

Siskiyou County General Plan Update

Community Study Session | August 29, 2023



Introductions



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Established in 1985

Planning and community engagement specialists

Prepared over 65 general plans

Sacramento-based small business (10 employees)

Large network of teaming partners

Customize our teams for each project

General Plan Team



Environmental



Della
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Mobility



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Damkowitz



Economic Development



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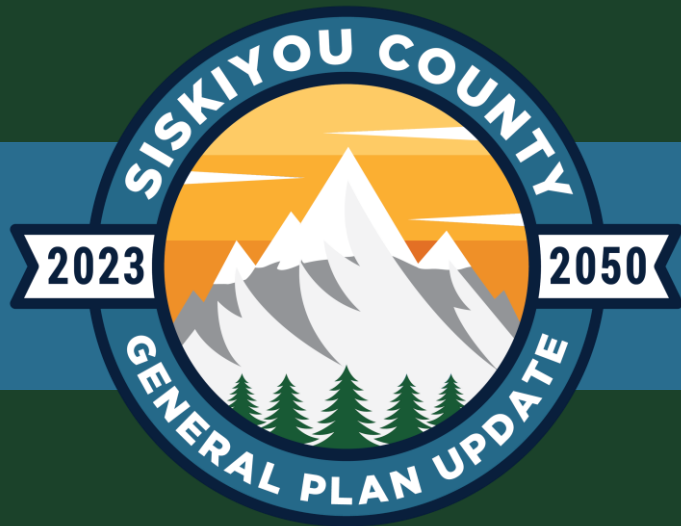




Meeting Objectives

- **Overview of the General Plan and the Requirements**
- **The General Plan Update Process**
- **Community Engagement Program**
- **Discussion on Outcomes, Challenges, and Opportunities**
- **Next Steps**

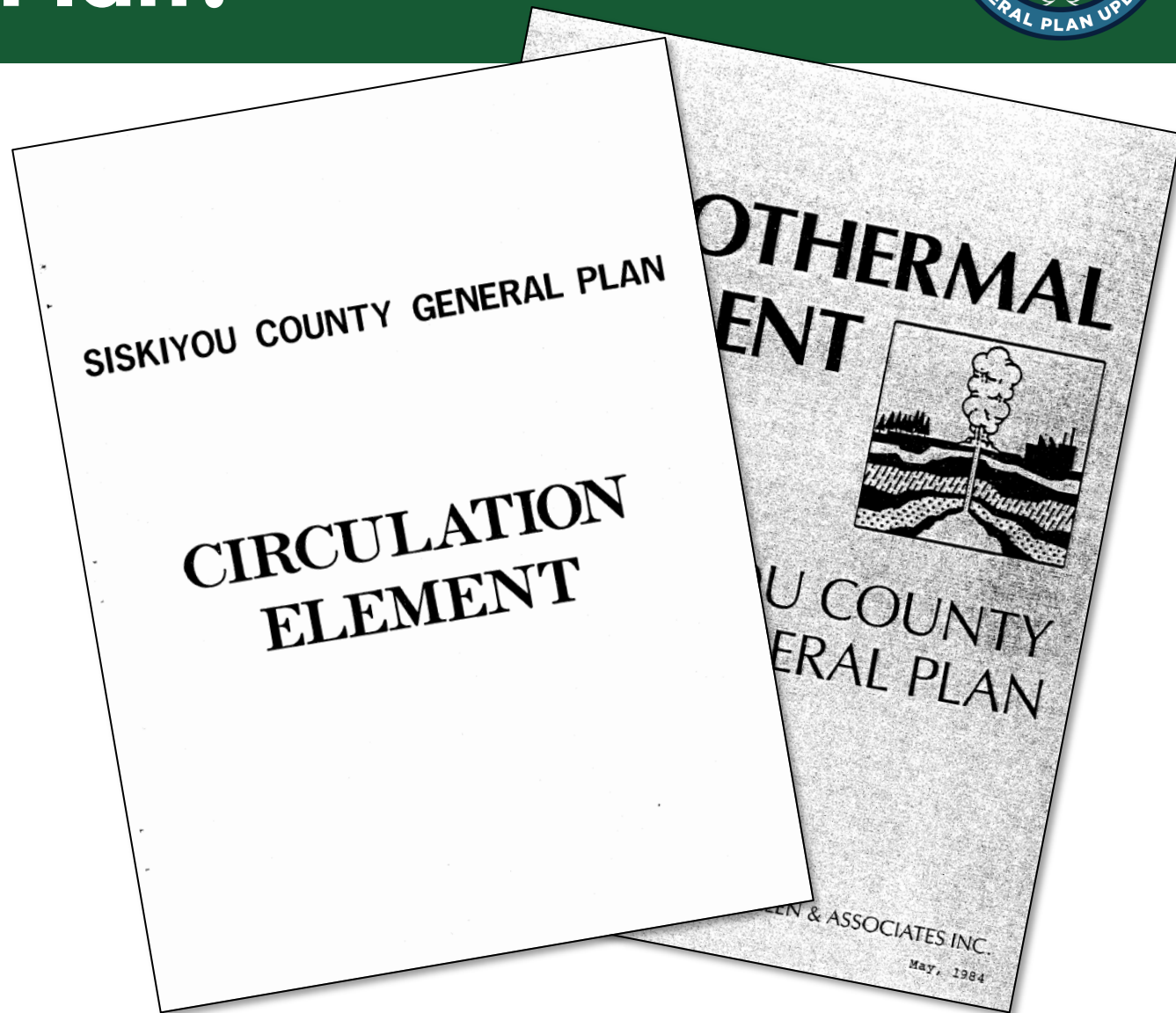
Overview of a General Plan and the Requirements





What is a General Plan?

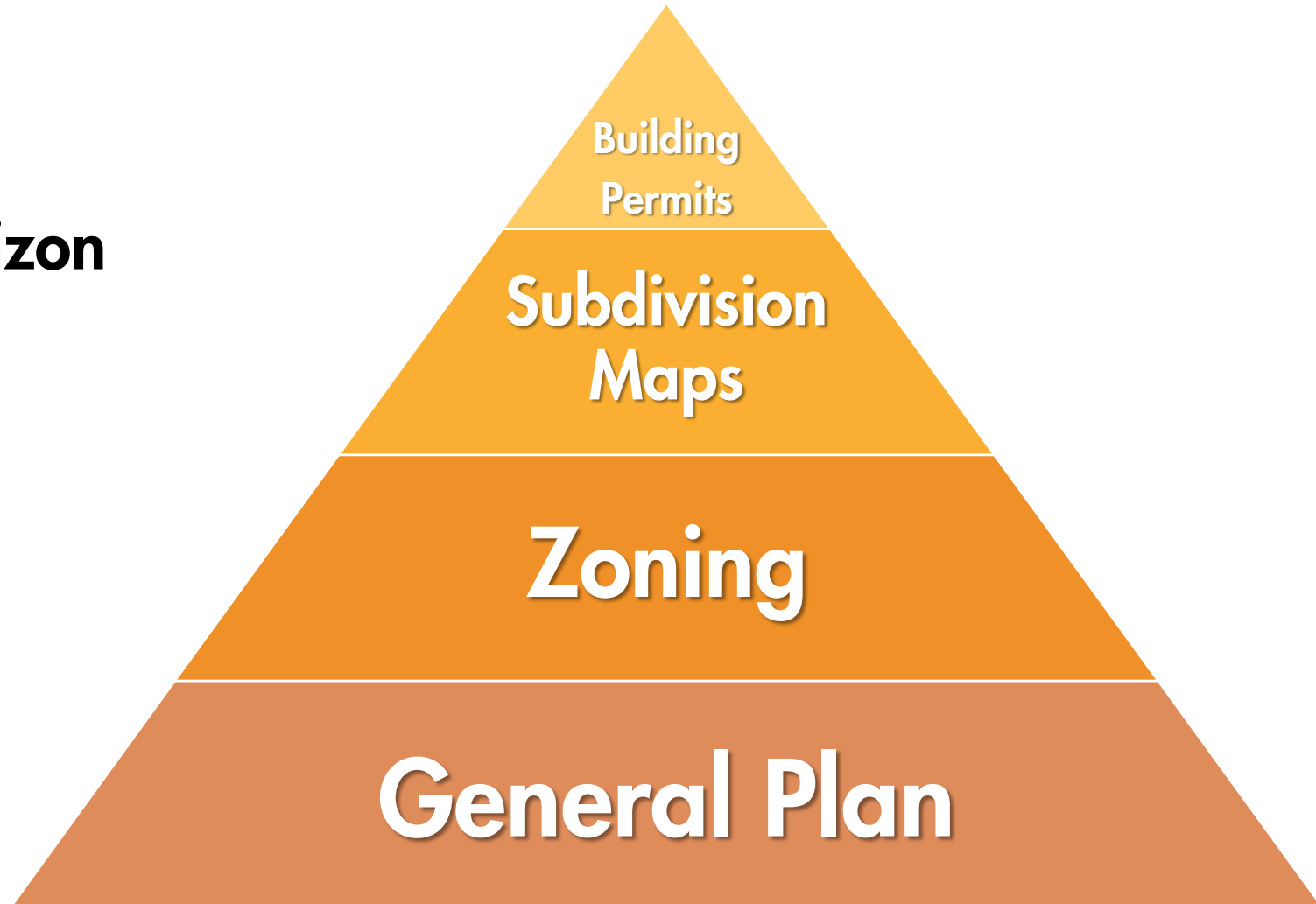
- Required by State law for every jurisdiction
- Represents the community's blueprint for the future





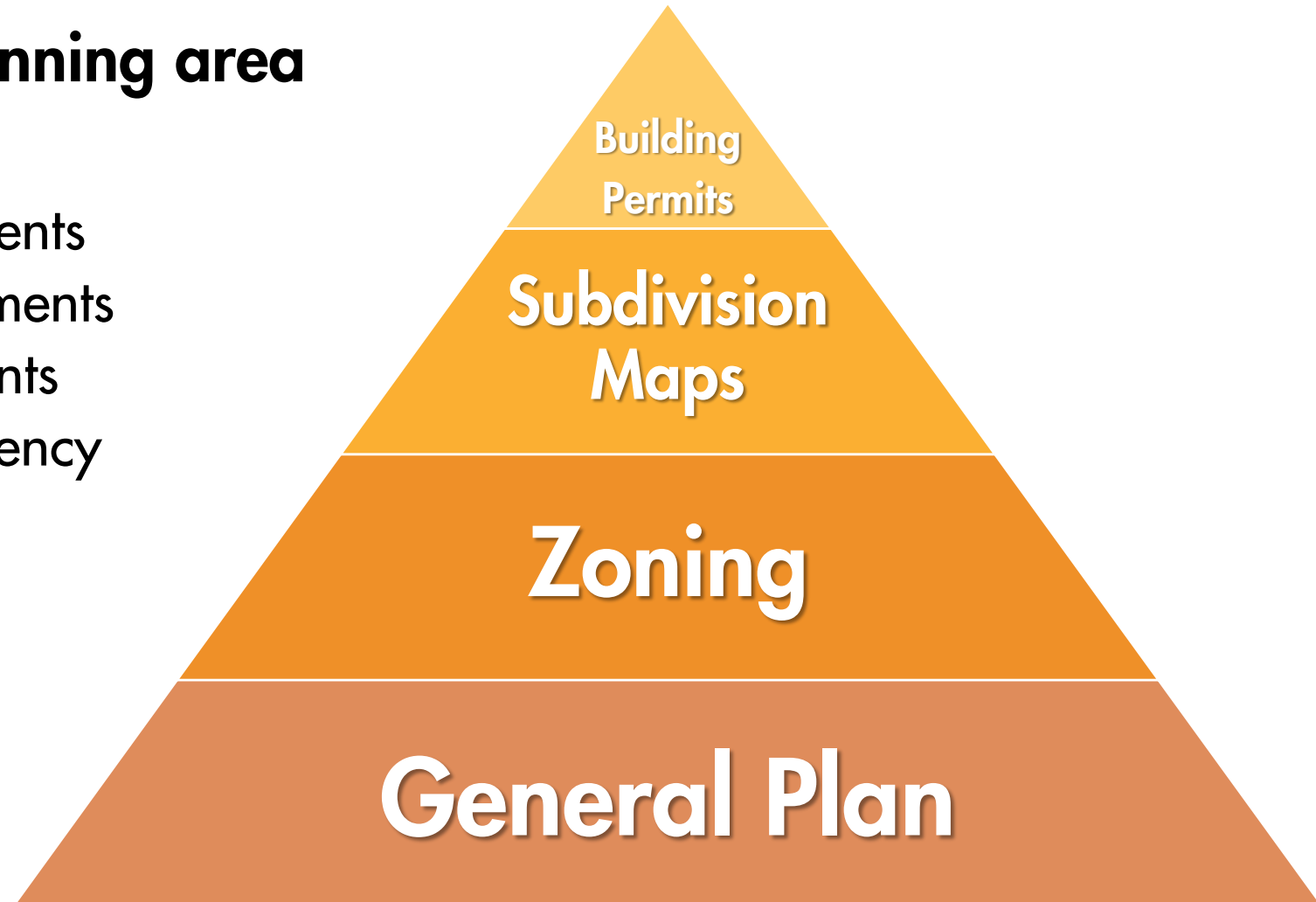
General Plan Characteristics

- **General**
- **Comprehensive**
- **Long-term planning horizon (20-25 years)**



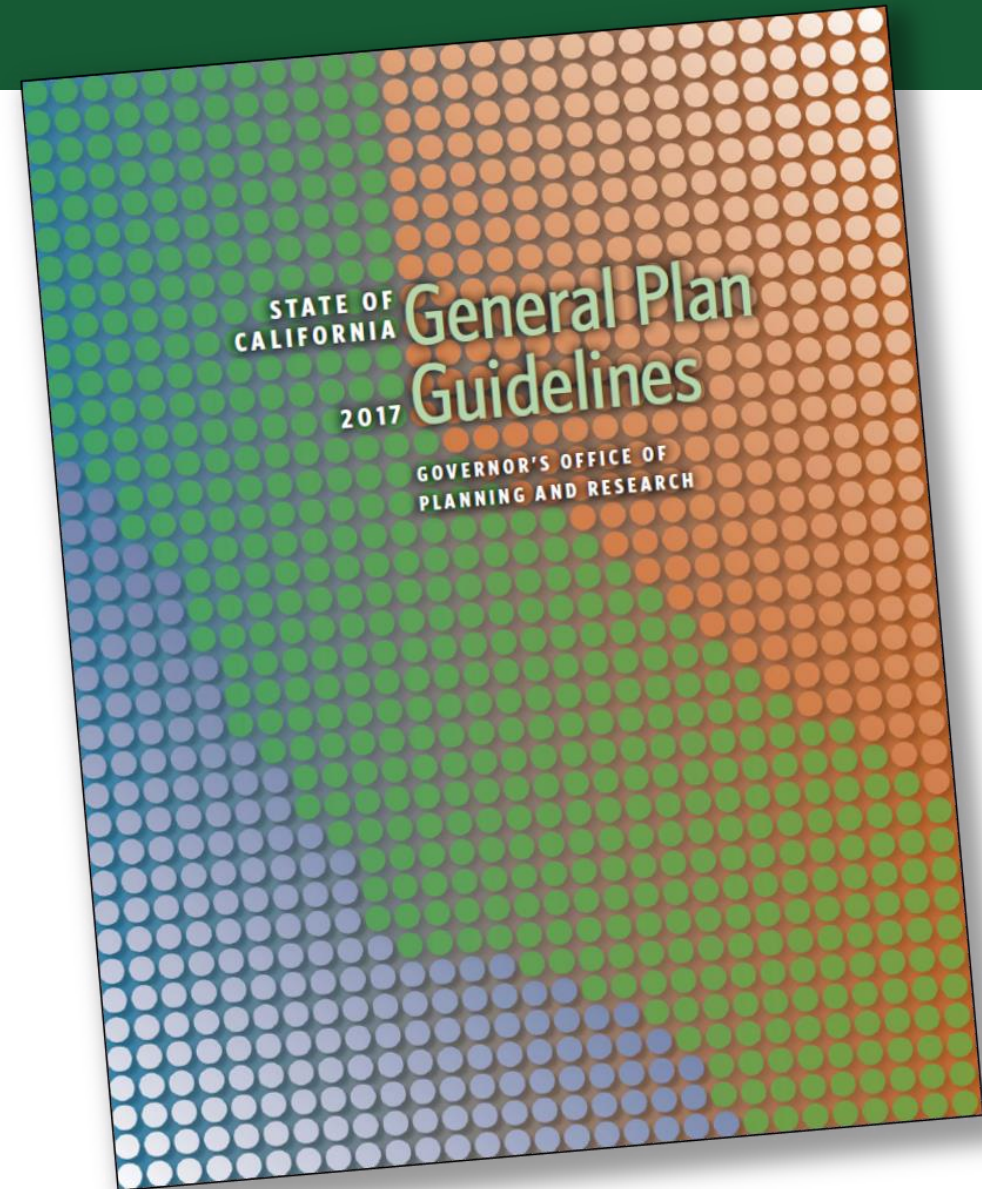
General Plan Characteristics

- **Covers an identified planning area**
- **Internal consistency**
 - Equal status among elements
 - Consistency between elements
 - Consistency within elements
 - Text and diagram consistency



Required Elements

- Land Use
- Circulation
- Housing
- Conservation
- Open Space
- Safety
- Noise
- Environmental Justice
- Air Quality (*Central Valley Communities*)



New State Requirements



Environmental
Justice



Tribal
Consultation



Complete Streets



Vehicle Miles
Traveled



GHG Emissions



Climate Change
Adaptation



Wildfires and
Flooding



Housing Sites and
Streamlining

The General Plan Update Process





General Plan Update Focus

- **Update select elements of the General Plan**
 - Land Use Element
 - Nosing Element
 - Open Space and Conservation
- **Establish a General Plan Vision Statement and Guiding Principles**
- **Prepare a realistic, achievable, implementable General Plan**
- **Incorporate a comprehensive update to the County's Zoning Code**
- **Prioritize healthy communities**



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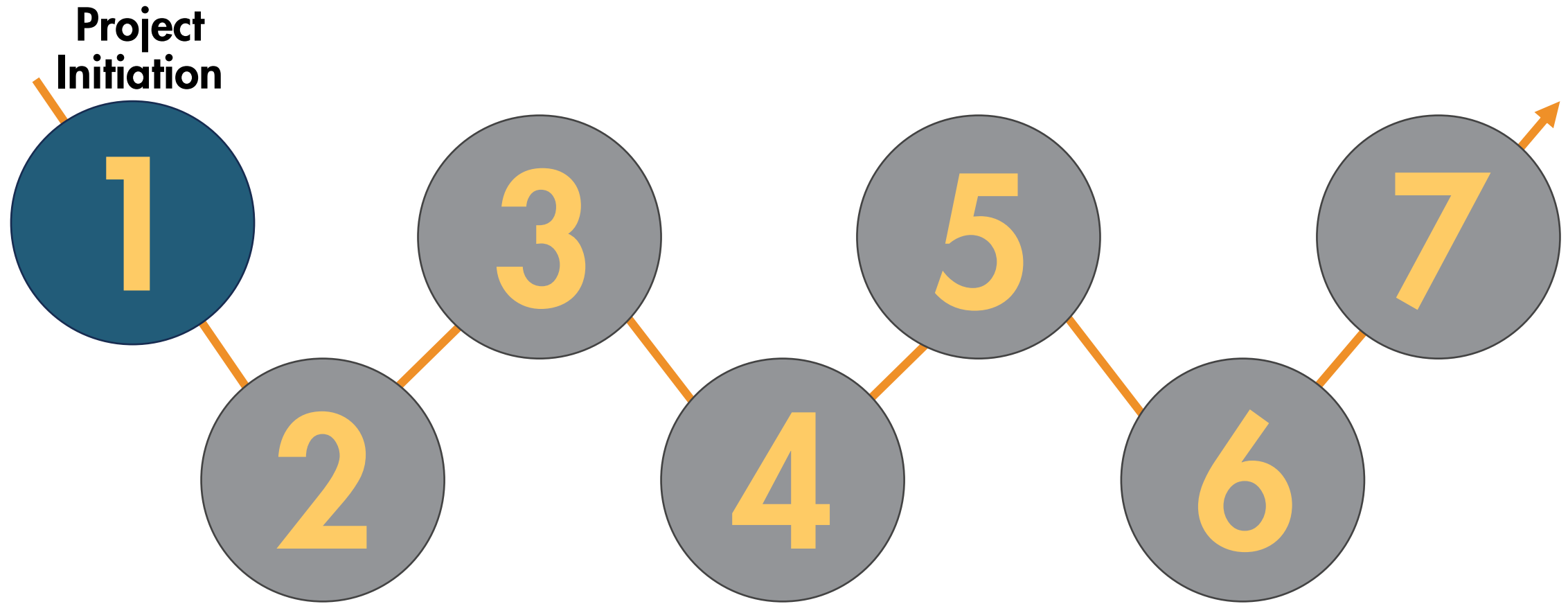
- **Capture emerging trends and best practices**
- **Ensure compliance with recent State laws and General Plan Guidelines**
- **Incorporate community resiliency into all aspects of the project through a “safety in all policies” approach**
- **Robust community engagement**

Project Timeline

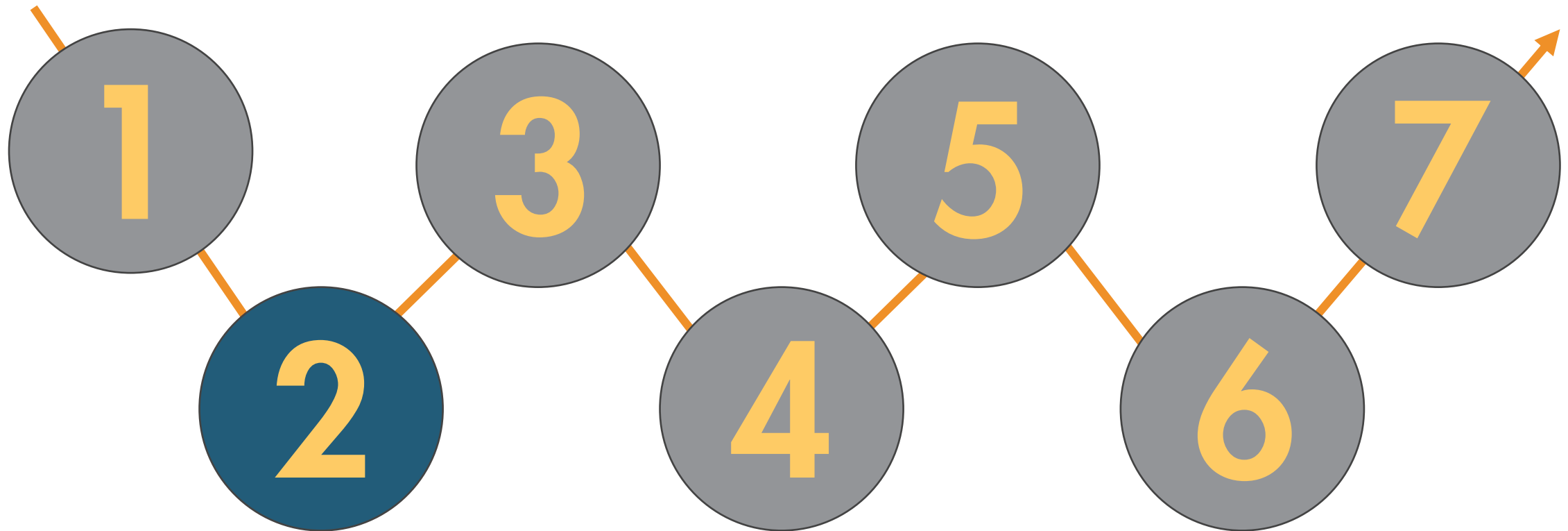


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Phase 0: Project Management	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Phase 1: Project Initiation	█	█	█																												
Phase 2: Existing Conditions Background Report			█	█	█	█	█	█	█																						
Phase 3: Community Vision and Guiding Principles						█	█	█	█	█	█	█																			
Phase 4: Zoning Code Revisions							█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█														
Phase 5: General Plan Preparation													█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█									
Phase 6: Environmental Impact Report (EIR)																		█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█			
Phase 7: Final Documents and Adoption																												█	█	█	█

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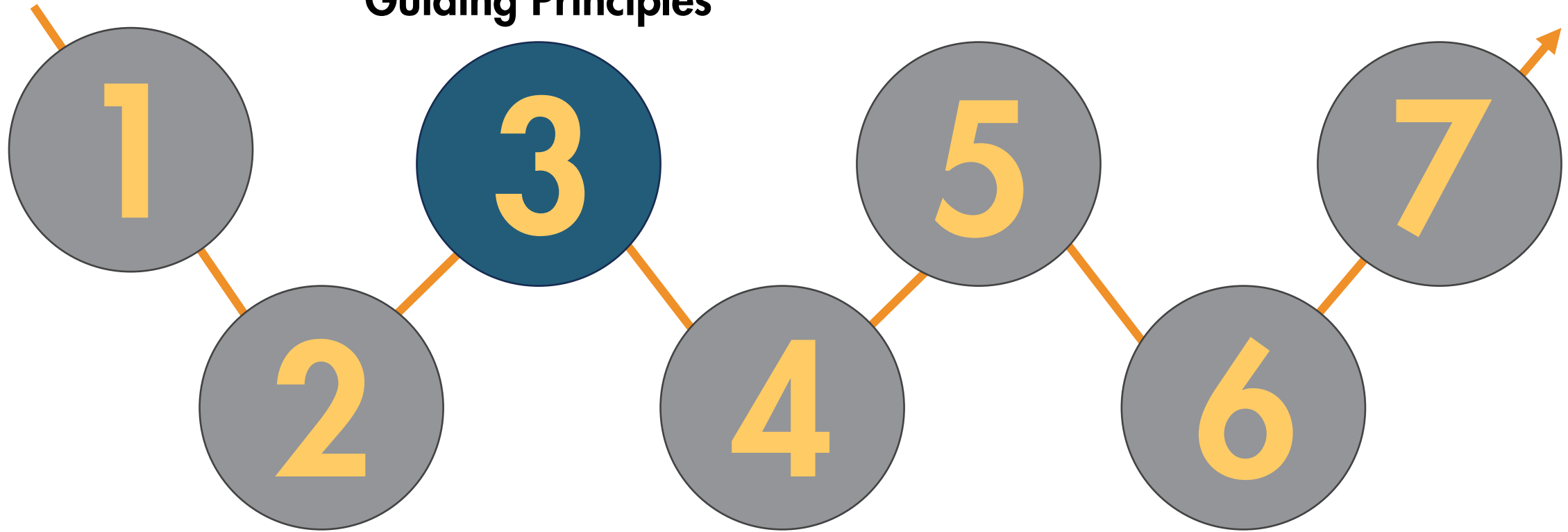


**Existing Conditions
Background Report**

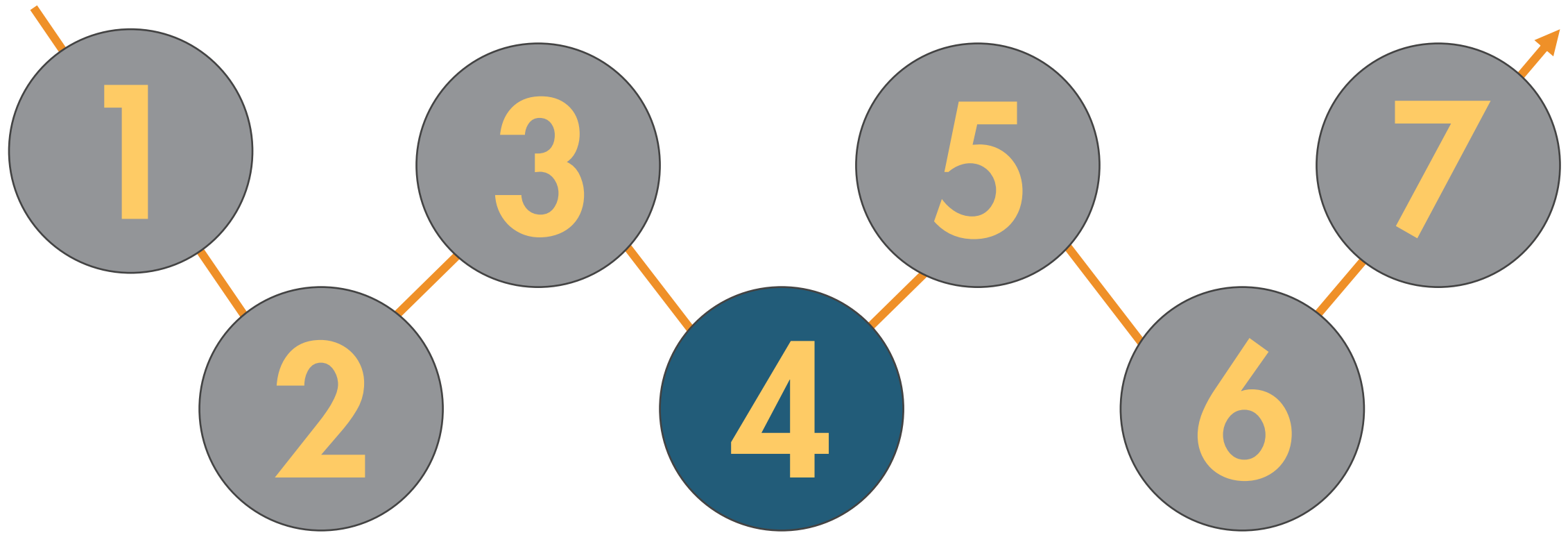
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Community Vision and Guiding Principles



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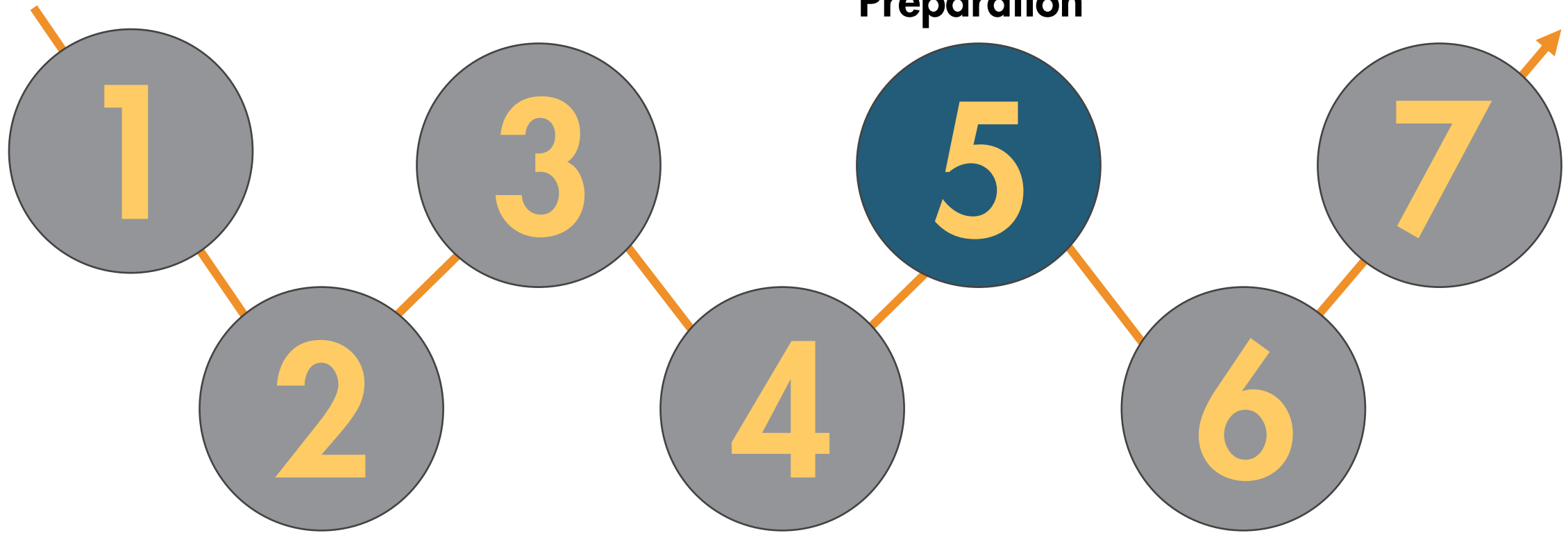


**Zoning Code
Revisions**

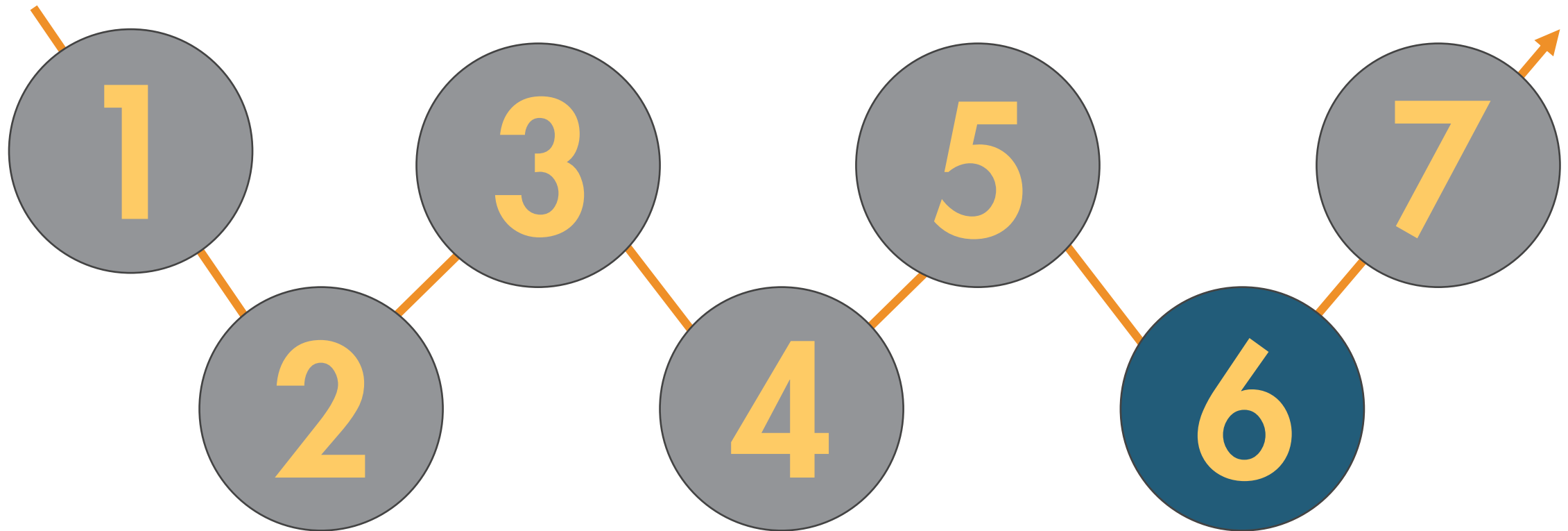
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**General Plan
Preparation**

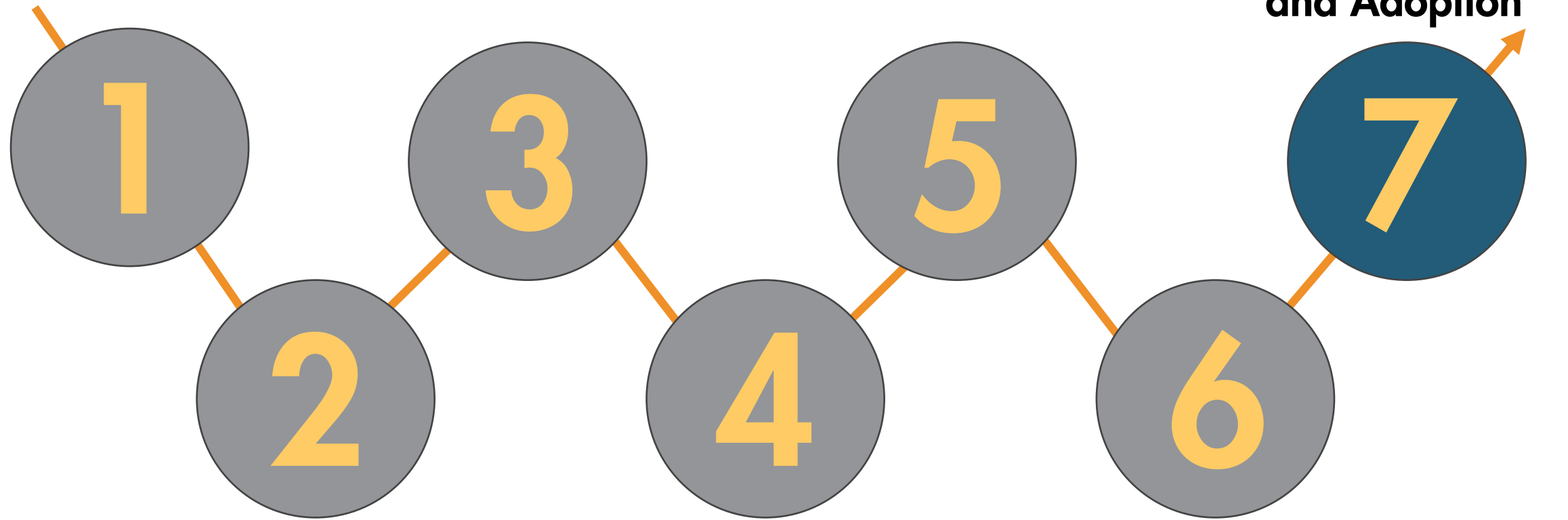


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**Environmental
Impact Report (EIR)**

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Community Outreach Strategy



Outreach Program



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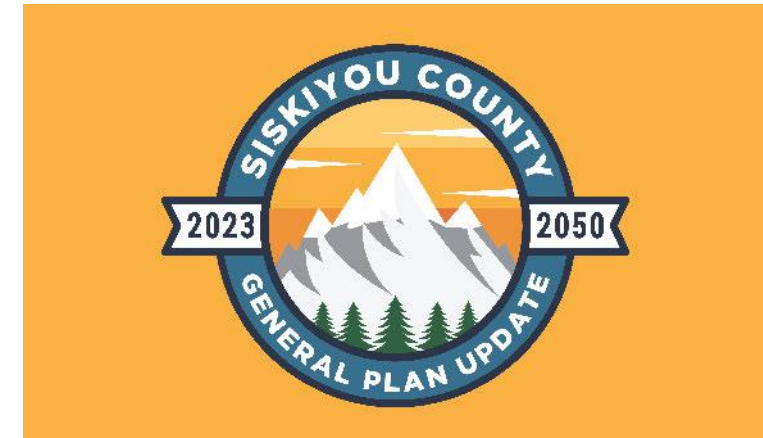
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Your input matters!
The General Plan is the County's long-range plan for the future. Join us as we update this plan to guide Siskiyou County to the year 2050.

To learn more about the Update and provide your input and ideas, visit the project website:
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Newsletter #1: General Plan Overview

In May 2023, the County of Siskiyou (the County) began its approximately three year process to update the General Plan and Zoning Code. Throughout this process, the County is looking to the community to provide input and guide the future of Siskiyou County. This newsletter provides a short summary of the Project and ways residents can participate in the process. To learn more, please visit: siskiyou2050.com

Visit the Project Website to:

- Stay informed on the status of the project
- Find out about upcoming meetings
- Sign up for email updates
- Share your vision of the county's future

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What is a General Plan?

Every city, town, and county in California must have a general plan, which is the local government's long-term framework or "constitution" for future growth and development. The general plan represents the community's view of its future and expresses the community development goals. The general plan contains the goals and policies upon which the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission will base their land use decisions. Typically, a general plan is designed to address the issues facing the County for the next 20 years. The general plan is made up of a collection of "elements," or topic categories. This project will update three General Plan elements: land use, noise, and open space and conservation.

A general plan has three defining features:

General. A general plan provides general policy guidance that will be relied on to guide future land use and resource decisions.

Comprehensive. A general plan is comprehensive in nature, covering a range of topics, such as land use, housing, economic development, infrastructure, public safety, recreation, natural resources, and much more.

Long-Range. A general plan provides guidance on reaching a future envisioned 20 or more years in the future. To achieve the vision, a comprehensive plan includes goals, policies, and actions that address both immediate and long-term needs.



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Outcomes, Challenges, and Opportunities



Discussion Topics



- 1. When the General Plan update is complete, what would make you feel the process was a successful effort?**
- 2. Are there any additional key challenges in Siskiyou County that you feel the General Plan should address?**
- 3. What are additional key opportunities in Siskiyou County that the General Plan should enhance or protect?**

Next Steps





Next Steps

- **Collaboration with City staff on the General Plan Audit**
- **Formation of the Technical Advisory Committee**
- **Preparation of the Existing Conditions Background Report**

Thank You

