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Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Comp Plan Update
Cc: Jamie Stephens; Cindy Wolf; Christine Minney; Mike Thomas
Subject: Comments regarding Transportation, Housing, Capital Facilities and Utilities Elements
Attachments: Comp Plan Comments 2022 .pdf

Hello Sophia and members of Council,

Please find attached the ARC's comments on the current drafts of the Transportation, Housing, Capital Facilities and Utilities Elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you,
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Memorandum

TO: Sophia Cassam, Planner 2
Jamie Stephens, County Council
Cindy Wolf, County Council
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Mike Thomas, County Manager

From: San Juan County Agricultural Resource Committee (ARC)

Date: 2/16/2022

Subject: Agricultural Resource Committee (ARC) Comments

The Agricultural Resource Committee (ARC) has been engaged with the Comprehensive Review Process since 2016. Below are our comments and recommendations on the current drafts of the Transportation, Housing, Capital Facilities and Utilities Elements.

Transportation Element Draft- September 14, 2020

We heartily support and encourage the inclusion of the following policies and recommend an addition to Policy 18 reflecting the County Council Memo to Legislators on December 14, 2021:

Policy 18 on page 25

18. Support continued safe and effective transport of livestock on ferries per WAC 468-300-700(1)(p). We recommend the addition of the following language to Policy 18: *“Work with legislature and WSF to add language to WAC 468-300-700(1)(p) giving priority loading to perishable livestock products, or vehicles providing scheduled, time-sensitive livestock processing services and inspection.”*

Policy 8 on page 30

8. Support agriculture in the county by continuing to allow unrestricted movement of farm equipment and machinery, as well as unrestricted driving of livestock, on County roads in a reasonable and prudent manner.

Capital Facilities and Services Element Draft- June 30, 2020

We encourage the addition of a new policy to the Solid Waste and Recycling Section 7.3.A on page 16:

Encourage service providers to offer commercial composting, or other biomass value-added processing methods which can recycle nutrients for use in local agricultural production.

Utilities Element Draft- January 6, 2021

We encourage the addition of the policy below to 8.5. B Utility-Specific Goals and Policies- Electricity- Goal 6 on page 10:

Ensure that solar installations are sited and designed in a manner that minimizes impacts on agricultural land, allows for flexibility in future agricultural activity and maximizes potential for multiple benefits from "agrivoltaics".

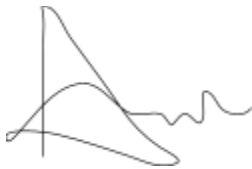
Housing Element Draft- September 16, 2021

Thank you for your hard work on this draft. Many of the recommendations that we put forward in our January 28, 2020 memo have been incorporated into the current draft. Housing is critical for the agricultural workforce. We support the language in this draft concerning tiny homes and tiny home communities and affordable housing.

We recommend a new Policy under Goal 4 on page 18:

Explore and permit innovative approaches to sewer and grey water systems.

Thank you for considering our comments and recommendations.



Annie McIntyre, ARC Chair



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