

## REGIONAL PUBLIC FACILITIES FINANCING AND SITING

**POLICY: PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING AND SITING PROCESSES FOR REGIONAL PUBLIC FACILITIES**

The financing and siting of regional public facilities is critical to our quality of life. If we don't have money to pay for needed facilities, or can't find acceptable places to locate them, our quality of life will suffer. Paying for these facilities is expensive and becoming more so, and the siting of facilities such as landfills, and sewage treatment and water reclamation plants pose serious difficulties.

A Regional Public Facilities Financing Plan is being prepared with the assistance of the Regional Revenues Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is reviewing the sources of revenue currently used to pay for regional public facilities, and evaluating potential new sources including regional development impact fees. Thirteen regional facilities/services are being studied: water, sewerage, solid waste, energy, hazardous waste, transportation, justice facilities, regional parks and open space, health, libraries, animal control, social services and fire communications. The unfunded needs of these facilities/services over the next twenty years are the focus of the plan. The Advisory Committee has not completed its work. When complete, their recommendations for funding regional public facilities will be brought to the Regional Board for inclusion in the Strategy.

The purpose of addressing facilities siting in the Strategy is to determine whether we need to improve existing siting processes and procedures through additional cooperative regional efforts. Local and regional siting processes for region-serving facilities in the areas of water, sewerage and transportation are well established, and have proven workable and adaptable to changing conditions. This is not to say that siting is not often a lengthy, costly and contentious process. However, these processes do ultimately work most of the time, so changes are not recommended at this time.

Siting difficulties have, however, been much more extensive and intractable for solid waste and hazardous waste facilities. In recognition of this situation, the jurisdictions and agencies responsible for the siting of these types of facilities have initiated efforts to improve siting processes. For hazardous waste, a fair share siting policy was approved as part of the San Diego County Hazardous Waste Management Plan and Southern California Hazardous Waste Management Plan in 1989. For solid waste, the region's Integrated Waste Management Task Force (SANDAG Board and Technical and Citizens Advisory Committees) is working on siting issues now.

It is recommended that the efforts to improve the siting processes for solid waste and hazardous waste, as well as ongoing efforts in the areas of water, sewerage and transportation, be encouraged and recognized by the Regional Growth Management Strategy. Similar siting processes to those for solid and hazardous waste, and cooperative agreements may need to be worked out for other regional public facility siting issues. The important contribution of habitat management and conservation programs to siting these facilities should also be recognized.

**GROWTH RATE, PHASING  
AND LAND USE DISTRIBUTION**

## GROWTH RATE, PHASING AND LAND USE DISTRIBUTION

When the voters passed Proposition C, the Regional Planning and Growth Control initiative, they called for the consideration of growth rate, phasing and land use distribution issues as part of the work on the Regional Growth Management Strategy.

The region's growth rate, its phasing and distribution are described in the regional growth forecasts prepared by SANDAG. The forecasts are reviewed by everyone in the region, and approved by SANDAG and the 18 cities and the County of San Diego. This growth forecasting process has been used for over 15 years in the San Diego region. The forecasts are used by all local governments, state and federal agencies, and the private sector to guide planning and project decisions.

**POLICY: ANALYZE REGIONAL GROWTH RATE FACTORS FOR THE YEARS 1990 THROUGH 2015 AS PART OF THE SERIES 8 REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST**

The regional growth forecasting process has two phases. In the first phase, regionwide totals of population, housing and employment are forecast over a 25-year period. The second phase distributes the regionwide forecast to jurisdictions, communities and to a wide variety of geographic areas within the region in accordance with local general/community plans.

The development of the regionwide totals requires decision-makers to agree on the factors -- such as the economy and new jobs -- that cause the region to grow.

Like the other elements of the Strategy, the region's growth should help improve our quality of life. So, the factors that cause growth will be evaluated as the Series 8 Forecast are prepared. The final Forecast will include the decisions made by the region to improve our economy and our standard of living as the region grows.

**POLICY: MAXIMIZE TRAVEL CONVENIENCE - AS MEASURED IN TIME, COST AND DISTANCE - THROUGH THE DISTRIBUTION AND DESIGN OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

To help manage the region's growth, the Strategy should contain standards to reduce travel times and trip lengths for the region's residents. The Regional Growth Management