and accomplishments are given for each of those twelve resource topics
12 in that particular section.

13 Then it goes to the Goals and Strategies. Again, this is just an
14 example, so Goal 6-10-3 in Economy says to: establish communities that
15 attract and retain a well-trained workforce and then there are various
16 strategies and the strategies may apply in certain instances, may not in
17 others. To expand educational programs through colleges, workforce
18 training centers, continuous learning programs and educational
19 partnerships, etc., and, again, we can certainly....out of all of the slides for
20 them we can go through all of them but I won't do that now. You can
21 certainly direct us where you think you would like some changes.

22 Then last part of that section is the Actions, which is the
23 implementation and, again, these are just preliminary actions that you
24 might want to start thinking about. On economy, there was one to
25 promote and make necessary improvements for business opportunities
26 around the Spaceport, existing industrial parks and airports within the
27 county region and the goals they are associated with and the primary
28 responsible entities. The other part of this chart is: what of these actions
29 might be higher priorities to start dealing with or focusing on even through
30 we might may not be able to realize them immediately in 2012-2013 so
31 that's something that your Body may want to look at and say, "What are
32 yours for the top actions to look at?"

33 In the Plan, as well, is there is a list of the types of communities
34 and, again, it's more for background information. There are municipalities,
35 Colonias, ETZ and the County and, with that, there are some
36 characteristics and these are pulled off your Comprehensive Plan so you'd
37 want to look at that to make sure it does mesh with what that is but it does
38 go off your Comprehensive Plan. With that, I will let Mr. Hedrick go over
39 the Goal Strategies. Thank you.

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41 Hedrick: Good evening, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. My name is Roger Hedrick,
42 Deputy Director of Community Development, Doña Ana County. During
43 the planning process we identified three conceptual alternatives. We call
44 them the Trend Growth Strategy, the Satellite Growth Strategy and the
45 Compact Growth Strategy. They have different variables and
46 assumptions associated with each one. I would point out to some extent

1 how largely they are conceptual in nature. They're not as detailed as you
2 are going to find when we get to the City or the County Comprehensive
3 Plans, which will be more detailed and implement some of the general
4 concepts found in the Regional Plan and we'll get into even more detail as
5 we, in the County at least, develop detailed community plans, particularly
6 for the Colonias. The emphasis in development of these plans is basically
7 how much growth and where should the growth go or the distribution of
8 growth. Conceptually, you see two illustrations here illustrating the
9 consensus growth strategy for central city, Las Cruces perhaps, in the
10 year 2040. On the right you see, perhaps, a plaza for one of the Colonias
11 in 2011, which becomes a thriving community in the year 2030.

12 Again, I mentioned there were three alternative strategies. They
13 are represented by the three columns in the middle. There are seven
14 different key assumptions which some of these alternates share and some
15 are very different. That's what makes the alternatives different. The first
16 two key assumptions remain the same for all. The first one is Land
17 Supply. There are some 397 square miles of developable land in Doña
18 Ana County. We estimate that by the year 2040 we are going to need
19 5.39 square miles so you can see land supply is not an issue. Concerning
20 Population Distribution; there we laid out three different distributions again
21 realizing this is not a forecast of the future. We're not predicting the
22 future. We asked the Advisory Committee to come up with, "What is your
23 vision of the community?" The consensus, Acceptable Strategy, in the far
24 right-hand column indicates that 70% of the growth in the future should go
25 to the municipalities and only 30% in the rural portion of the county.
26 Concerning the Infrastructure: growth should be incentivized through
27 incentives, through impact fees or directed toward where the existing
28 infrastructure is today or the provision of ordinances, such as impact fee
29 ordinances. Concerning the Density: again, the central city, the Vision is
30 of Downtown Las Cruces to become more dense; the small or community
31 cores, likewise, will become more dense. Concerning the Growth Pattern:
32 more will be concentrated, again, in the central city and in the small
33 planned communities. Concerning the Building Envelopes: your higher
34 buildings, if there are such a thing, mid-to-high rise will be in the
35 Downtown Las Cruces and the low-rise buildings may be up to two stories,
36 perhaps even three stories, will be in the smaller communities.

37 This is a graphic representation of where the growth is today. Each
38 dot actually indicates three people, if you will. These are property
39 addresses so we know where people reside today. This shows a
40 population of 209,000 graphically how it is deployed throughout the
41 county. This is the first Trend Housing and Development Strategy for how
42 a development might be scattered more so throughout the county, if we
43 went with that particular alternative. This is the Satellite Growth Strategy
44 showing where perhaps a lot more growth would be in the communities up
45 and down I-10, more growth in the smaller communities, if you will. The
46 Compact Growth Strategy shows a higher density, perhaps, within the

1 corporate limits of the City of Las Cruces. The Advisory Committee
2 basically recommends the compromise or a combination of alternatives
3 two and three, which we call the Consensus Housing and Development
4 Strategy. This is the Vision for where the Advisory Committee and staff
5 believes this is where growth should occur in the year 2040.

6 Concerning Growth Strategy and Jobs, or Economic Development,
7 if you will, there of course, is the traditional approach which we think will
8 still be utilized perhaps to a lesser degree during the next thirty years and
9 that is the attempt to recruit large enterprises and give them tax breaks
10 and inducements. We think there needs to be a shift in the strategies and
11 concepts, if you will, during the next thirty years; but basically the jobs
12 need to be where people live. That's where the infrastructure is; that
13 seems to be more sustainable if people don't have to drive long distances
14 to jobs and so forth. And finally, Economic Gardening is another
15 economic development concept, if you will, which we think works well with
16 the consensus strategy and that that is to grow small local companies, if
17 you will.

18 This is another matrix showing you some of the Key Assumptions
19 on the left. The supply of jobs today is about 95,000. We anticipate that
20 by the year 2040 the demand will double to perhaps 180,000 jobs
21 available county-wide. There you see the Jobs Growth Distribution
22 according to the concepts previously mentioned. Concerning
23 Infrastructure, it will also be incentivized to attract small local businesses
24 to, perhaps; some of the smaller communities. Density of the jobs will
25 have to be largely focused, again, in the central city, perhaps at the airport
26 and industrial districts; but also evenly, perhaps, distributed to the smaller
27 communities where there is some density as well, at least more dense
28 than it is today. The Growth Pattern for the next thirty years, the Vision is
29 to concentrate it in the central city and the small planned communities.
30 The Building Envelopes is similar to the Housing Building Envelopes: mid-
31 to-high rise in the central city and low rise in the smaller community cores.

32 This graphically shows you where the jobs are distributed today.
33 This shows the employment, again, of about 80,000 jobs and where
34 they're actually located by address in the county today. We've also
35 identified by dots and numbers the top fifteen employers, if you will, that
36 will continue to, we believe, thrive during the next thirty years.

37 This is the Vision for the next thirty years as to where the jobs
38 should be located. Again, it's a pattern, as you can see that the darker
39 blue is distributed more heavily in the central city of Downtown Las
40 Cruces but also in some of the smaller communities up and down I-10,
41 particularly in the south and then, perhaps, in Rincon and Hatch in the
42 north.

43 When you combine basically the housing and development where
44 the jobs are this is kind of the regional-spatial plan, if you will, attempting
45 to illustrate where the jobs are and really anticipate the housing and

1 development to occur in the year 2040. That kind of completes my
2 presentation. I'll turn it back to Paul.

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4 Michaud: There are just a couple of last minute things. This just shows upcoming
5 meetings. Again, they are on our web site with a very similar presentation
6 but, obviously, the input will be different depending on who is attending;
7 so, I assure you, you are all welcome to attend those meetings.

8 I do want to go over....as I mentioned earlier, we are looking for a
9 recommendation from your body and we are hoping to get that no later
10 than the July 21st meeting if we can. So that really means that there's
11 meeting and two other meetings to really.... you need to be telling us what
12 sort of feedback in questions and exchanges, etc. you need to have on
13 that.

14 Another housekeeping item: is there a sign-up sheet on the back
15 round table for other people to please sign in? They'll want to get a-hold
16 of you (*inaudible* so that will be very helpful. There're going to be hard
17 copies in color at various locations around town. One will be this building
18 in the Planning Department. These are presently being made so next
19 week they should be in all these locations, probably the latter part of next
20 week. We're also working on an informational video on the Plan which will
21 be running on Channel 20 and that, hopefully, should be out in the middle
22 of the month. And, with that, that ends staff's presentation and we would
23 be happy to address any questions.

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25 Villescas: Fine. First of all, you need a recommendation from this Body by July 21st,
26 is that correct?

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28 Michaud: That's what we're hoping. Our hope is that through your Body, the County
29 P & Z, the City P & Z, etc., that we can get a recommendation no later
30 than the last part of July. If that doesn't work then we'll see how it goes
31 but that's the plan right now.

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33 Villescas: Okay, and so that leaves us three meetings, I believe, between now and
34 then?

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36 Michaud: Yes.

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38 Villescas: Okay. Second: as part of this presentation tonight are you open to take
39 questions from this Board and then from the public, as well?

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41 Michaud: Definitely welcome that.

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43 Villescas: Great. So normally we would open it up to the public first unless anyone
44 has an immediate question from the Board up here first. Is there anyone
45 here that has a burning question for Paul at this time? If not, then I'd like
46 to open it up to the public and what I'd like to ask is that you please just,

1 you know, if you'd like to come forward and ask a question in this format
2 the question needs to be directed to the Chair and then, of course, the
3 answer won't come from this Board. We'll call Paul back up to answer the
4 questions you might have. Is there anyone who would like to come
5 forward at this time? Okay, then we'll close it off to the public and see if
6 there are any questions from this Commission. Do any Commissioners
7 have any questions?
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9 Terry: Mr. Chairman, I would like to request from Mr. Michaud the copy of the
10 handout tonight. I did not receive one. I see that some of my associates
11 have one.
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13 Michaud: Of the PowerPoint, Commissioner Terry?
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15 Terry: Yes, the PowerPoint. (Someone handed him a copy) Oh, thank you. If I
16 may continue with the question....
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18 Villescas: Commissioner Terry, go ahead.
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20 Terry: Yes, Paul, I had handed you a brief summary of comments that...minor
21 things...that I've seen in reading the current document. I have to say that
22 I really love the document. There's a tremendous amount of work that has
23 gone into this document. At the moment the main Executive Summary, of
24 course, is not completed yet and without it, it strikes me very different in its
25 appearance and getting into the body of the document. One of the
26 suggestions: if you didn't have the executive summary as it's written at
27 this time would be to bring Chapter 5 forward and exchange it with
28 Chapter 3; bringing Chapter 3 as a background of information on Chapter
29 5; because Chapter 5, the Regional Snapshot, is just a wonderful
30 expression of the entirety of what we need to do and if that message was
31 right up front it would get my interest growing into this entire document to
32 read it all. Coming through the information that's presented in Chapter 3
33 is a bit cumbersome of how we got this information put together and it's
34 not really as interesting as Chapter 5, Regional Information, is. It presents
35 itself so well. It's a wonderful piece of work and I'm sure that when the
36 Executive Summary is completed perhaps that vision of the document will
37 change but I am just giving you my impression as it stands, as I read it.
38 Thank you.
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40 Michaud: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Commission Terry. Just to let you know, staff
41 will start working on that executive summary probably in the next few
42 weeks and as we get drafts we'll get that out; but, officially, it probably
43 won't be fully done until close to adoption.
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45 Terry: Thank you.
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47 Villescas: Does anyone else on the Commission have any questions?

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2 Hearn: Mr. Chairman?
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4 Villescas: Commissioner Hearn, go ahead.
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6 Hearn: Thank you. I guess we have, as always, different views. I've read the
7 report carefully, taken lots of notes, looked at it and I have trouble getting
8 the Vision. There's the statement right up in the front that kind of in the
9 table and beyond that it occurs to me that this report could have been
10 written about just any place anywhere. It doesn't talk to us. It doesn't say
11 much about specifically who we are, where we are, things about
12 mountains and desert and things like that; but the details of the Colonias,
13 the details of the people that are in poverty in the area and the fact that we
14 are a two-tier economic area. The problems that face us, to my notion,
15 just aren't covered. The issues are addressed in little snippets; there's no
16 real discussion, for the most part, and I don't find those kind of, "Ah-ha!
17 There's a really good solid thing right there. I got it."
18 I kind of looked for the structure. This is the first time, in spite of all
19 of the Advisory Committee readings that we get to see the whole thing at
20 once and not in bits and piece; but, so present the Vision. Okay. There it
21 is. There's where we want to go. There's a good picture. It's high-level
22 but we got that. Now, how are we going to get there? You need to take a
23 look at where you are, lay out the problems, lay out the good things; and
24 they're mentioned, but as you lay out things relate them to the Vision.
25 What's the impact of this issue? What does this mean? Where's this
26 going to be good? Where is this going to be bad? And begin to put down
27 the groundwork for the work that needs to be done or the things that can
28 be built on to get us to where we want to go and I just can't find that
29 connection through the document. Things are stated but there's no
30 reason given for why a lot of this stuff is even there.
31 I think it could be shortened tremendously. At 160 pages it is just
32 not accessible. Staples will charge \$85 to print a copy of this report. I
33 don't know if they're planning to print them and hand them out but that
34 doesn't let people get at it and it's almost impossible to read on the
35 computer. So I would still...and I've been riding this hobbyhorse for a long
36 time....I'd like to see us get this around to where it's clearly written about
37 Doña Ana County and the people that live here and who we are and how
38 we are and where we want to go in ways that we can relate to clearly in
39 terms of the cities and the municipalities, and not just name them but put a
40 little bit in them.
41 The Vision 2040's high-level but I think this is perhaps too high-
42 level to give us the kind of direction we need. I have a lot of particular
43 examples and I'd be glad to try to put them down and give them to you but
44 after going through it, it occurred to me that my discomfort with the
45 document is less about what's in it than what's not in it and that's kind of a
46 problem. We need to address the things that we need to do in a practical

1 way. There're a lot of places in there that say, "Go do this. We have to
2 build good roads to everywhere. We have to put in a good multimodal
3 transportation system. We have to provide flood control." Well, we're
4 talking about billions of dollars worth of stuff and we've got to get that
5 down to bitable chunks and talk about priorities and how we actually can
6 go about that.

7 And the final thing is: it's minor but from the outside I have had a
8 problem with the idea that there should be some sort of action with a
9 group to follow up on this report and see that the recommended actions
10 are taken. It was never in my view that that was a part of the product of
11 this report and that sounds like another layer of interference of some sort
12 that wasn't set up by anybody and it's just going to be in the way of the
13 cities and counties trying to do what they need to do with all of this.

14 It's good to do and I guess I almost feel like it's been worked on for
15 so long and so hard by so many people that the meat kind of got cooked
16 off the bones. There has been an awful lot of work put into it. That one
17 complete effort that ended up being done over again and I'd like to see if
18 somehow we can get back and get it talking about the things that we need
19 to do. There're problems with the ETZ. Should we even have an ETZ?
20 Those problems were hot on the griddle when this all started. Does it
21 belong? What is its function? What should its function be? How's
22 governance? Is it working? Are we doing the things that we need to do?
23 Is this an addition to the community? Those questions aren't raised and it
24 seems like a good place to raise them. So, I'm just not comfortable with
25 the report as it stands. I think there's more that could be entered in it and
26 it could be more help to the production of the Comprehensive Plans in the
27 county and the cities when they come and I'd like to see it get by
28 (*inaudible*) that way. That's it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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30 Villescascas: Paul.

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32 Michaud: I'll just make a small comment, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Hearn.
33 Again, a lot of the things you raised are, you know, ETZ in detail. A lot of
34 that stuff is adding more detail to the Plan, which would make it larger, in
35 my mind. It is a Visionary Plan, you know. It's not supposed to
36 solve....where are you going to get the money and where are you going to
37 get that... It's things that we hope to accomplish but that happens when
38 you implement and there're implementation areas. I know you have been
39 on the committee and working on it, as well as many others, and you are
40 certainly entitled to your opinion.

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42 Villescascas: You know, Paul, I just want to....a thought I had....going back to when we
43 started the process in 2006. It's just....and the thing has always amazed
44 me is, you know, having to look into the future and make guesstimates
45 and such in such a long range because in the amount of time that we've
46 been on this the changes that have taken place have been enormous.

1 Just with this Commission, you know, we used to meet twice a month
2 and...well, we still meet twice a month... but late into the night arguing
3 about developments and there was so much going on as far as
4 infrastructure for those developments and such and such... we kind of like
5 heartedly make some comments....a couple weeks ago at our last
6 meeting, because it was the first meeting that we had that went into the
7 ten-eleven o'clock hour, which used to be the norm, I mean, and that's just
8 with this Board. So the amount of changes that have taken place and the
9 issues, really, that were at the forefront in 2006 are not necessarily at the
10 forefront even four short years later.

11 So, anyway, I think it's an amazing piece of work and detail would
12 be very tough to come by and any more detail, I think, would be more
13 difficult to try to follow and implement; because no matter what you think is
14 going to happen is probably not exactly the way it's going to turn out. Any
15 other Commissioners have any comments?
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17 Pacheco: Mr. Chairman?

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19 Villescascas: Commissioner Pacheco, go ahead.

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21 Pacheco: Yes, I'm following along the same line of discussion. I kind of feel the
22 same way. I get nervous when they're discussing where employment
23 should be, where growth should be, where housing should be; and I know
24 this is a Vision, but the problem is this Vision is going to be used to create the
25 lower-level documents that come under it and those documents are going
26 to be the ones that are going to cause problems, I feel, with where you
27 can have a business, where you can put in housing, where you can
28 subdivide, where you can't do these things. I would like to see less of that
29 and more of Commissioner Hearn's thoughts on ETZ and how our
30 structure is set up and if it's working, rather than guesstimating where we
31 should put people's businesses. Again, I've only glanced through it so I
32 still have a lot of reading to do. Thank you.
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34 Villescascas: You are kind of hitting on the subjects that we hit on twice a month on this
35 Committee. Anyone else?
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37 Terry: *(inaudible)*
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39 Villescascas: Commissioner Terry.
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41 Terry: Mr. Chairman, thank you. Looking through the City of Las Cruces and the
42 City Council, I think we have a hard-working group of people in our City
43 Council and I think they do so much for the City of Las Cruces and so little
44 is said for them in the document. I would appreciate a little more verbiage
45 on the City Council; as well, the County Commission is similar....more in
46 depth of the accomplishments that they do and they have to do in the

1 future or there's going to be some great, important decisions that either
2 one of these bodies will need to make in the future and how they would
3 incorporate with those decisions of the future. Thank you.
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5 Villescas: Any other comments? Commissioner Acosta, Commissioner Allin?

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7 Acosta: Mr. Chairman.

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9 Villescas: Commissioner Acosta.

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11 Acosta: I can appreciate what our fellow Commissioners have to say, you know,
12 Commissioner Hearn, and in those grounds, I understand, I support his
13 thought process there. On a general....I know that we have to have a
14 Vision in anything that we do and I think this Vision is a good book, if I
15 may do so, you know. It's good reading material, it's a good Vision.
16 However, touching back to what Commissioner Hearn says is: I wish that
17 we could see something that's a little bit more realistic to our area. As we
18 know north and south and this division of New Mexico in general, it's just
19 different and we really need to focus on something that is more close to
20 Doña Ana County.

21 One thing that concerns me, and I see this in every....not every
22 page but pretty much in the infrastructure, is one, and I'm always looking
23 at infrastructure, and you say,"....incentives for impact fees;"... and, you
24 know, so that kind of plants a seed in my head as I am reading through
25 this document and impact fees... and just kind of following what's been
26 going on, you know, and what's been proposed many times by increases,
27 should there be increases, not....back and forth....and so it just kind of
28 puts a dollar sign in my head and when it does that it is, to me, impact
29 fees have a lot to do with development, which leads to economic
30 development, which leads to employment, you know, it's just a chain
31 reaction.

32 Where I'm coming with this is: we've spent so much money on this
33 2040 Plan, I mean, extremely, we did. We spent a lot of money. It's a
34 fairly good document. I wouldn't say it covers the essentials that needed
35 to be covered but if we have an objective list to create a book or a
36 document, I think we've done that. Have we addressed our issues,
37 specifically, or maybe just kind of generally here in Doña Ana? I think that
38 we did not accomplish that at all.

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40 Villescas: Any other comments from the Commission?

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42 Michaud: Mr. Chairman....

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44 Villescas: Go ahead.
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1 Michaud: Commissioner Acosta, I guess from the staff perspective; I mean, we're
2 hearing, you know, this is not addressing these particular issues, then
3 exactly where is it not addressing? Where are those issues? I mean, this
4 would be more helpful to us than just saying, "It doesn't address the
5 issues."
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7 Acosta: Well, I'm referring back to you... I'm not going to repeat what the
8 Commissioner Hearn said but he touched a lot of what I feel that our
9 community needs to address and in different areas; not necessarily
10 address but more of a specific to our area. I mean, this is very broad. I
11 mean, anyone can pretty much, you know....this is great, this is great, like
12 I said, reading material aspect of it, I mean...and I know we all set goals in
13 our future and the city and the county and things of that nature; but it
14 needs to be a little bit more specific, as Commissioner Hearn was
15 requesting.
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17 Michaud: And what I would just charge this Body with is then: tell us exactly where
18 you think that needs to happen. This is a broad-level Plan.
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20 Acosta: Yes.
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22 Michaud: That's the whole point of it.
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24 Acosta: Right.
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26 Michaud: You've got, as Commissioner Pacheco said, plans, the Comprehensive
27 Plan or plans beneath that being changed there'll be a whole public input
28 process for those plans. It's not going to just be changed overnight by
29 staff. It's going to be a process somewhere for this level to go through for
30 those plans so that's where you'll get the input of getting that fine-grained
31 detail. So we have to be careful to not put too much find-grained detail in
32 this Plan and to make sure it's still broad enough but it still touches
33 enough of what you think are the main issues and, if it's not touching in
34 those areas, we need to know where to kind of tweak this Plan to make it
35 work.
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37 Acosta: But I do commend staff. They've put in a lot of time and effort and one
38 thing that I do have to say is that public input, I commend you all for that. I
39 mean, the public inputting is very, very important and as I was coming up
40 through the ETZ boards and we didn't have a lot of that and now I'm
41 seeing more and more public input, so, very good there.
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43 Villescas: So, Paul, let me ask you: if this Body or if individuals in this Body came up
44 with something very specific that they would like to see included or altered
45 in the Plan would this thing go back to our general committee or would

1 staff take it and look at it and dissect it and see if it could be worked on
2 here or there? How would the process work?
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4 Michaud: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How the process will work is what we're hoping
5 for is to get preferably something in writing or a few-minute format that
6 lists, you know, here's what we like about the Plan, don't like the Plan,
7 here's how we'd like to see things changed. Obviously, more detail would
8 be easier for us to give to the elected officials. So one sort of document...
9 what I sort of tried when I met with the Chamber of Commerce this
10 afternoon, sort of told them the same thing, you know; we'd like sort of an
11 endorsement or recommendation from your Body and if there are changes
12 that you can suggest in the Plan on how to make it better we would like to
13 see what those are so we can move that forward. Staff isn't going to
14 make those changes. We're going to bring it to the elected Bodies, have
15 them look at everything, all the input from the public, from your Body, from
16 the City's P & Z, etc., and then have them decide, you know, and direct
17 staff what needs to be changed. Now there might be some minor typos,
18 this or that....
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20 Acosta: Right.

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22 Villescascas: Yes.

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24 Michaud: and we'll just change that sort of stuff, obviously; but any of the main
25 content sort of things, that's really, you know, we really would like to know
26 where we could change to make it better so it does work. I mean, it's
27 something that the elected officials and public can stand behind.
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29 Villescascas: That's okay. I understand. This is a different format for us than a regular
30 meeting; but if you have something to say why don't you come on up?
31 We'll be happy to hear... raise your right hand, name and address and
32 Commissioner Acosta will swear you in.
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34 Hamilton: Wendy Hamilton, 5040 Canyon Court, Las Cruces, 88011.

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36 Acosta: Do you swear or affirm that the testimony you are about to give is the truth
37 and nothing but the truth under penalty of law?
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39 Hamilton: Yes. I'm just getting here as totally out of the blue because I read about it
40 in the newspaper and I'm always interested in Vision and I'm very
41 dedicated to Las Cruces. I've live here for twenty years. I plan to stay
42 here and retire and I'd like to suggest how you might enhance the Vision
43 and the report and bring it around to full center, because what I came here
44 to listen to was sort of how this community is going to evolve into this very
45 special place.

1 I've heard all the peripheral kinds of comments that are standard in
2 those reports: most visions, most strategies, the SWOT, all of that; but I
3 think you can go to Chapter 2 now and Chapter 2 might be where you
4 take, for example, the recreational aspect of the county and showcase,
5 maybe, a family's involvement in recreation in Doña Ana County as it
6 grows from young children and a young married couple through retirement
7 and all of the recreational aspects and what the goal for recreation might
8 be. The same thing you could do for education, in terms of having the
9 public schools, the private schools, the charter schools, the community
10 colleges, the University and all of the wonderful jobs that are evolving in
11 this community. Take a family or an individual or students and showcase
12 as a couple representatives of people in this community, whether they be
13 culturallywhether their cultural attributes are enveloped into it; for
14 example, Hispanic families that have moved here and have their first,
15 second and third generations and are now getting college educations and
16 what they are doing with that college education. So I would showcase
17 people, real live people, or fictitious real live people and the various
18 aspects.

19 What I wanted to hear tonight was how, from my own perspective,
20 how this is going to be a tremendous corridor for tourism and agriculture
21 and recreation and how, as a border community we are aspiring to be a
22 rich center of jobs, businesses and strong family involvement with green
23 energy, sustainability, recycling and bike trails everywhere, you know, I
24 mean that kind of thing. That's what I'm looking for in the way of the
25 Vision and I think you've laid it out beautifully. I haven't read it. I've just
26 listened to it. I think you've laid it out. You've got the essence of it. You
27 just need to go a Chapter 2 and make it personal so that everyone feels
28 like they can, you know, see themselves in that report. Thank you.

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30 Villescas: Well, thank you. Maybe you are trying to say, I guess, it was a great
31 outline. Now, let's see the bullets that come underneath the outline. I
32 agree....or understand and again, as Paul said, they are looking for written
33 comments so not just from this Board but from people exactly like yourself
34 and if you could certainly put those specific things in writing I am sure they
35 would appreciate it. That would be great. Anyone else? Come on up, sir.
36 Please state your name and address and Commissioner Acosta will swear
37 you in.

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39 Hughey: My name is Alfred Hughey, 3040 Camino Real, 88001.

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41 Acosta: Sir, do you swear or affirm that the testimony you are about to give is the
42 truth and nothing but the truth under penalty of law?

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44 Hughey: I do.

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46 Acosta: Thank you, sir.

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2 Villescas: Go ahead.
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4 Hughey: I'm getting lost with the questions back and forth. The Plan basically is
5 supposed to be a generalized guideline to keep the other smaller agencies
6 on track, is it not?
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8 Villescas: That is correct.
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10 Hughey: It is supposed to be a generality to say, "We need to look at this. We need
11 to look at this," and it's up to the individual agencies to make the decisions
12 and the finalities in it. I mean, we can't put something in writing: this is
13 what we are going to do today, tomorrow or the next day for the next thirty
14 years. It doesn't work that way. Maybe I'm misunderstanding.
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16 Villescas: No, no, it's one of those fine lines where this is, again, it's tapping in, it's a
17 vision of what's going to happen and it's not a set of rules that this Body or
18 that Body must follow in order to get there. I mean, one, it doesn't have
19 the power to do so. So it is broad but what I think I'm also hearing is,
20 "Let's keep it broad. We'd just like to hear a little more about what is the
21 idea for sustainability?" Not that you have to follow rule one and then rule
22 two and then rule three; but just what is it that we're seeing that this
23 community can do and what kind of vision do we have for sustainability for
24 the future....or am I misinterpreting? Oh, okay....along those lines.... No,
25 the Plan was never to set rules that the different government bodies must
26 follow. It's just not possible. Do we have any other public input?
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28 Hearn: Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to offer and make it very clear that, as always,
29 my inputs are available. They are in detail. Tell me when and where and
30 how. I want to make input as a citizen, as a member of this Commission,
31 the Planning and Zoning Commission, whatever.
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33 Michaud: Thank you, Commissioner Hearn. I do and as I have said before and
34 have commented many times: we have toiled many hours going over your
35 Plan and I think there are many aspects of your comments that are in the
36 Plan. It would also be helpful if there were more specifics as some of your
37 comments are very general and it's very hard to figure out exactly how you
38 want the document changed and that's hard for staff to figure out. We're
39 making a guess of what you want. It's much easier to say, "Here's goal
40 blah, blah, blah, blah and I'd like to see it changed that way."
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42 Hearn: I have lots of things written down in notes and in margins in the report and
43 I'm willing to send them to you, to meet with you, to discuss it with you....
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45 Michaud: I am always open....
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1 Hearn: ...anything. Okay.
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3 Michaud: ...as well as other staff members. It's not just myself.
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5 Villescas: Any other members of the Commission or the public wish to make a
6 statement?
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8 Hearn: Mr. Chairman?
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10 Villescas: Go ahead.
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12 Hearn: Could I get an e-mail address or somewhere to send this to...the e-mail
13 address....to send comments to?
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15 Michaud: Yeah, the comments would be to....you can send them directly to me and
16 I can forward to the rest of staff...which is pmichaud@las-cruces.org.
17 Alternately what we're looking for from this Body is a collective set of
18 comments, not an individual set of comments; but certainly send in
19 individual comments as well, but ultimately, at the end of the day, for your
20 recommendation we sort of want one voice going out to the ETA and to
21 the elected officials.
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23 Pacheco: Could we also possibly send them to the Chairman?
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25 Villescas: Yes, of course and we will schedule some time between now and July 21st
26 on our agenda to go over exactly this and present any specific
27 recommendations as a Board. But as Commissioner Hearn referred to a
28 while ago you are certainly also, as citizens, free to send in comments as
29 a private citizen.
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31 Terry: Mr. Chairman?
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33 Villescas: Go ahead.
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35 Terry: For the consolidated response from this Board, what is the schedule of our
36 inputs? Thank you.
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38 Villescas: I don't know the schedule. We'll have to schedule with staff of both City
39 and County. We have, like I said, two more meetings of County before
40 this date; and the other thing we can also consider is to schedule a work
41 session if this Board so feels that a work session would be the best way to
42 handle this and, in my opinion, it probably would be, but that's up to
43 members of this Board and if somebody were to make a motion we don't
44 have to set a specific date. We can make a motion that we set a work
45 session for exactly this purpose and then ask staff to schedule one for us.
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1 Terry: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that we do have a work session
2 sometime approximately two weeks hence to bring our information forward
3 for this response.
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5 Villescas: Do I have a second?
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7 Hearn: Second.
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9 Villescas: Is there any discussion?
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11 Hearn: Would that be held contemporary with a regular meeting in two weeks?
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13 Villescas: No, a work session is something totally different. It is totally just us and, of
14 course, the public is invited but it's a....we meet down here on a round
15 table and discuss one item, which would be the Vision 2040 Plan in this
16 case. Anyone else? If there's no further discussion, Ms. Acosta, would
17 you call the role, please?
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19 Acosta: Commissioner Allin.
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21 Allin: Yes.
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23 Acosta: Chairman Villescas.
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25 Villescas: Aye.
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27 Acosta: Commissioner Hearn.
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29 Hearn: Aye.
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31 Acosta: Commissioner Terry.
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33 Terry: Aye.
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35 Acosta: Commissioner Pacheco.
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37 Pacheco: Aye.
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39 Acosta: And Commissioner Acosta votes aye.
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41 Villescas: Okay, so we'll ask staff...Bonnie, if you could find a time and a place,
42 preferably here, that way I think it would also be easier on the Vision 2040
43 people to receive some consensus and then also it would be much easier
44 then for us to come back into session and get this done by July 21st.
45 Okay, if there's nothing else on that item we will go on to
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2. ETZ Subdivision Ordinance Revisions Update: NONE

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2 Villescas: The next item on the agenda is ETZ Subdivision Ordinance Revisions
3 Update – there’s none....
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5 **3. Minor and Large Land Area Subdivision Report: NONE**
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7 Villescas:Minor and Large Land Area Subdivision Report...again, none. Yes,
8 Commissioner Hearn?
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10 Hearn: Will there ever be a time when we’ll hear about what’s happening in those
11 areas?
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13 Villescas: Yes, when there is something they’ve always brought it to our attention.
14
15 Hearn: Will there be a time when they bring it to our attention? In the time that
16 I’ve been here there’s just been “No Comment.” Could we get a status
17 date or an update or....
18
19 Villescas: There has been not much.... What’s that?
20
21 Hearn: Nothing’s happening? Nobody’s working on it?
22
23 Villescas: Are you talking about all of the subdivisions?
24
25 Hearn: Nope, the subdivisions report.
26
27 Villescas: Not at this time.
28
29 Michaud: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Hearn, I actually don’t work on any of the
30 ETZ stuff for Vision 2040 but we can go back, I know, from the County, it’s
31 Jonathan Kessler. Our City person, actually, has left employment so we
32 are actually in the process of hiring someone; but I can find out, through at
33 least them, the appropriate staff people, of what these updates are and
34 then at least get back with you, Chairman, and get back with everyone
35 else.
36
37 Villescas: I don’t understand. We lost one of our City staff. Is that correct?
38
39 Michaud: Jennifer Robertson is no longer employed with us.
40
41 Villescas: That’s sad. So are we going to get... is she going to be replaced?
42
43 Michaud: We are doing interviews.
44
45 Villescas: Okay. I know at the University a lot of times we don’t get replacements.
46

1 Hearn: And I didn't mean to be asking for more than is available but just where
2 are we? What's happening? What do we expect to happen? Is there
3 anything like a schedule or any of that?
4

5 **VII. PUBLIC INPUT**
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7 Villegas: Okay, is there any further public input?
8

9 **VIII. COMMISSION INPUT**
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11 Villegas: Is there any further Commission input?
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13 **IX. ADJOURNMENT (7:11 pm)**
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15 Villegas: If not, do I have a motion for adjournment?
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17 Acosta: Motion made.
18

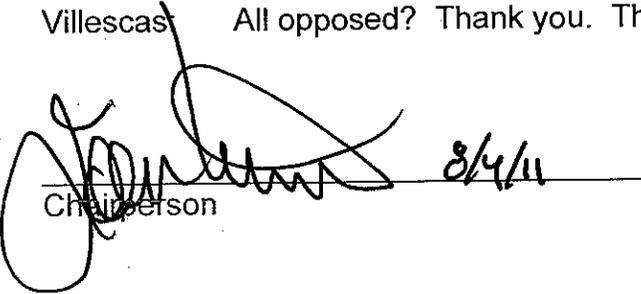
19 Villegas: Second?
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21 Terry: I second it.
22

23 Villegas: Any discussion? All in favor?
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25 All: Aye.
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27 Villegas: All opposed? Thank you. Thank you, Paul.
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31  8/4/11
32 Chairperson
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34

ETZ 6-2-11

Cliff Terry – Comments,

Page 15

- Develop tourism in surrounding areas and along the Rio Grande
- Develop regional watershed management and enhance improved irrigation systems.

Page 17

- The territory experiences occurrences of drought and intensive precipitation through monsoon periods thus there is ...
- Lengthy drought periods may cause brush fires especially in the dry mountain areas.

Page 27

A portion of the previous paragraph is repeated

Page 28

The Las Cruces ETZ (see pg. 129) or explain: The Las Cruces ETZ , which is a 5 mile growth area surrounding the City,

Page 33

The ETZ was established in 1997. What is the reference of 2009?

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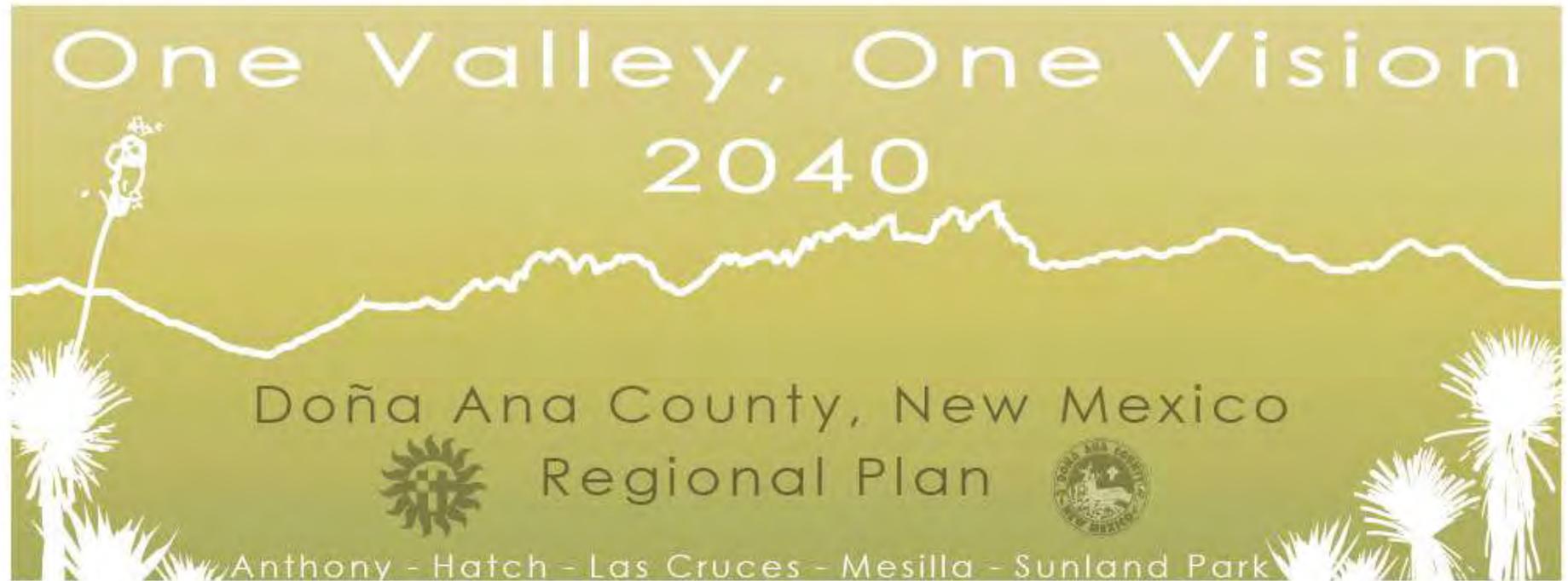
Table 5-8

Probability DAM should be medium in 2006 Dona Ana had one dam failure and Sierra County had one dam failure

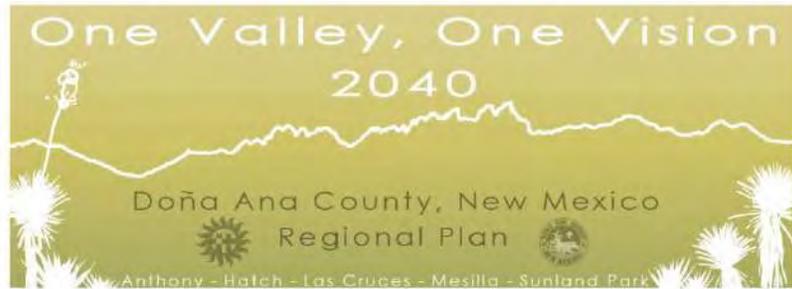
Page 56 across the county from storm drainage infrastructure and levee improvements Vado

Page 73 and 93

Bio fuel is not listed on the table 5-12

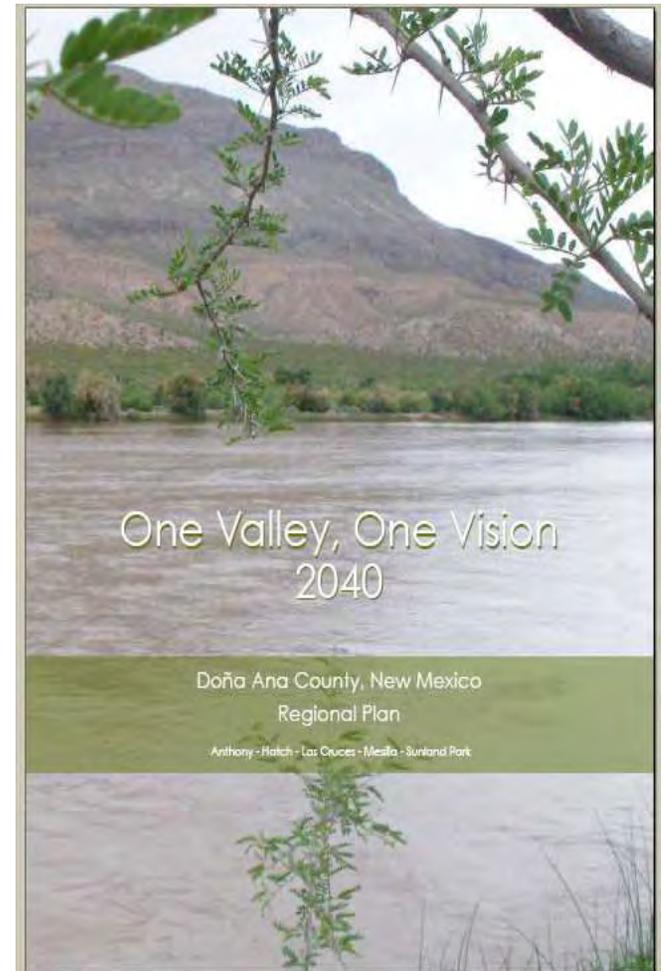


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Overview

1. *Recap plan relationship*
2. *Recap process*
3. *Give overview of comments*
4. *Discuss comments and suggestions*



Plan Relationship

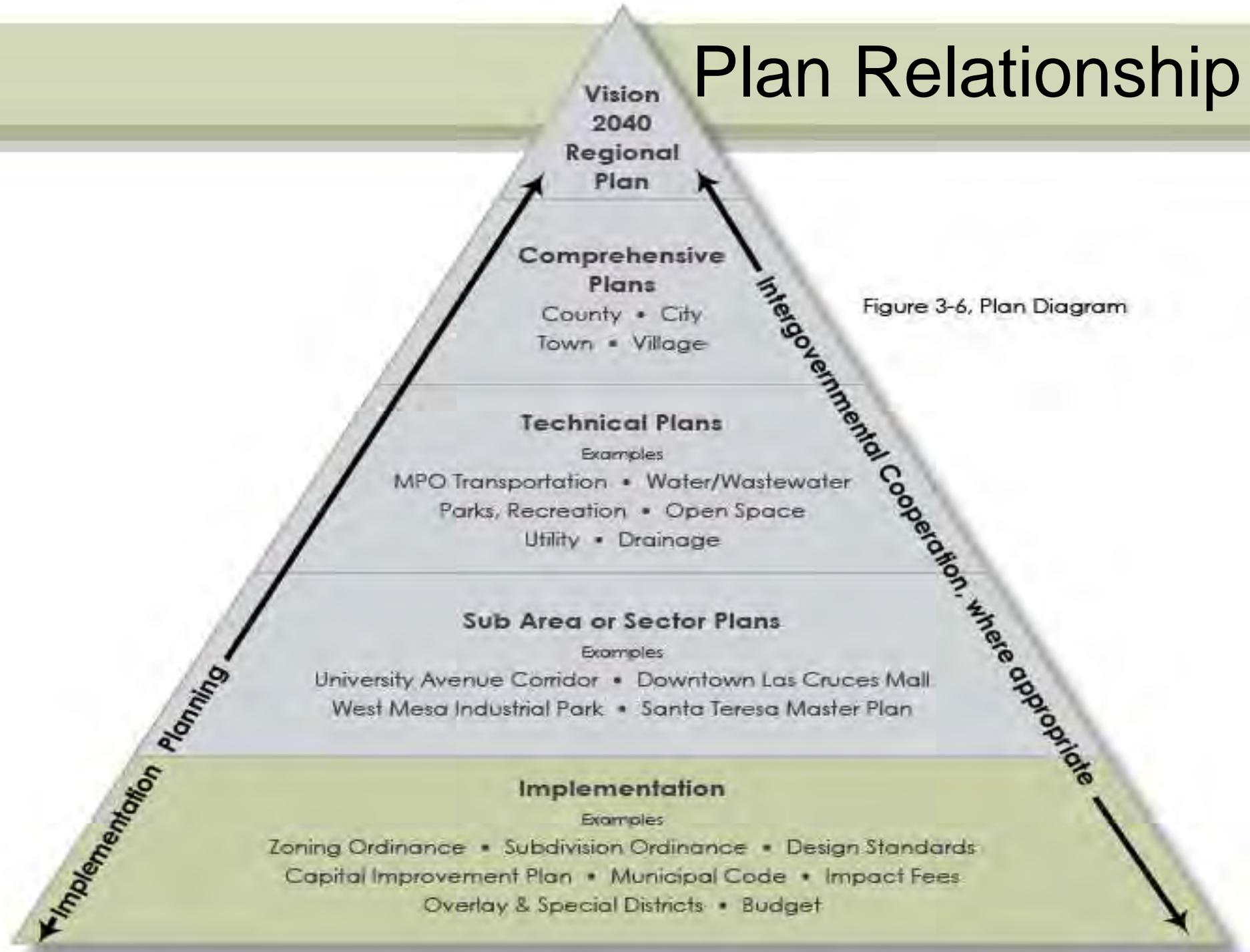
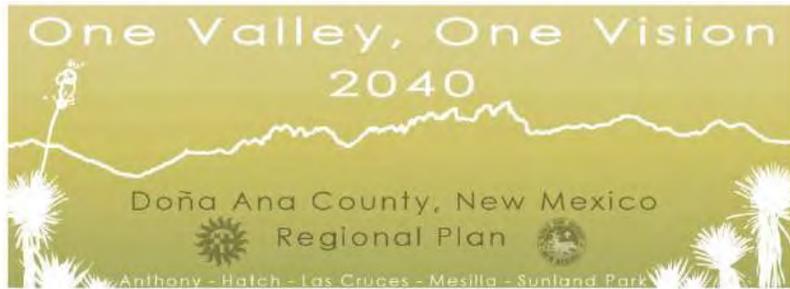
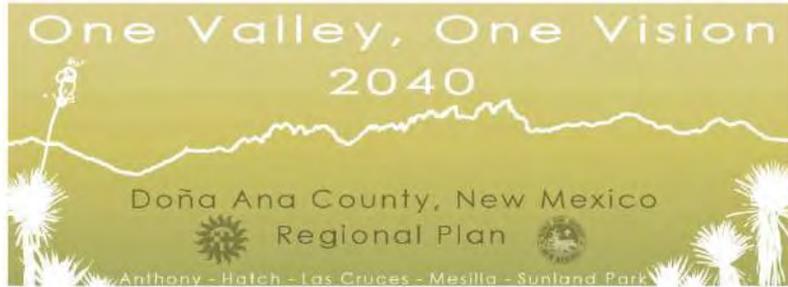


Figure 3-6, Plan Diagram



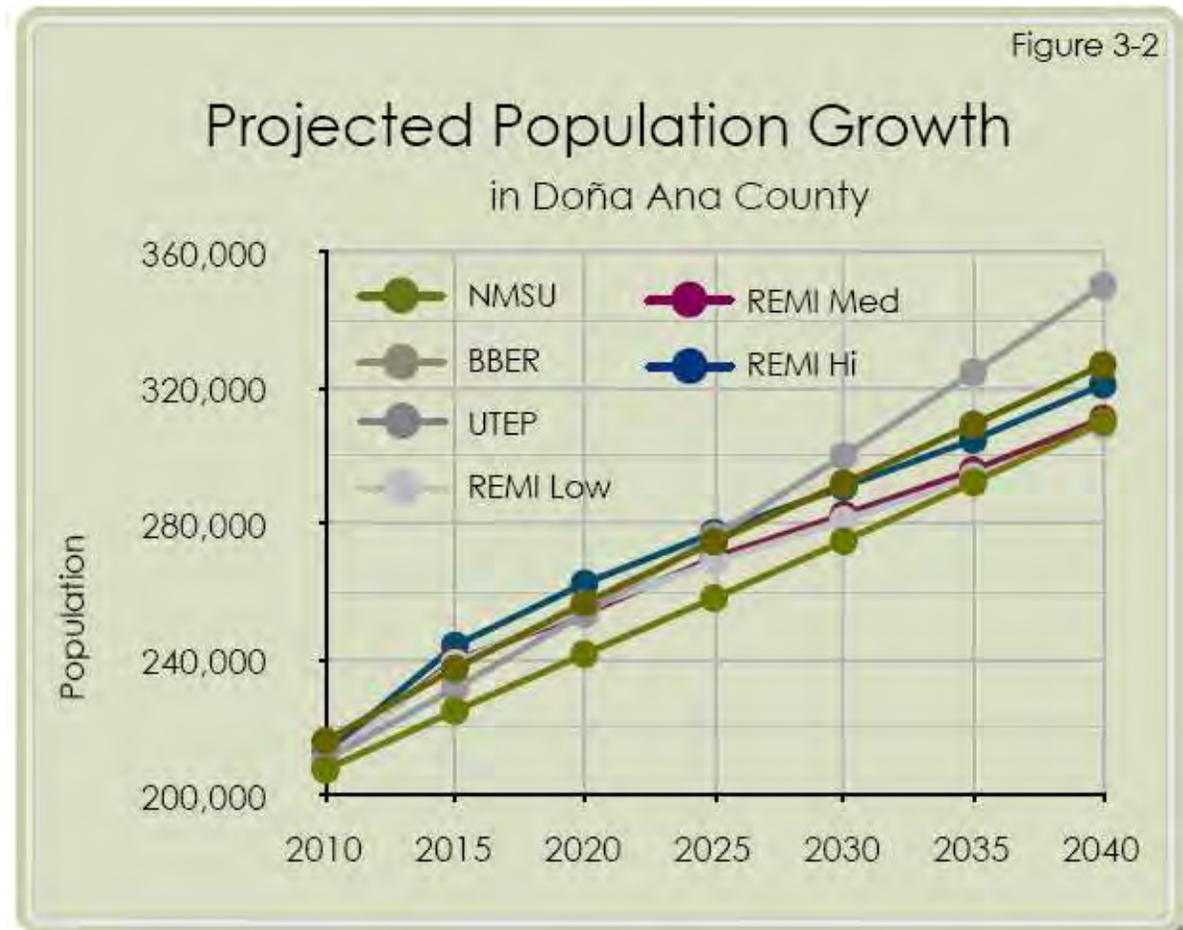
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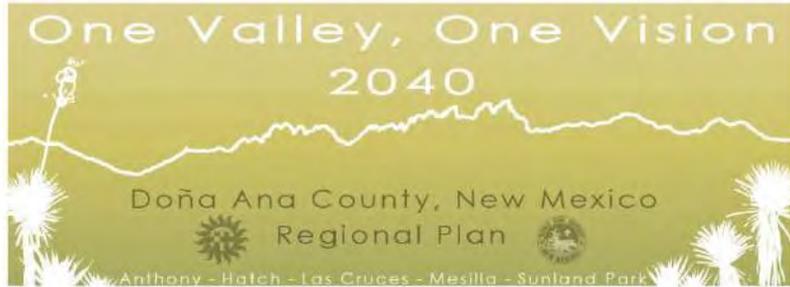
- ❖ Several key drivers going on in 2006/2007
 - ❖ Upcoming updates to local comprehensive plans of Doña Ana County and Las Cruces (share information, analysis, public outreach, and other efficiencies).
 - ❖ Major flood, large state land development projects, and high construction activity (Address quality of life issues and more effective regional response to growth).
 - ❖ Grant funding opportunity to pay for part of a plan via NM Department of Finance through NMSU.



2040 Process: Why started?

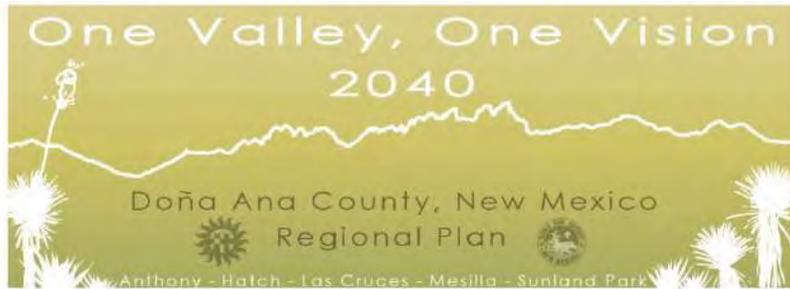
- ❖ Assume mid-range projection from 209,233 people (2010) to 325,000 people (2040)
- ❖ Increase of 125,000 people (round number)





2040 Process: Where have we been?

- ❖ March 2007: Passage of resolution directing staff to move ahead on preparing a regional plan.
- ❖ 2007-2008: Data collection and public input through focus groups, visioning sessions, surveys, etc.
- ❖ 2009: Public comment on draft regional plan.
- ❖ June 2010-May 2011: Preparation of a revised draft plan through expanded Advisory Committee input.
- ❖ June 2011-July 2011: Public comment period.
- ❖ July 2011-August 2011: Recommendations of approval by CLC P&Z, DAC P&Z, and ETZ.



2040 Process: Review Period (June/July 2011)

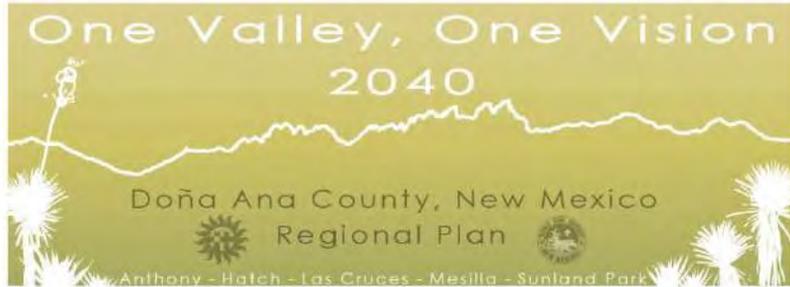
❖ Stakeholder groups requested presentation (10 total)

- ❖ RoadRUNNER Transit Advisory Board
- ❖ LRGPWWA
- ❖ DAC Soil & Water District
- ❖ CLC Senior Programs Advisory Board
- ❖ CLC Americans with Disabilities Advisory Board
- ❖ PdNWC 319 Water Group
- ❖ MVEDA
- ❖ CLC General Public Meeting
- ❖ CLC MPO TAC
- ❖ Greater CLC Chamber

❖ P&Zs/ETZ/Council/Trustees (12 total)

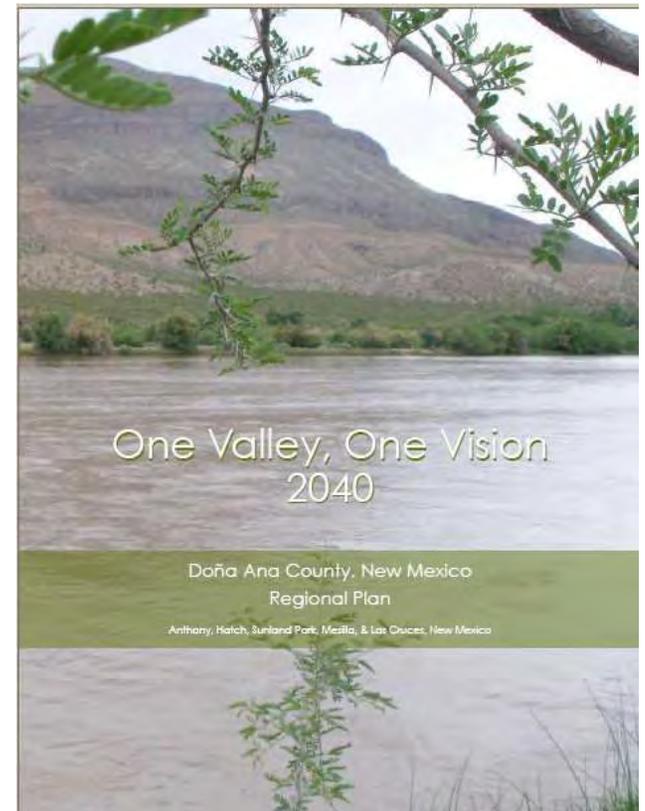
❖ Other Notifications:

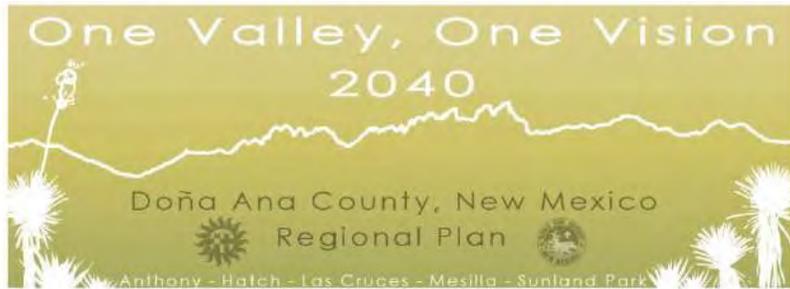
- ❖ Placed ads & articles in Las Cruces Sun News & Bulletin
- ❖ Ran informational video on Channel 20
- ❖ Ran a KRWG spot
- ❖ Ongoing website



2040 Process: Where are we going?

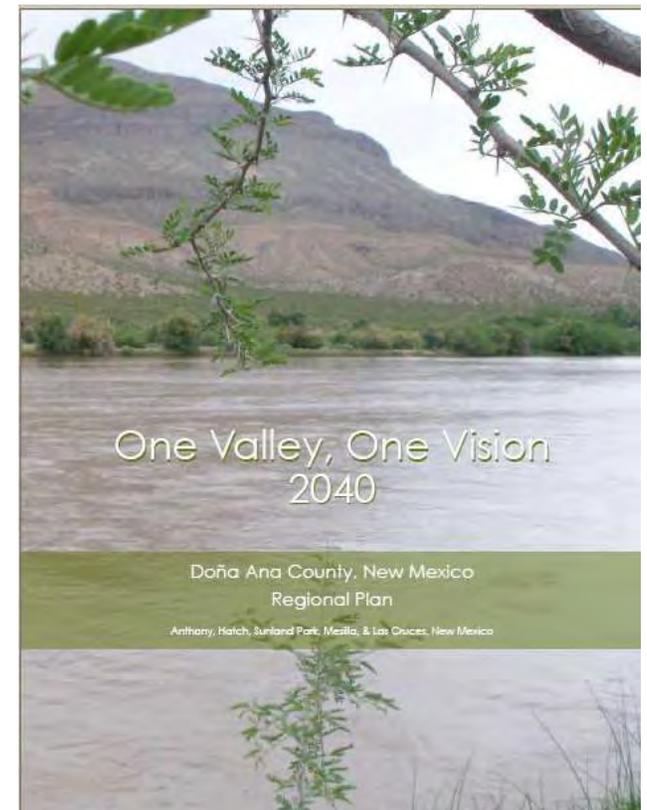
- ❖ September 2011: Work sessions with elected governing bodies.
- ❖ Hold public hearings for consideration to adopt the regional plan
 - ❖ CLC City Council
 - ❖ BOCC
 - ❖ ETA
 - ❖ Other municipalities





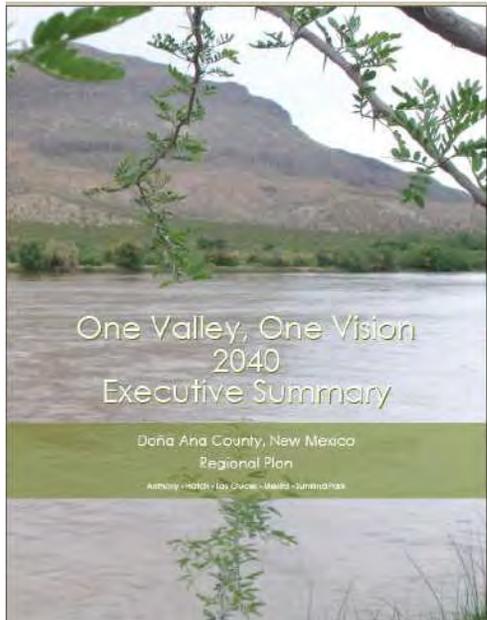
2040 Process: What happens after adoption?

- ❖ Elected and administrative officials use the plan as guide in updating comprehensive plan and in making policy, programming, and capital improvement decisions.
- ❖ Someone or some group will directly or indirectly track progress on goals and actions in the plan.
 - ❖ Action 48 suggests a task force (who is not identified)
 - ❖ Respective elected and administrative officials as part of other public processes (CIP, update to Comp Plan, annexation, major PUD, evaluating development on state land, etc.)
 - ❖ Public that may contact elected and administrative officials
 - ❖ Expectation is plan will be used regularly, but no major update considered for at least 10 years





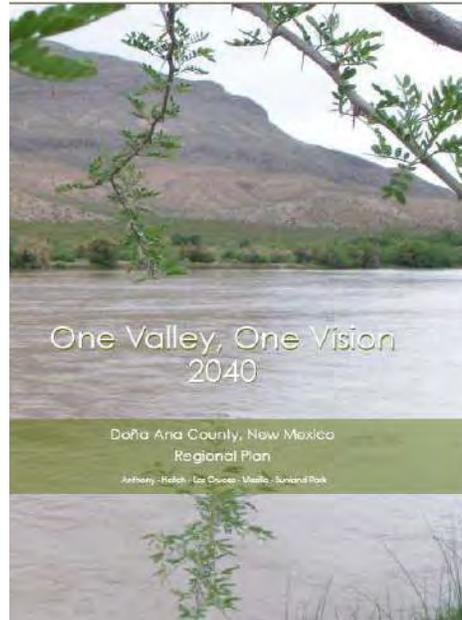
Regional Plan Documents



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Executive Summary

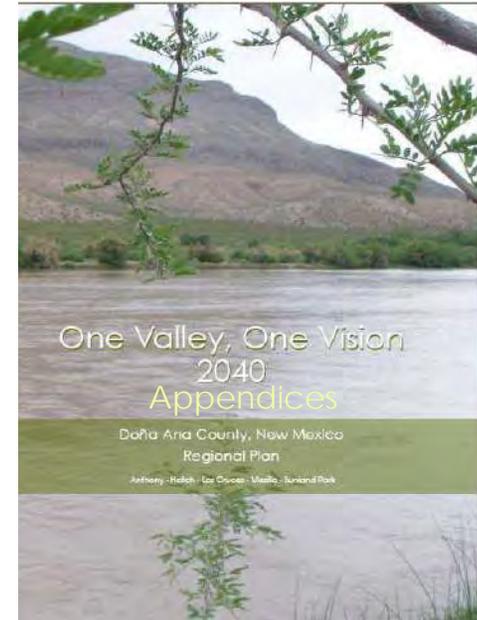
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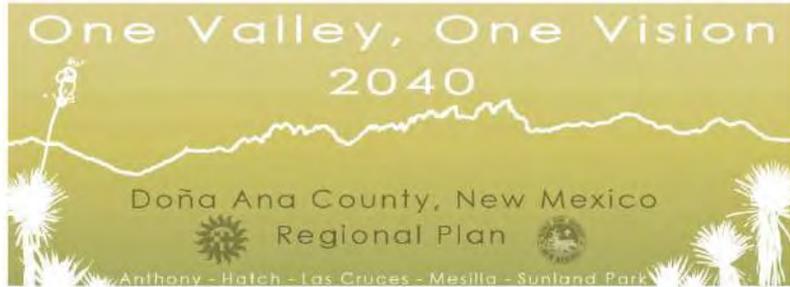
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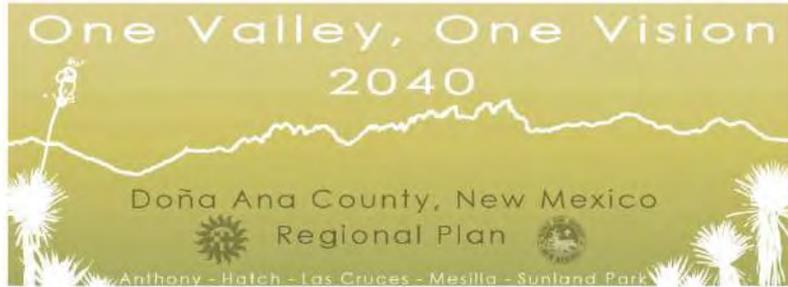
Appendices

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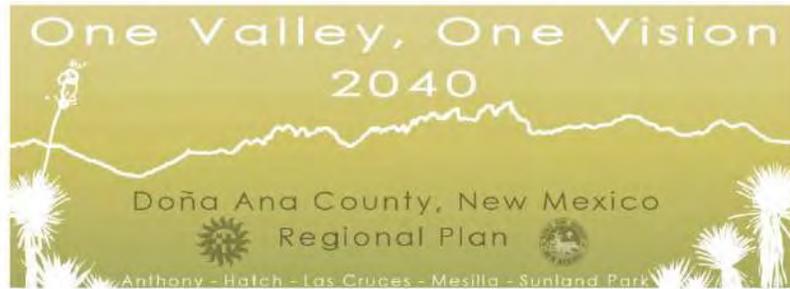
Comments: General Information

- ❖ Public input indicates no substantial shifts to the plan, mostly ways to enhance the plan.
- ❖ Matrix has three categories: clarification, comments, and direction.
- ❖ Comment matrix explains how staff plans to address changes where clear direction given, but there may be other points in the matrix staff will need direction.
- ❖ Comment matrix and a PDF showing changes via sticky notes are available on 2040 website at <http://vision2040.las-cruces.org>.



Plan Summary: Ch 1, Executive Summary

- ❖ 14 page summary of the plan, including visuals (6 pages of actual text).
- ❖ Summary includes some quotations from those involved, with opportunity to add/modify if there are Council/BOCC quotations.



Plan Summary:

Ch 2, Vision Statement

❖ States recurring themes and values, ideally hope to achieve by 2040.

Our Vision

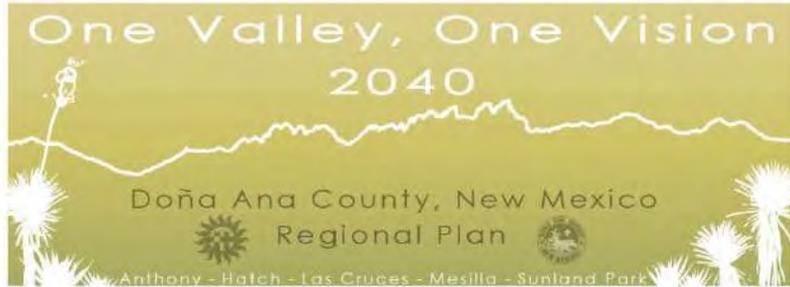
We want to make Doña Ana County and all its communities a truly great place to live, work, and play for residents of all ages, backgrounds, cultures, and economic levels.

Our vision encompasses planned and managed growth in areas such as jobs, economy, tourism, and infrastructure, and encourages new opportunities that improve our quality of life.

~~In this plan, we~~ We envision strong economic growth in the region. We are prepared to take advantage of arising opportunities to provide new and better jobs and to increase the economic vitality of the area for all of our residents.

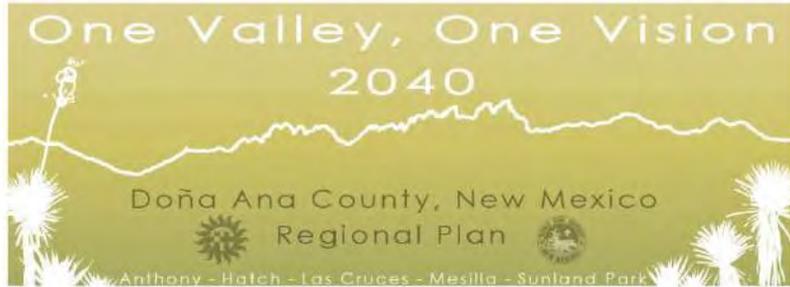
As we plan map out our future we recognize the value of our mountains, desert environment, rivers, agriculture, and private-property rights and the importance of planning to live within the limitations of the unique land and natural resources.

We envision a development plan that embraces the rich historical and cultural heritage of Doña Ana County, as well as its ties with Mexico and Texas. We embrace the value of ~~and~~ an integrated multimodal transportation network that connects people with each other as well as with economic, housing, recreational, medical, and educational opportunities.



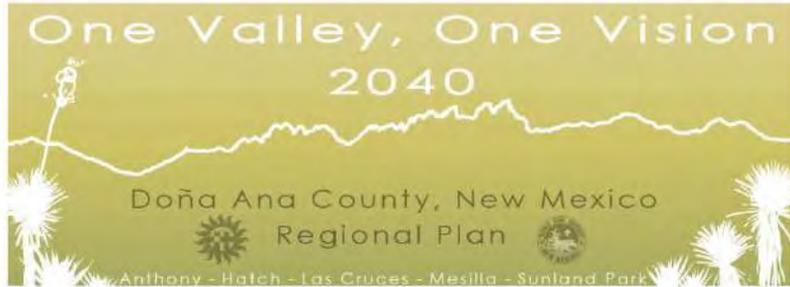
Plan Summary: Ch 3, Introduction

- ❖ Provides a brief summary on the public engagement process, SWOT, demographic data, plan organization, and relationship to other plans.



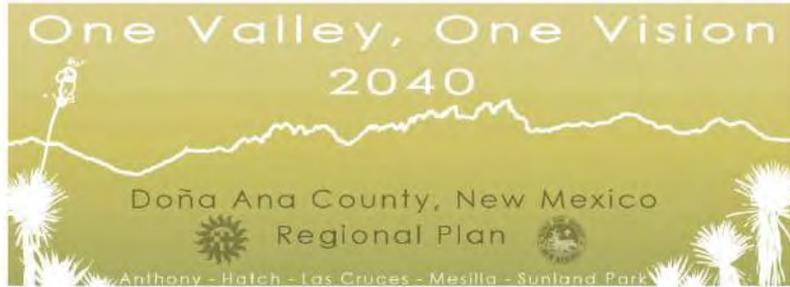
Proposed Changes: Ch 3, SWOT

- ❖ Total of 8 Strengths in SWOT. Based on comments received to date, there are three suggested changes, no additions, and no deletions.
 1. Local institutions such as education, aerospace, White Sands Missile Range, healthcare, government, and construction and development play vital roles in the regional economy. (Clarification, p13)
 2. There is a comprehensive system of educational institutions in and near the area. [Deleted list of schools since all listed on Table 5-18] (Clarification, p13)
 3. Change 'Agriculture is a major feature along Rio Grande...' to 'Agriculture is the historical foundation of our custom and culture and provides a significant and sustainable economic base for the region.'(p12)



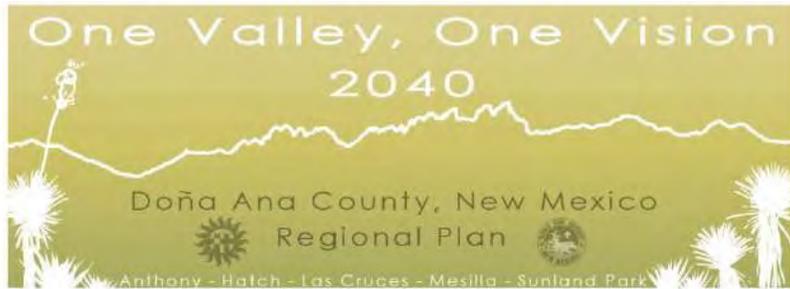
Proposed Changes: Ch 3, SWOT

- ❖ Total of 11 Weaknesses in SWOT. Based on comments received to date, there are two suggested changes, no additions, and no deletions.
 1. Not all parts of the region have equal-comparable levels of basic infrastructure. (Clarification, p14)
 2. There are limited arts and entertainment venues for youth, with most of these except for those within the Las Cruces area. (Clarification, p13)



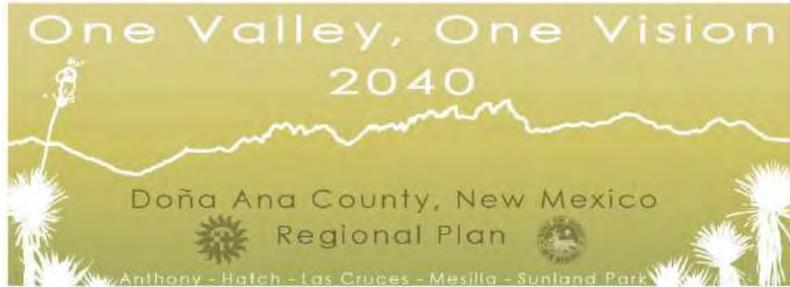
Proposed Changes: Ch 3, SWOT

- ❖ Total of 5 Opportunities in SWOT. Based on comments received to date, there are three suggested changes, one addition, and no deletions.
 1. Make a separate bullet for the tourism and flood control in the suggestions. (Clarification, p15)
 2. Change 'Look at retirees as an industry' to read, Look at retiree-centric services and businesses. (Direction, p15)



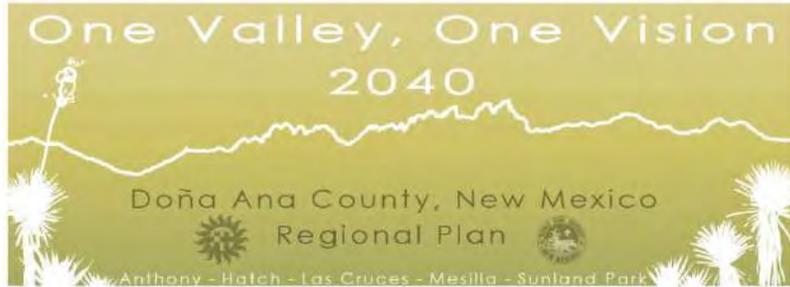
Proposed Changes: Ch 3, SWOT

3. There are economic development opportunities of all—kinds in manufacturing, ~~value-added~~ agricultural processing, aerospace, engineering and management operations, Spaceport, transportation-related sectors, alternative energy ~~utility~~ utilities, health care, tourism, space tourism, arts/entertainment, public and private partnerships, and ~~border-crossing~~ port of entry opportunities. (Clarification, p16)
1. Economic synergy potential exists in pursuing rail connection of the region's industrial and airport facilities like the West Mesa Industrial Park and Las Cruces International Airport to the rail operations in Santa Teresa. (Direction for Addition, p16)



Proposed Changes: Ch 3, SWOT

- ❖ Total of 8 Threats in SWOT. Based on comments received to date, there are two suggested changes, three additions, and no deletions.
 1. Recessions are cyclical requiring planning to provide essential services and funding. (Clarification, p17)
 2. There is potential for damage from flooding in specific parts of the region as a result of the (1) age, condition, design of or development around flood-control infrastructure, (2) disruption of the function of natural or constructed flood-control systems from such factors as illegal dumping, loss of vegetation, or lack of maintenance, (3) unlawful construction in flood hazard areas, or (4) intensive precipitation during monsoon periods. (Clarification, p17)



Proposed Changes: Ch 3, SWOT

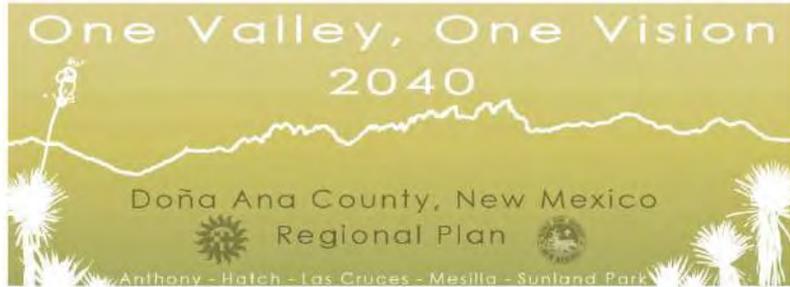
Additions to Threats

1. Occurrences of drought can affect the region's resources, including agricultural production and limitations to surface water. (Direction, p17)
2. Potential decreases to water quantity are possible because of cyclical droughts and climate change that could jeopardize community sustainability and growth if not periodically considered in existing drought emergency and water conservation plans.(Direction, p17)
3. Inadequate storm water management and pollution prevention planning could jeopardize water quality. (Direction, p17)



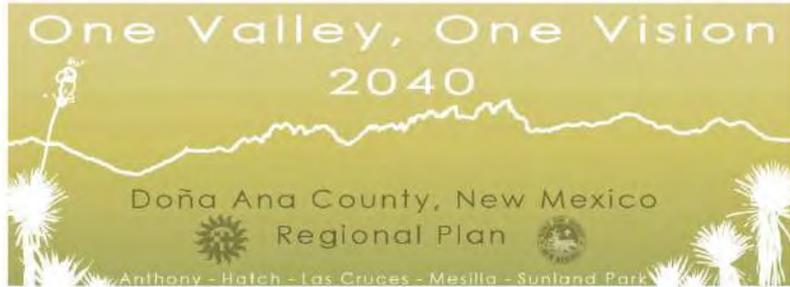
Proposed Changes: Ch 4, Sustainability/SG

- ❖ Change title to 'Concepts'
- ❖ Add an introductory paragraph.(p26)



Plan Summary: Ch 5, Snapshot

- ❖ Provides the existing condition on the twelve identified resource topics (p28 – p102)
 - ❖ Land Use
 - ❖ Water
 - ❖ Air Quality
 - ❖ Environmental Resources
 - ❖ Hazards
 - ❖ Transportation
 - ❖ Community Facilities & Services
 - ❖ Utilities & Infrastructure
 - ❖ Housing
 - ❖ Economy
 - ❖ Community Character, Design, & Historic Preservation
 - ❖ Intergovernmental Cooperation



Proposed Changes: Snapshot Information

- ❖ Include more information on certain groups (i.e.- Paso del Norte Watershed Council, South-Central New Mexico Storm Water Management Coalition, Doña Ana County/Caballo Soil & Water Conservation District, LRGPWWA, and SCCOG)
- ❖ Suggestions to increase hazard probability in Table 5-8 on drought and others from medium to high. (p55)



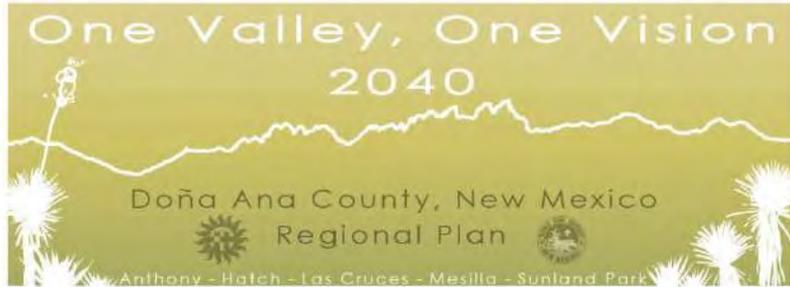
Plan Summary: Snapshot Issues

- ❖ Total of 34 issues in plan covering the 12 resource topics. Based on comments received to date, there is one suggested change, six additions, and one deletion.



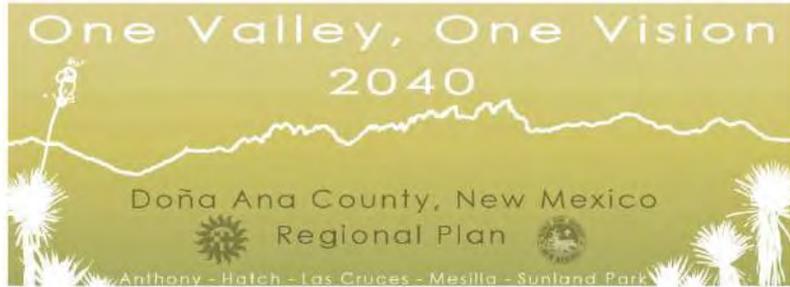
Proposed Changes: Issues: Changes

1. ~~There is increased cost to treat and recover water to supplement additional future water supplies to meet water-quality standards.~~
 - The cost to treat and recover water for future water supplies could place a burden on meeting future water demands. (clarification, p40)



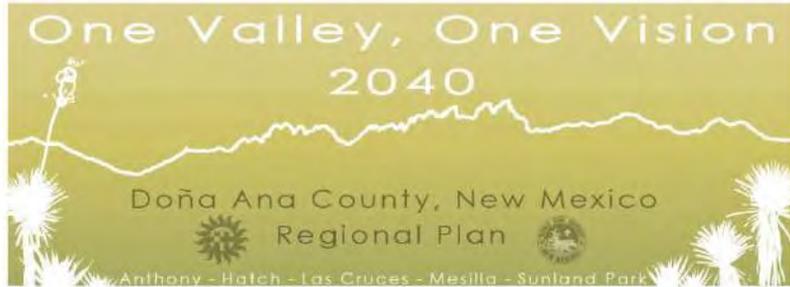
Proposed Changes: Issues: Additions

1. Instances occur when the Rio Grande exceeds New Mexico water quality standards for E. coli bacteria; this has potential to have a negative on human health and the quality and safety of fresh vegetables grown in the region. (direction, p40)
2. Current building codes regulating storm water, including residential development, limit Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development that could be beneficial toward improving storm water management, groundwater recharge, pollution mitigation and water quality. (direction, p41)



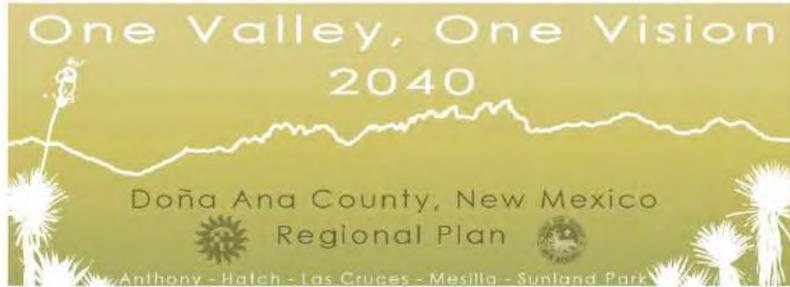
Proposed Changes: Issues: Additions

3. There will likely be a need for more transportation options in addition to driving a personal vehicle due to the upward trend in population over 65 years of age and number of persons with a disability and unable to drive. (direction, p62)
4. There will likely be a need for additional healthcare services due to the upward trend in population over 65 years of age. (direction, p69)



Proposed Changes: Issues: Additions

5. The upward trend in population over 65 years of age in Doña Ana County may require providing more housing options or amenities in addition to detached single-family dwellings. (direction, p82)
6. Add to regional issue list: Planning and coordination on timing and design of regional roadways to avoid piecemeal roadway construction and inconsistent roadway design. (direction, p99)



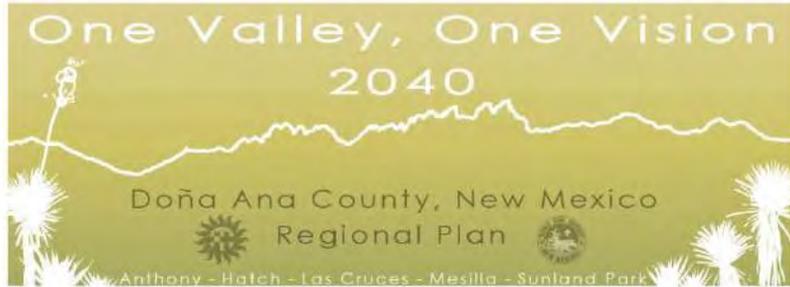
Proposed Changes: Issues: Deletions

1. The distances between communities make access to higher education in outlying rural areas of the region more challenging. (direction, p68)



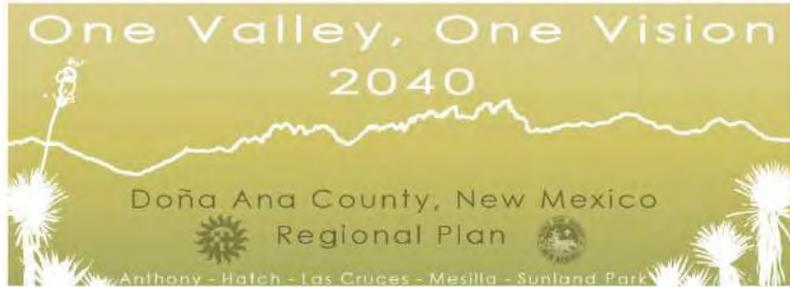
Plan Summary: Accomplishments

- ❖ Total of 40 accomplishments in plan covering the 12 resource topics. Based on comments received to date, there are two suggested changes, three additions, and one deletion.



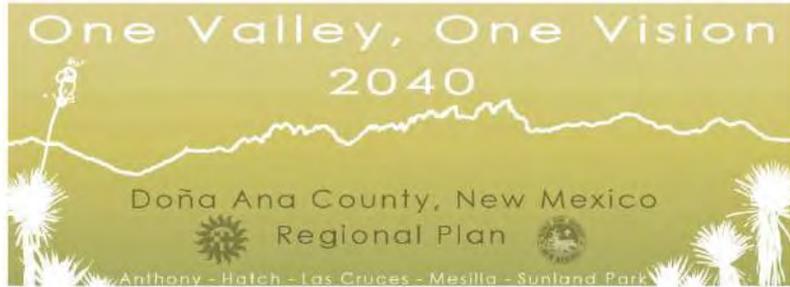
Proposed Changes: Accomplishment- Changes

1. Clarify the 'ETZ' in the 1st land use bullet is the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority. (clarification, p33)
2. Update the 3rd transportation bullet to clarify the number of transit routes.(clarification, p62)



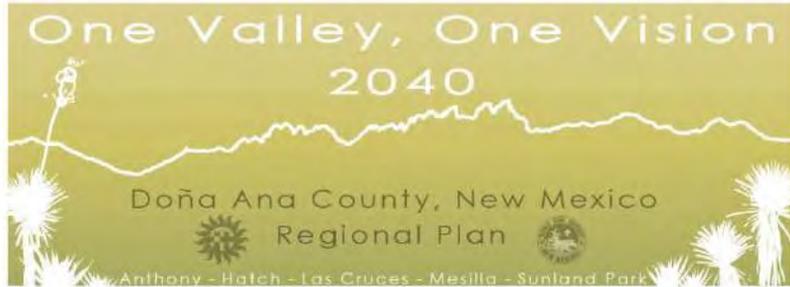
Proposed Changes: Accomplishment- Additions

1. In 2011, the Munson Senior Center in Las Cruces became the first nationally accredited senior center in the state of New Mexico. (clarification, p69)
2. Add a section called accomplishments to Intergovernmental Cooperation
 - Doña Ana County includes many groups focused on intergovernmental activities. Tables 5-18 and 5-19 lists a few of these groups. (clarification, p99)
 - (If needed) Local governing bodies set policies and engage in many intergovernmental activities amongst themselves as illustrated in Table 5-x. (direction, p99)



Proposed Changes: Accomplishment- Additions

3. In August 2011, the New Mexico Third Judicial District Court approved an agreement between agricultural groups and the State Engineer's Office that set maximum water deliveries to agricultural land in the Lower Rio Grande Basin. (clarification, p41)



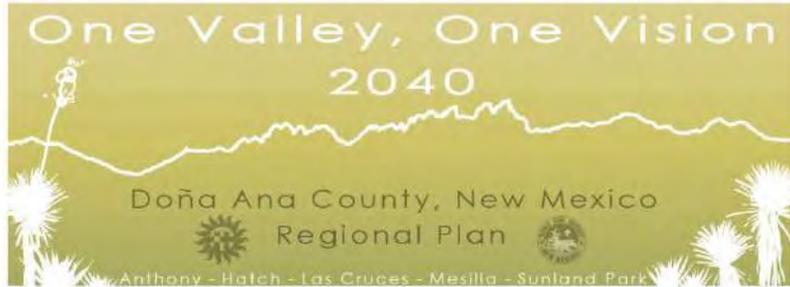
Proposed Changes: Accomplishment- Deletions

1. Delete Prehistoric Trackway bullet in community facilities and leave it under environmental accomplishment.
(clarification, p52,p69)



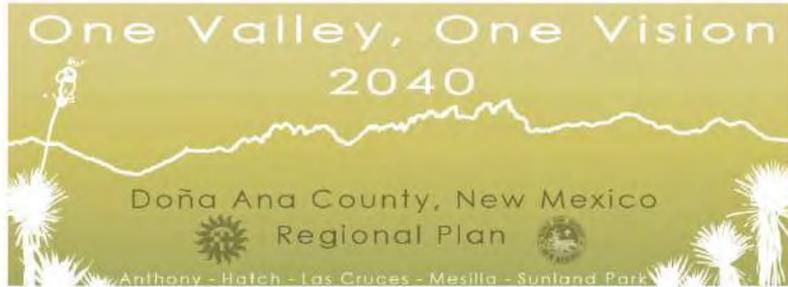
Plan Summary: Ch 6, Goals

- ❖ Total of 43 goals in plan covering the 12 resource topics.
- ❖ Based on comments received to date, there are no suggested changes, additions, or deletions to the goals in the draft plan.



Plan Summary: Ch 6, Strategies

- ❖ Total of 229 strategies in plan covering the 12 resource topics.
- ❖ Strategies are possible ways to achieve a goal and may not apply in all circumstances or parts of the region.
- ❖ Based on comments received to date, there are two suggested changes, 12 additions, or no deletions to the strategies in the draft plan.



Proposed Changes: Strategies - Changes

1. **Goal 6-5-1: Protect people and property from hazards.**

- ❖ Identify hazardous-cargo routes, consider hazardous by-pass ways, and install applicable signage within the county. (direction, p111)

2. **Goal 6-7-2: Meet the existing and projected needs of residents through location, access, extent and timing, staffing, and category of community facilities and services.**

- ❖ Make technology, such as computers with Internet access, available in community centers for underserved populations, particularly in rural areas and colonias identified by the State and County. (direction, p115)

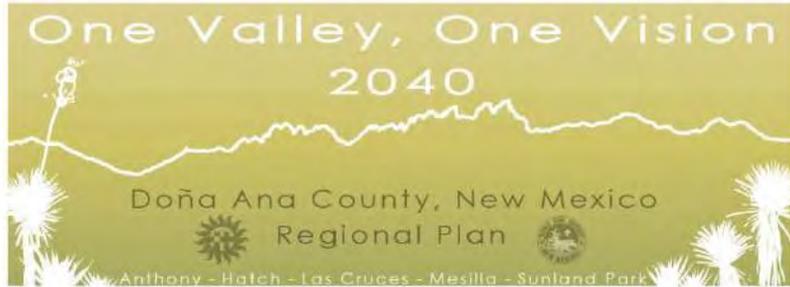


Proposed Changes: Strategies - Additions

1. **Goal 6-2-1: Ensure the availability of a safe, dependable, affordable, and sustainable water supply to meet or exceed the needs of all reasonable beneficial uses.**
 - ❖ Work with stakeholders to develop and implement reclaimed water strategies (direction, p108)

2. **Goal 6-2-2: Protect existing surface and ground water from pollution and ensure it meets or exceeds water quality standards.**

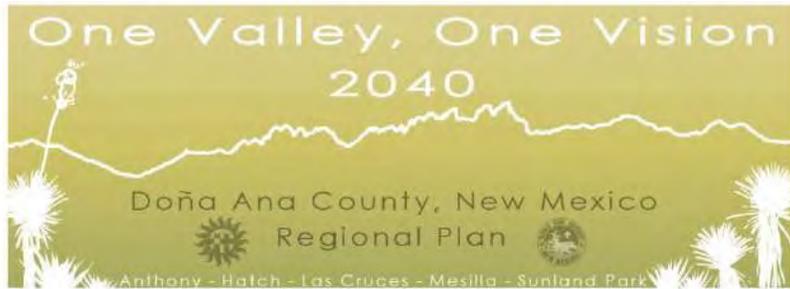
3. .
 - ❖ Promote Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development (LID) as part of a comprehensive storm water and water-quality improvement strategy that may include adoption into land use development and building codes where appropriate. (direction, p107)
 - ❖ Support planning and analysis of the local Rio Grande watershed that will provide recommendations of best management practices in managing pollutant loads, such as E. coli bacteria, to meet state water quality standards.(direction, p108)



Proposed Changes: Strategies - Additions

4. **Goal 6-4-3: Minimize impacts created by development and human activities to realize the full potential of our environmental resources as a community asset.**
 - ❖ Work with the agricultural and ranching community when developing land use plans to come up with desirable methods and locations of agricultural and ranching activities for the long-term. (direction, p110)

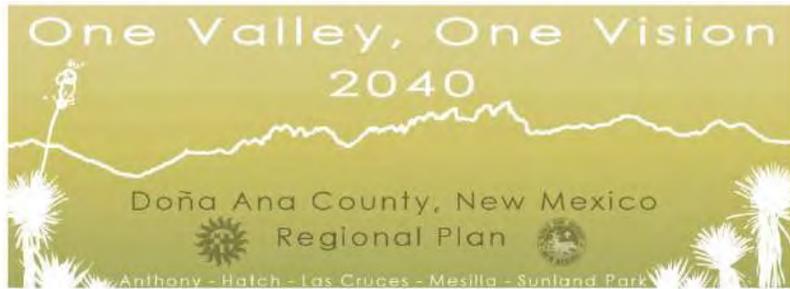
5. **Goal 6-6-2: Coordinate transportation planning with other functions, including land use planning.**
 - ❖ Plan transit corridors that connect activity centers and allow higher density so that total housing/transportation costs are reduced. (direction, p112)



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6. **Goal 6-7-3: Coordinate with other local governments, special districts, school districts, and state and federal agencies on the provision of community facilities that have multijurisdictional impacts.**
 - ❖ Encourage local governmental jurisdictions preparing comprehensive or master plans to coordinate with and include all providers of community facilities and utilities in the development of the plan. (clarification, p115)

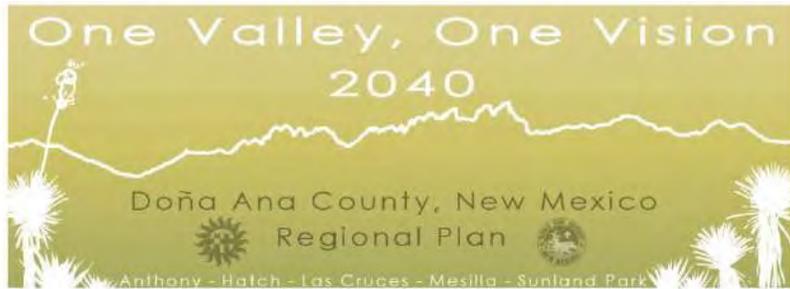
7. **Goal 6-7-5: Provide a variety of opportunities for outdoor recreation to utilize open spaces to a greater extent.**
 - ❖ Support and enhance public access opportunities on state and federal lands throughout Doña Ana County of outdoor activities including shooting sports, hunting, hiking, camping, wildlife viewing, rock climbing, off-road mechanical sports, and similar activities in a way that does not adversely affect other resources. (direction, p116)



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8. **Goal 6-8-3: Coordinate with other local governments, utility districts, and state and federal agencies on the provision of utilities that have multijurisdictional impacts.**
 - ❖ Work with regional partners to encourage state and federal funding and regulatory agencies to remove institutional obstacles to regionalization. (clarification, p117)

9. **Goal 6-9-2: Provide a range of housing alternatives that provides safe, clean, comfortable and affordable living environments.**
 - ❖ Consider the adoption or modification of local zoning ordinances regarding the use of accessory dwelling units in being responsive to local housing needs such as increasing affordability options, supporting public infrastructure investments, and providing housing options in closer proximity to those that care for others. (direction, p118)



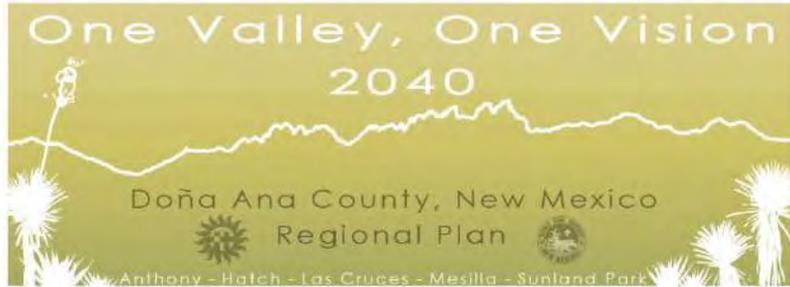
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10. Goal 6-10-3, Establish communities that attract and retain a well-trained workforce.

- ❖ Support programs that promote employment and volunteer opportunities of older-aged persons, persons with a disability, and other persons whose skills will strengthen the economic vitality of the region. (direction, p121)

11. Goal 6-10-5: Provide sustainable and efficient infrastructure to advance economic growth and revitalization.

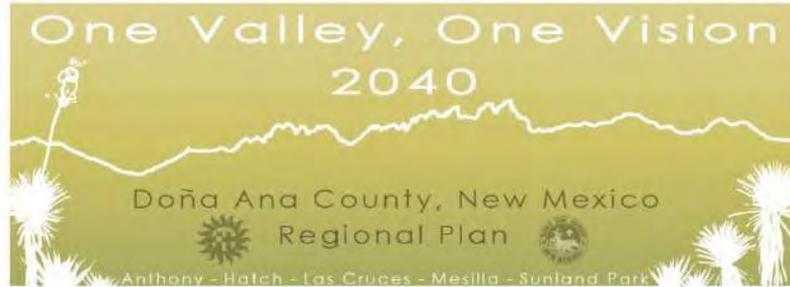
- ❖ Consider rail line extensions and spurs to industrial parks and airports like the West Mesa Industrial Park and Las Cruces International Airport. (direction, p121)



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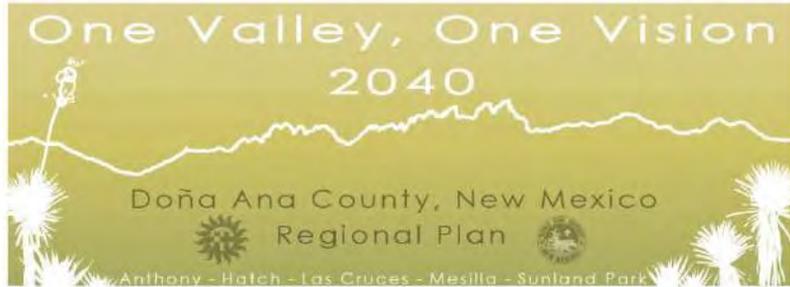
12. Goal 6-12-1, Improve effective intergovernmental cooperation in addressing regional matters and guiding quality growth.

- ❖ Coordinate among governing agencies in effective ways to generate, store, process, analyze, manipulate, and use spatial data and related technology. (direction, p124)



Proposed Changes: Ch 7, Types of Communities

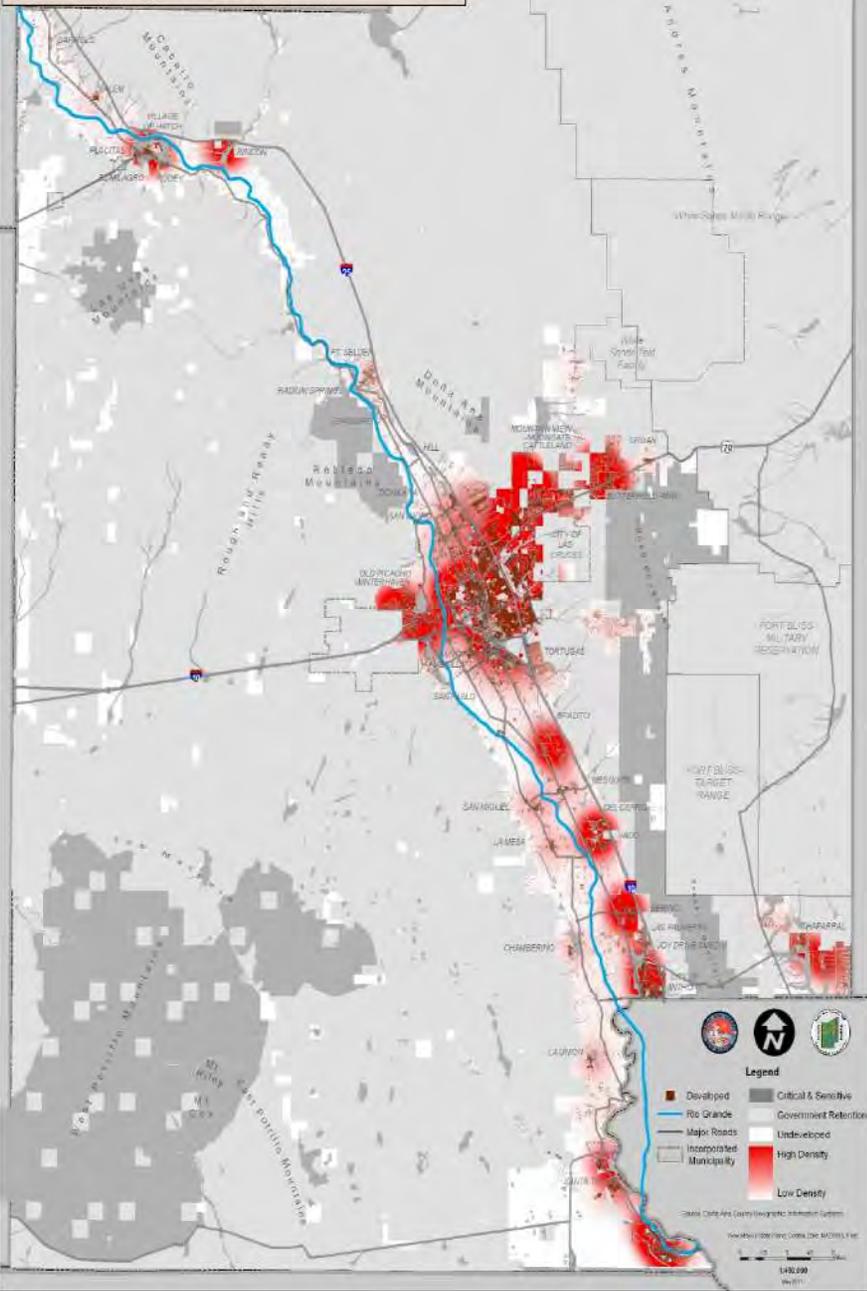
- ❖ Minor typographical and clarification changes



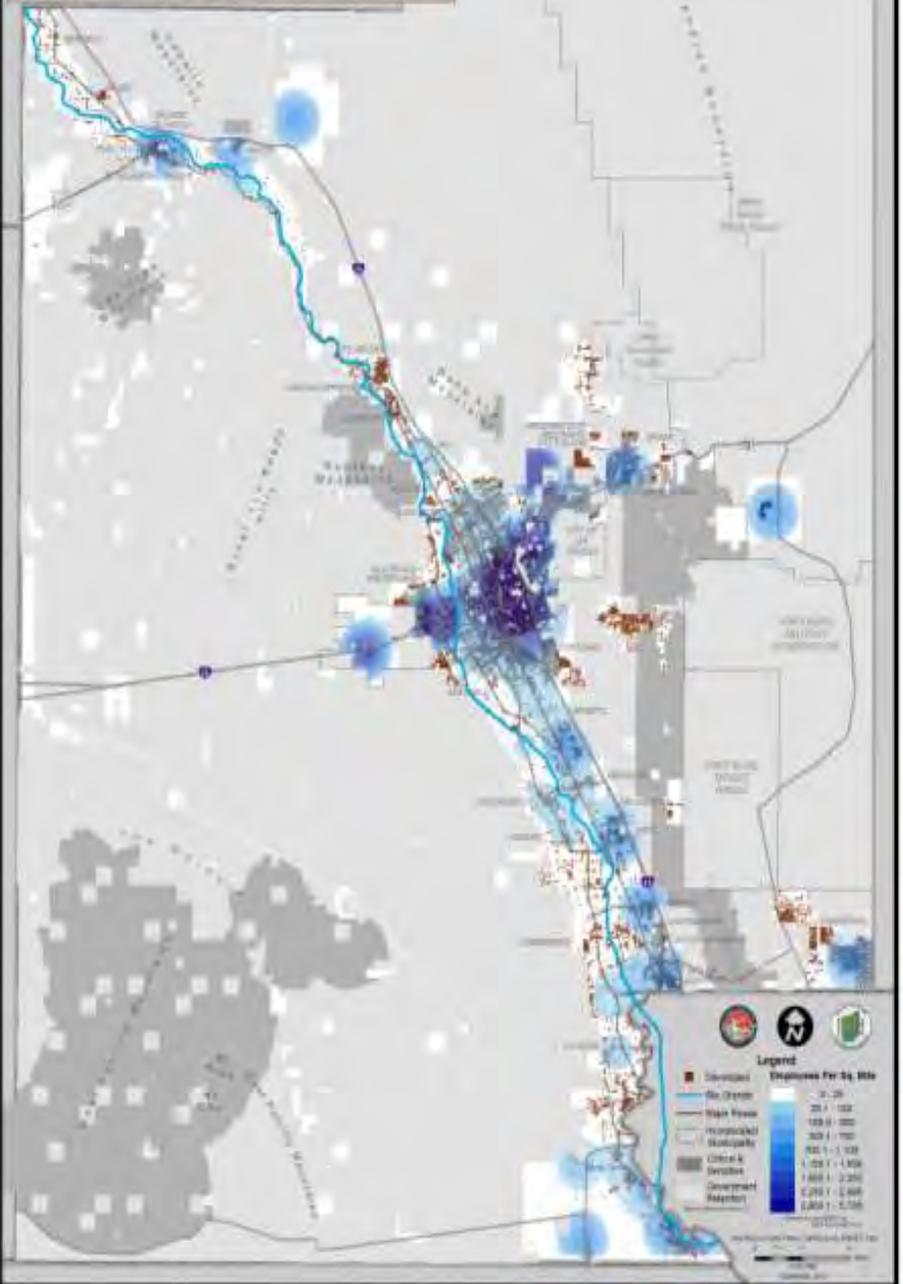
Plan Summary: Ch 8, Growth Strategies

- ❖ Provides consensus strategy map for distribution of (1) housing and development and (2) jobs.
- ❖ No suggested changes (p131-147)
- ❖ Keep in mind the regional plan points the general direction for the region. It leaves the lower level plans to provide the detail, the additional public input, and the additional data collection in how to get there.

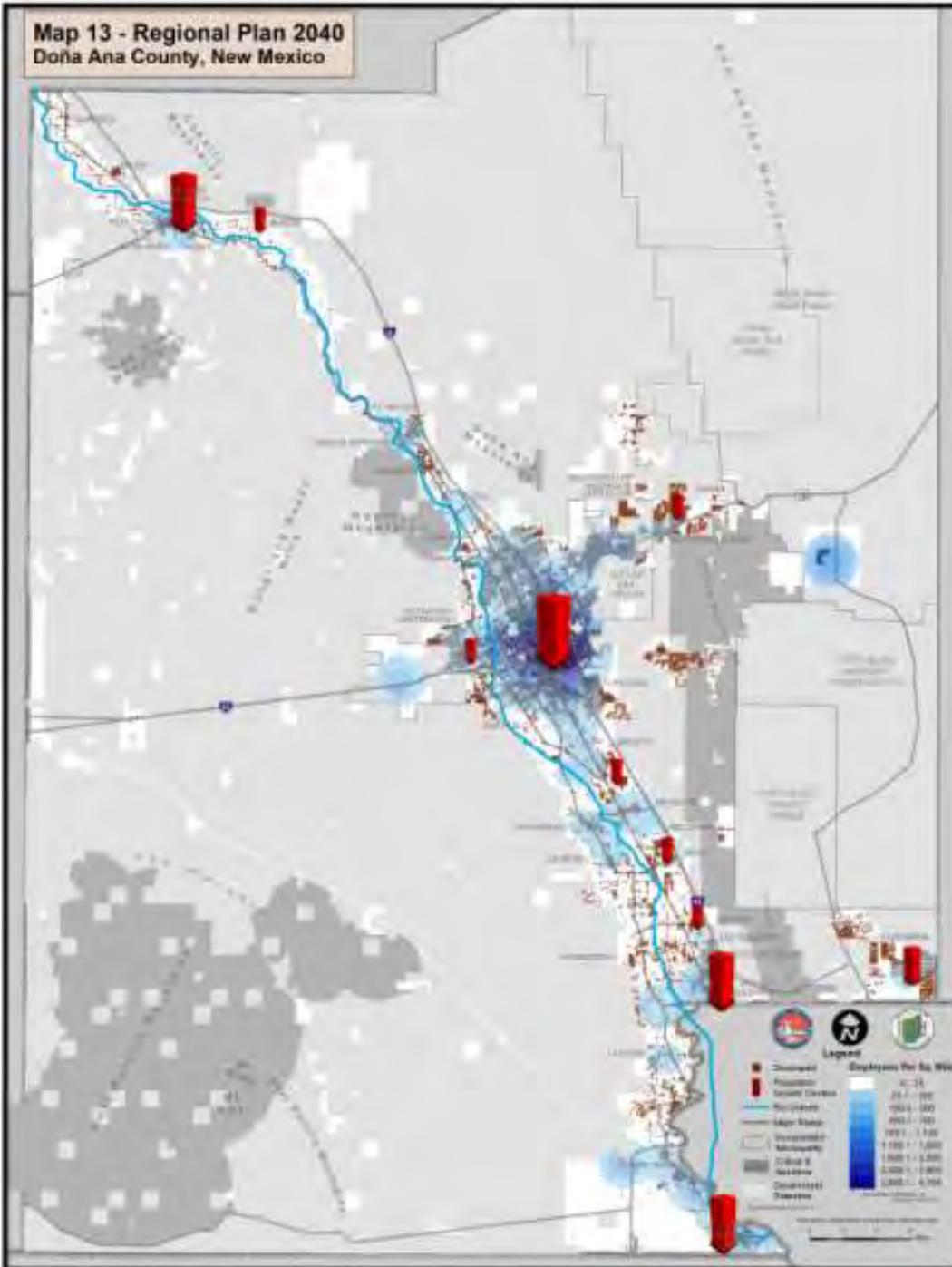
Map 11 - Consensus Growth Strategy - 2040
Doña Ana County, New Mexico



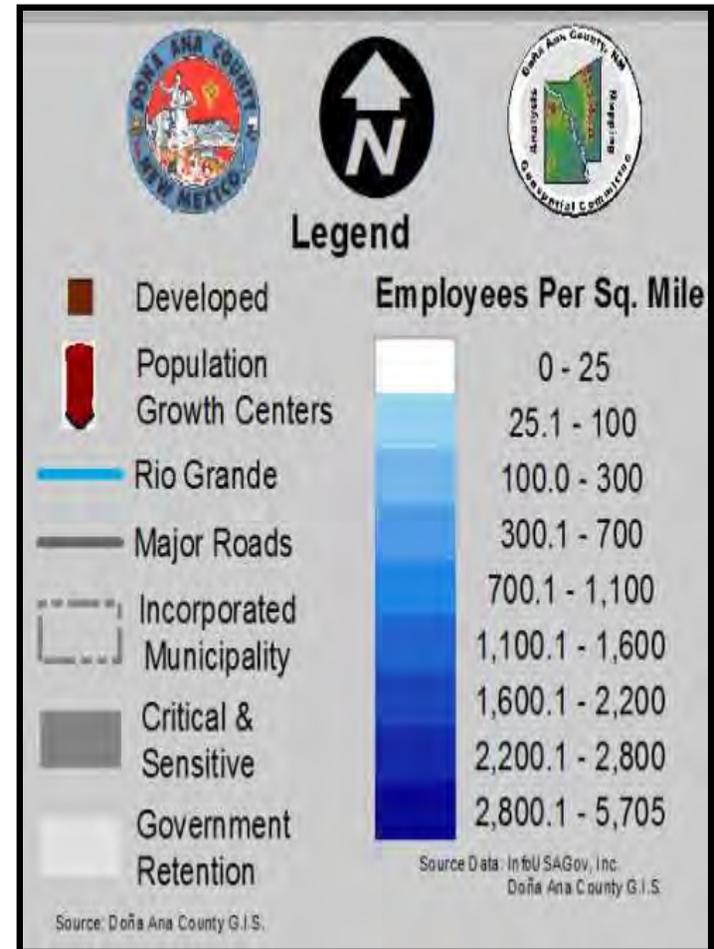
Map 12 - Consensus Jobs Strategy - 2040
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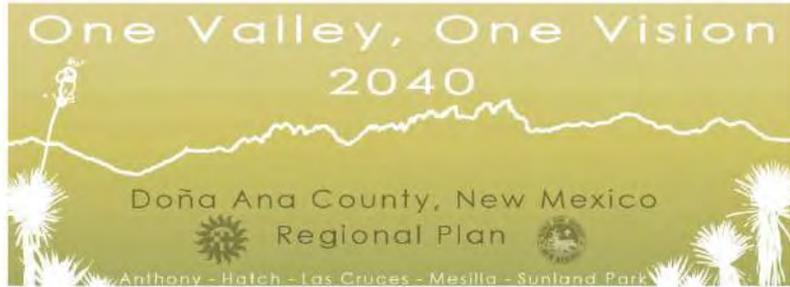


Map 13 - Regional Plan 2040
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Regional Plan 2040





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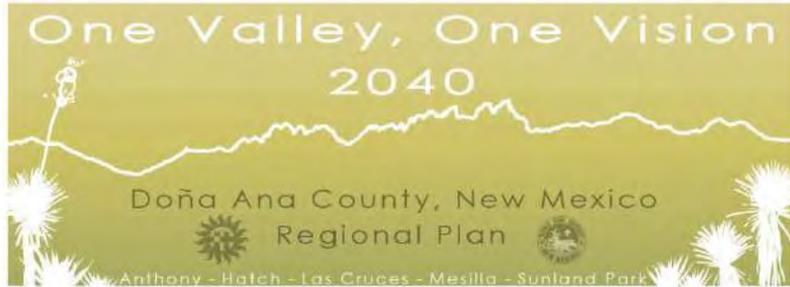
Ch 9, Implementation

- ❖ Total of 50 actions in plan covering the 12 resource topics.
- ❖ This section is in the plan due to comments received not to let plan sit on the shelf.
- ❖ Actions are a preliminary list of ways to track accomplishment of the plan. Not meant to be an exhaustive list.
- ❖ Actions only look out to the year 2016.
- ❖ Six actions were identified in the 2012-2013 priority list. Elected bodies may wish to examine these priorities closer.



Plan Summary: 2012-2013 Priority Actions

1. (Action 2) Establish a regional future service boundary to delineate the maximum extent for municipal provision of public water and wastewater services...
2. (Action 3) Preserve BLM and State Land outside the proposed future service boundary through actions, including and not limited to: dialogue with the BLM and State Land Trust, land outside given priority for preservation...
3. (Action 9) Complete groundwater remediation of the Superfund site in Las Cruces.
4. (Action 12) Revisit the EPA Natural Events Action Plan last updated in 2000 to ensure it still meets the needs of the region.
5. (Action 40) Evaluate the benefit of combining the Las Cruces and Doña Ana County Housing Authorities for increased opportunities and efficiencies.
6. (Action 48) Create a One Valley, One Vision 2040 implementation task force to best prioritize, evaluate, accomplish, consider potential funding opportunities, and track progress of this plan.



Concluding Remarks

- ❖ Seek direction for staff to proceed with making the changes to the plan.
- ❖ Discuss timing of the public meeting(s) for consideration to adopt the plan.

