



CITY *of* CLOVIS

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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SPECIFIC SERVICE PLAN –Nees-Armstrong NE No.2 Reorganization R2018-03 & RO298

1.1 INTRODUCTION

A Site Specific Service Plan for providing services and improvements to land being annexed to the City is required by the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo). The site specific service plan provides assurance to LAFCo that newly annexed land to the City will be properly served as urban territory. The service plan also provides information to property owners, districts and interested parties who may have projects underway within the vicinity of the proposed annexation.

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1.2 SERVICES EXISTING OR PROPOSED

1. Community Water Service

The Water Master Plan Updates, completed in 1995 and 1997, by Provost & Pritchard, Inc., was prepared to support the 1993 Clovis General Plan, and the development plans therein. The plan examined the feasibility of continued growth in the greater Clovis area from a water resource perspective. This included a review of existing and future demands for water from both surface and groundwater. The study area corresponded with the General Plan planning area. Since the 1995 report, the City completed construction of the Surface Water Treatment Facility (SWTF). The 2010 Urban Water Management Plan updated the water supply and demand issues identified in the 1995 Master Plan and recognized the changes in water supply dynamics resulting from the completion of the SWTF.

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The City has 37 domestic water wells to provide for the needs of its residents. Some of these have wellhead treatment facilities to treat contaminated groundwater. The wells discharge water into a distribution main grid, based on a minimum of 12-inch mains, spaced at half-mile intervals. The present water storage facilities consist of two elevated tanks and three ground level tanks. The total storage capacity is 7.06 million gallons.

The City began operations of the Surface Water Treatment Facility, located on the Enterprise Canal on the east side of Clovis, in 2004. Kings River water is supplied to the plant via Fresno Irrigation District's (FID) Enterprise Canal. This 15 million gallons per day (MGD) plant allows Clovis to serve existing users and new growth areas, while lessening the demand on groundwater.

In 2009, the City began operation of the Water Reuse Facility (WRF) to treat wastewater from a portion of the City's growth areas. In 2012, the City began using recycled water from this facility to irrigate public landscapes. At build-out of the system, this facility will be able to produce 8.4 MGD of recycled water.

The strategy for future water supply is termed "conjunctive use" where multiple elements are used to provide a secure long-term supply. It includes using both groundwater and treated surface water to insure a secure drought-resistant water supply with the flexibility to use surface and groundwater supplies in a cost and operationally-efficient manner. This strategy is conducive to phased development that is critical to both community approval and existing operational constraints.

Water systems for newly developed areas, such as the project sites, will be financed by development fees, assessment districts, and capital facilities funding. Additional surface water supplies for certain growth areas will be financed by the Water Supply development fee.

2. Wastewater

The Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility serves the Fresno and Clovis urban area from its location southwest of the two cities. The City of Clovis owns and maintains sewer lines within the City Sphere of Influence, with the exception of the Tarpey Village area, which is maintained by the City of Fresno. The City operates the Water Reuse Facility which treats wastewater from a portion of the City and provides recycled water for use in public landscapes. This facility will be expanded as required to serve portions of the northwest and northeast growth areas. The City does not have sewer collection facilities constructed for the entire current Sphere of Influence at this time, but all areas have been master planned.

The Clovis Wastewater Master Plan Update in 1996 provided the City with a course of action with respect to wastewater service needs through the year 2030, in keeping with the Clovis General Plan.

Wastewater facilities for newly developed areas will be financed by development fees, assessment districts, and capital facilities funding.

3. Streets

Street maintenance provides preventive and corrective maintenance on all City streets and alleys. The unit also maintains all lane striping, pavement markings and legends, and all street regulatory, warning, and information signs as well as all street name signs.

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4. Solid Waste Collection

Refuse Collection collects and disposes of solid waste generated by residential and commercial customers located within the City. Private vendors, under City contract, collect waste from select commercial customers and recyclables and yard wastes from residential customers. For improved cost accounting and control, the Refuse Collection Unit is further organized into four sub-accounts identified as Administration, Landfill, and Residential which includes Commercial and Community Cleanup.

Refuse Landfill conducts all operations necessary to landfill City refuse in accordance with county, state, and federal requirements. The Clovis landfill is an active Class III landfill which accepts municipal solid waste that is currently permitted through the year 2053.

Refuse Contracts provides refuse-related services to the community through contracts with private vendors. These include refuse compactor and roll-off services for larger businesses, and residential curbside recycling, and greenwaste programs.

5. Fire Protection

The Fire Department employs two primary measures in determining service for the community and future development. The first measure is distribution. "Distribution" describes station locations that allow for a rapid first-due response deployment to mitigate fire and medical aid emergencies before they result in further life/property loss. Distribution is measured by how much of the jurisdiction is covered by first due units within our adopted response time goal of arrival within 5 minutes or less 90% of the time. The second term, "concentration" is a measure of how many multiple units are within sufficient proximity to provide the necessary tools, equipment and personnel, known as an effective response force, for a large scale incident or when another unit is assigned to a concurrent emergency. An initial effective response force is one that has been determined likely to stop the escalation of a fire emergency and bring it effectively under control.

In addition to these factors, Clovis Fire has conducted several station location studies over the last ten years to ensure efficient and effective operations. Stations have generally been located in between 4.5 to 5 mile squares near major street intersections. Previous studies identified various station configurations that could serve City growth depending on the type of development and infrastructure planned for these areas. Currently, the Clovis Fire Department operates out of five fire stations located throughout the City.

In determining desired levels of resource concentration to maintain existing standards and to provide equal protection to future growth areas, the Clovis Fire Department analyzed the risk assessment, call volume, population, critical task analysis, and industry standards. Depending on the factors previously noted, the number of units needed for an initial effective response force are dispatched as defined in the Critical Task Analysis document.

Consideration for community protection must also take into account utilization of Automatic Aid Agreements that provide the closest available resources, regardless of jurisdiction. Using software programs and data from neighboring jurisdictions, fire staff are able to analyze the concentration of units revealing detailed information regarding the deployment of resources necessary to provide an effective fire fighting force within defined response time goals for a geographic area neighboring other fire protection districts.

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The Emergency Services Bureau is responsible for providing the resources needed by Fire Department staff who respond daily to requests for emergency and non-emergency services from the citizens of Clovis through four divisions: Operations, Special Operations, Training and Support Services, and Communications. The Operations Division activities include: responding to fires, first responder medical services, mapping, radio communications, apparatus replacement, etc. The Special Operations Division is covered below under Emergency Preparedness. The Training and Support Services Division activities include: recruitment, testing and training of new employees, in-service training for all Fire Department safety employees, coordination of the Fire Explorer program, apparatus maintenance, facilities maintenance, station supplies, etc. The Communications Division has the responsibility for providing dispatch services to the Fire Department. The fire dispatch center coordinates the emergency response of all City fire resources, mutual or automatic aid resources, and general information management. The Department continues to promote sound planning, economic efficiency, and effective use of the City resources while providing essential and valuable services.

Life Safety and Enforcement Bureau regulates and enforces fire safety through three divisions using adopted fire codes, standards, and local ordinances while continually educating the citizens and youth in our community about fire behavior and life safety. The Bureau has the responsibility to investigate all fires for cause and origin, and enforce minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property, and public welfare. The provision of public education regarding home safety, disaster preparedness, and arson prevention is critical to maintain a fire-safe community. The Fire Prevention Division provides quality support for our growing community through consultations with developers, plan review, and new construction inspections. In addition, an aggressive weed abatement program reduces fire hazards and helps maintain an attractive community. The Administrative Services Division activities include: incident response data management, time keeping, and other routine duties performed daily that support the delivery of emergency and non-emergency services.

Emergency Preparedness Division has the responsibility for preparing and carrying out emergency plans to protect property and the citizens of Clovis in case of actual or threatened conditions of disaster or extreme peril. This includes having an emergency plan in place, maintaining an Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and following the Standard Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines. The Special Operations Division is managed under the Emergency Services Bureau and has the responsibility for responding to emergency incidents that require specific and advanced training and specialized tools and equipment. The Department currently fields a Hazardous Materials Response Team and an Urban Search and Rescue Team. Some funding for this division is augmented by state and federal grants.

6. Law Enforcement

The responsibility of the Police Department is to provide protection and police-related services to the community. The Department's mission is to do this in a manner that builds public confidence and improves the quality of life in Clovis. Police headquarters is located at the Clovis Civic Center. Currently, the Police Department has 96 sworn officers. The current ratio is 0.97 sworn officers per 1,000 residents. In accordance with the recommendations contained in the Police Department Master Service Plan, the Police Department will seek funding to achieve and maintain a ratio of 1.3 officers per 1,000 residents.

Police protection to the unincorporated areas is provided by the Fresno County Sheriff and California Highway Patrol. The City has a mutual aid assistance agreement with both agencies.

The operations of the Police Department, now and as the City grows, will be funded through the General Fund, Community Facilities District (CFD) fund, and grants. It is noted that continued annexation and development without proportionate increase in the funding of safety services will have an effect on the city's ability to maintain acceptable service levels.

The Department is organized into four major divisions, which are composed of seven budgetary sections.

7. Parks & Recreation

The Parks Section provides maintenance to City parks, trails, street landscaping, City trees, and numerous recreational facilities, including playgrounds and picnic sites; maintains Old Town streetscape; and provides grounds maintenance at City administrative facilities. Parks provide support for civic activities such as hanging banners and decorating for Christmas, Rodeo Weekend, Big Hat Days, and Farmer's Market. The Park Section administers the Landscape Maintenance District (LMD), which provides funding for maintenance of certain parks, trails, street landscaping, streetlights, and neighborhood architectural enhancement features for areas within the Landscape Maintenance District. All City owned landscaping that is not within the LMD is funded through the General Fund.

8. Transit Services

The Community Services Division administers various senior citizen programs at the Clovis Senior Center. The Division also administers the City's Round-Up demand-response transit program, the fixed-route Stageline transit program, and administers the City's contract with Fresno Area Express (FAX). User fees, and state and federal transit funds and grants support the transit service.

9. Storm Drainage

Storm Drain responds to significant rainfall events by providing sand bags, pumping of flooded areas, monitoring stream channels, placing warning signage, and pumping temporary storm drain basins when needed. It also provides pre-storm cleaning of drain inlets to ensure debris do not hamper proper operation of the storm drain collection system.

10. Street Lighting

Street Lighting and Traffic Signals provides maintenance and operations of traffic signals and City owned street lights. It also coordinates repairs of PG&E-owned street lights and pays all street light and traffic signal utility bills.

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11. Schools

The City of Clovis and its sphere of influence lies primarily within the Clovis Unified School District (CUSD). Only a small portion of the southwest area of the city lies in the Fresno Unified School District (FUSD). A small portion of the southeast area of the sphere of influence lies within the Sanger Unified School District (SUSD). These districts are affected by residential growth in the Clovis area. CUSD is managing the growth by financing new facilities through bonds, development fees, and state schools funding. The area of the City serviced by FUSD is fully built-out and future development within the City's sphere of influence will not affect this district.

The Project site is located within the Clovis Unified School District.

12. Other Services

Pacific Gas and Electric (P. G. & E.) provides gas and electrical service to the City of Clovis, its sphere of influence, and Fresno County. Electrical service is supplied by underground and overhead lines routed through three substations in the greater Clovis area. The hierarchy of establishing electrical power lines from generation stations to customers is as follows: transmission distribution; sub-transmission; and service. P. G. & E. provides gas to customers through plastic and steel underground lines. Residents not serviced by P. G. & E. use propane fuel.

13. FINANCING OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES

The City Council has established fiscal policies that govern the city's financial administration and are designed to safeguard the city's assets, provide a stable funding base, and ensure that adequate accounting data are compiled. These accounting data allow for the preparation of various accounting reports such as the annual budget and the annual year-end financial report. Following are the financial policies that provide the basis for the financial direction of the city.

- The City's budget policy states that all operating budgets shall be balanced and ongoing costs will not exceed current revenues plus available fund balance that exceeds reserve requirements. The minimum reserve for any operational fund is 5% of the budgeted expenditures with the goal for reserves of 15% of budgeted expenditures unless capital borrowing or extraordinary fiscal conditions require that higher levels of reserves be maintained. Budgetary and purchasing controls have been instituted that ensure adherence to the adopted budget.
- The Enterprise Funds are to be fully supported by user fees and charges, and the Internal Services Funds are to be funded at appropriate levels to ensure reasonable ability to respond to unforeseen events. In response to this policy, in 1992 the city began transferring funds into the General Government Services Fund (an Internal Service Fund) to address the building space needs for new fire stations, corporation yard consolidation, new animal shelter, regional parks, industrial parks, and major remodeling, repairs, or additions to existing facilities. The fund also provides resources to improve and expand the use of technology for improved productivity and effectiveness.
- The City will not issue long-term debt to cover current operations. The city will consider the issuance of long-term debt to purchase/build capital assets when those assets will benefit users over several years and it is determined that it is more equitable to spread the capital investment and financing costs of the asset to current and future users of the asset.

- Annually, the City must have an audit of its financial records by a certified public accountant and submit an annual financial report to the City Council by December 31 for the previous fiscal year.
- Fees for services are to be charged for services provided where appropriate and should cover the cost to deliver the service. Fees are to be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that the fee is appropriate for the service provided.
- The City has established development impact fees so that growth pays the cost of infrastructure improvements as well as other development related impacts.
- The City will invest available cash assets in a manner consistent with the safeguards and diversity that a prudent investor would adhere to with primary emphasis on preservation of principal, sufficient liquidity to cover anticipated payment outflows, and, lastly, high yields consistent with the first two goals. The City's investments will be consistent with Section 53601 of the Government Code of the State of California that identifies which types of investments are eligible for investment of public funds and the maximum percentage of an investment portfolio that are allowed in any one investment.

The City is in compliance with all of its financial policies.

14. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance

The request for annexation and prezone is in substantial conformance with the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) performed for the General Plan. No major revisions are required with the adopted EIR to accommodate the proposal, therefore, subject to CEQA section 15162, no further environmental review is required for this project.