

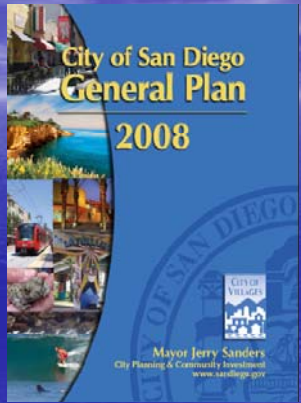
Water Resource and Land Use
Planning

City of San Diego
Case Study
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General Plan

- Comprehensive plan for growth and development adopted by the City Council in March 2008
- Smart growth approach tailored for San Diego
- Addresses climate change and sustainability with policies integrated throughout plan
- Positions San Diego for Strategic Growth Council grants, federal partnership grants and other funding sources






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General Plan
2008

Mayor Jerry Sanders
City Planning & Community Investment
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General Plan Overview

- Represents a shift in focus from how we develop vacant land to how we invest in our existing communities
- Emphasis on combining housing, employment, schools, civic uses at different scales, in village centers
- Achieve high quality of life, address mobility and facilities needs, and manage the City's continued growth
- Smart growth land use strategies also benefit water conservation, watershed protection, storm water quality



General Plan Water Policies



Public Facilities and Conservation Elements

- Water Supply and Infrastructure
 - Increase alternative water sources
 - Provide and maintain infrastructure
 - Expand recycled water distribution system
 - Recognize water/energy nexus
- Sustainable Development
 - Green buildings
 - Landscape design and maintenance



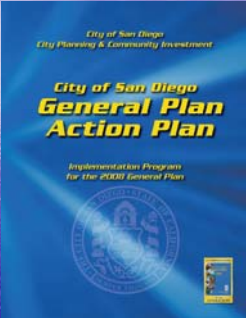
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Public Facilities and Conservation Elements

- Water Conservation and Management
 - Water conservation measures
 - Watershed protection
 - Groundwater and surface water resources management
 - Manage floodplains
- Coordinated Planning
 - State and regional water resource planning
 - Water and land use planning
 - Development project review
 - Plan for emergencies and climate change impacts
- Public Education

General Plan Action Plan



- Identifies actions (implementation measures) derived from General Plan goals and policies
- Organized by GP Element and timeframe
- Sets key implementation priorities
- Helps to inform the budget process
- Will be used for annual monitoring of the General Plan

Implementation

- Program level
- Community & project levels
 - Location-specific policies
 - Permit conditions
 - Environmental review
- Pursue Opportunities
 - Grant Funding
 - Climate change
 - Sustainability
 - Urban greening
 - Storm water
 - Mobility/Walkability
 - Public health
 - Partnerships



Water-Related GP Action Items

- Adopt water efficient model landscape ordinance
- Address water supply in community plan updates
- Require water conservation measures for development projects
- Conserve water and expand recycled water distribution system
- Implement urban runoff programs and regulations

GP Action Plan Items – cont.

- Evaluate and determine implementation of California Green Building Standards
- Improve energy and water efficiency of older existing structures
- Provide sustainable design services in Redevelopment areas
- Continue to expand recycled water distribution system
- Continue public outreach

Regional Collaboration

- Regional Comprehensive Plan
 - Plan for population growth and housing needs
 - Encourage growth to occur in Smart Growth Opportunity Areas
- Urban Water Management Plan Issues
 - Timing with growth forecasts
 - Regional forecast being applied at a parcel level when determining if there is adequate water supply
 - Consider a water supply contingency for land use plan updates and amendments



The image shows the cover of the 'Regional Comprehensive Plan for the San Diego Region' dated 2008, along with a map of the region highlighting various areas.



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Internal City Collaboration

- Climate Protection
- Land Use, Housing, Open Space
- Mobility
- Clean Tech and the Economy
- Energy
- Water
- Waste Management
- Storm Water

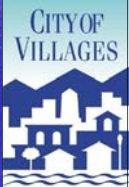
Future Challenges

- Collaboration needed to meet multiple state mandates related to housing supply, water supply, greenhouse gas emissions, storm water, and water quality
- Interconnected water resource issues
- Aging water infrastructure, deferred maintenance
- Storm water: best practices not fully known

General Plan:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/genplan/index.shtml>

General Plan Action Plan:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/genplan/index.shtml>

Final Program Environmental Impact Report:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/genplan/peir.shtml>



The logo for the City of Villages features a stylized white silhouette of a village with several houses and a church spire, set against a blue background. Above the illustration, the words "CITY OF VILLAGES" are written in a white, serif font.
