

From: [Nancy Ogren](#)
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2024 3:07 PM
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Subject: Fwd: A suggestion for expert input for our County Plan.

See below.

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Subject: A suggestion for expert input for our County Plan.

Dear County Supervisors, I wish to congratulate all of you on your work to develop a long term plan for our beautiful country that respects input from our citizens as well as considering the knowledge of experts in strengthening our economy, our history and way of life here in Siskiyou County. That said I wish to forward a suggestion for an expert in county planning and whose family resides within our borders. His name is John H. Giordanengo. John has written a book that outlines the principles of restoring a free economic zone. By this he references the historic goals of the State of Jefferson whose objective was to become an independant, self-reliant state that honors its history, small businesses and its land based economy. I believe John would be an ideal consultant in the development of our Siskiyou Counties master plan. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions regarding John and his expertise. Thank you and all the best to you and your families.

Sincerely, Bonnie Wood

From: [Bonnie Wood](#)
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 5:11 PM
To: [Hailey Lang](#)
Cc: [Charnna Gilmore](#); [Ryan Lester](#); [Brent Gibbons](#); [James V. Phelps](#)
Subject: Re: Resources for water planning

Sounds good, thank you.

On Mon, Aug 5, 2024, 2:51 PM Hailey Lang <hlang@co.siskiyou.ca.us> wrote:

Received, thank you Bonnie. I have included the General Plan consultant team to record this as a comment for the General Plan as well as county planning staff working on these efforts.

Thanks!
Hailey

From: Bonnie Wood <bonnie.wood20@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 1:29 PM
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Subject: Re: Resources for water planning

<https://www.sustainability.gov/pdfs/usda-2024-cap.pdf>

On Mon, Aug 5, 2024 at 1:22 PM Bonnie Wood <bonnie.wood20@gmail.com> wrote:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/natural-resource-concerns/water/western-water-and-working-lands-framework-for>

From: [Bonnie Wood](#)
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 6:13 PM
To: [Hailey Lang](#)
Subject: Some additional resources to consider and share.

Hi Hailey, I am guessing that our Siskiyou County 2050 plan will be developed with an eye on funding opportunities to support the county's initiatives going forward. For this reason I will continue to share these kinds of resources to support efforts that will make Siskiyou County more sustainable. Thank you for offering this information to planners who are seeking to identify the support needed to achieve a better future for Siskiyou County Citizens. All the best.

Sincerely, Bonnie Wood

<https://toolkit.climate.gov/content/funding-opportunities>

August 27 2024

Siskiyou County General Plan Update – Wildfire Safety Comment

Please Note: This comment content is supported by our interagency wildfire protection forces (local, state and federal), Fire Safe Council Siskiyou County (FSCSC), county real estate and insurance agency representatives, community leaders and natural resource entity leaders.

These comments pertain specifically to Chapter 9. Safety and Hazards of the GP

Section 9.7 History of Events (SAF 21) – This section has omitted very important statistics: Too many Siskiyou County citizens have experienced catastrophic loss due to wildfire events in our county in the last decade. Since 2014, Siskiyou County has suffered the consequences of multiple fatalities and over 800 structures lost in severe wildfire events. The last decade of wildfires of significance in human-related loss by year include: 2014: Boles Fire, Degrade Fire; 2016: Gap Fire; 2018: Klamathon Fire; 2020: Lava Fire, Antelope Fire, Slater Fire; 2022: McKinny Fire, Mill Fire; 2023: Head Fire. The current wildland fuels situation, as noted in ‘Existing and Future Development’ (SAF-23), our leadership acknowledges that the wildfire environment is and continues to be, a priority hazard in our county. Actions to update consistent wildfire public safety requirements are imperative.

Section 9.7 Fire Hazards (SAF-19) (*Summary of proposed update to existing wildfire safety requirements*):

The goal of our collective response is to provide citizens and first responders with updated wildfire protection measures that support consistency in safety protocols and standards across administrative boundaries in our county wildland urban interface (WUI). Community residents and wildland fire-fighting forces are aware of the significant risk factor posed by inherent inconsistencies in current wildfire protection safety requirements across jurisdictions within our WUI (LRA, SRA, FRA)

We propose that our team, consisting of interagency fire and community leadership representation, draft the documentation that addresses the proposed update to the General Plan wildfire safety element. This update will support an adoption of the language/requirements in PRC 4290 and 4291 as a baseline. In tandem with the baseline PRC adoption, there will also be a carefully drafted safety ‘ordinance’ section, specifically designed to fill well known and critically necessary safety ‘gaps’ in Siskiyou County’s WUI. Elements included in the ‘gaps’ are safety requirements regarding: addressing, open space, parcels/empty lots), access-egress/roadways, and set-backs, maintenance of fuel clearance zones.

The update proposal will also include suggested options for funding the implementation process that would not substantially task the county finances. Leadership and enforcement of these safety requirements would be incorporated in partnership with county and interagency cooperation, and collaboratively implemented in our WUI areas. This action has been successfully implemented in surrounding counties through active fee schedules and could be augmented via grants and partnerships in the start-up phases, thereby alleviating unfeasible funding from county budget.

Amazingly, of the 58 counties in California, only Siskiyou County and one other county have not yet implemented this important action measure. Our fire-fighting forces and every citizen in our county need to know that we truly are doing our best to proactively provide for safety in one of the highest fire risk areas of our state.

Please Note: We will provide additional examples from nearby counties. Here are just 2 references:

- 1) Partnership Example: <https://www.tehamacountyrcd.org/defensible-space-assistance-program>
- 2) Fee Schedule: <https://www.tehamacountyfire.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/TCFD-Fee-Structure-1-1-2023.pdf>