



MEMORANDUM

TO: Deschutes County Planning Commission

FROM: Nicole Mardell, AICP, Senior Planner – Long Range
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DATE: July 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Deschutes 2040 Meeting #11– Review of Comprehensive Plan Document

I. BACKGROUND

The Comprehensive Plan is Deschutes County's policy document for guiding growth and development within the county over a 20-year planning period. The plan's purpose is to provide a policy framework for zoning and land use regulations, demonstrate consistency with statewide goals, rules, and laws, and serve as a cohesive vision for future planning activities.

The project has progressed to phase four, focusing on compilation of the full draft Comprehensive Plan document. Staff is requesting the Planning Commission conduct their final review of the entire draft Deschutes County 2040 document, including goals, policies, and chapter content.

II. PRIOR PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW

The Planning Commission provided initial comments and suggested edits to policies at the meetings listed below. Staff has utilized the information collected at these meetings, in combination with community and technical advisor input, to produce the final draft of the entire document.

- November 11, 2022: Review of Batch 1 Policies – Community Engagement, Land Use, Agricultural Lands
- December 8, 2022: Review of Batch 2 Policies – Forest Lands, Natural Resources, Natural Hazards
- March 9, 2023: Review of Revised Batch 1 Policies
- March 23, 2023: Review of Batch 3 Policies – Housing, Economy, Public Facilities and Services, Recreation and Tourism, Destination Resorts, Area Specific Policies
- March 30, 2023: Additional Review of Batch 3 Policies
- June 22, 2023: Secondary Review of All Goals and Policies

III. NEXT STEPS

Following Planning Commission review of the final draft document, staff will continue to work on the layout and design of the document including incorporation of graphic design elements, photos, and tables and release the full draft for public review. At least 35 days in advance of the initial public hearing, staff will initiate a Post Acknowledgement Plan Amendment, creating the formal hearing record.

Table 1 – Tentative Dates for Comprehensive Plan Update Meetings

| Activity Description | Start Date |
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| | 2023 |
| PC Meeting #12 – Preparation for Public Hearing | October 12 |
| PC Meeting #13 – Initial Public Hearing | October 26 |

Attachment

Draft Deschutes County 2040 Comprehensive Plan
Layout Example