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Chapter 5: Planning Areas Framework

I. Planning Areas Framework

The Los Angeles County General Plan is the foundational document for all community-based plans that serve the unincorporated areas. The purpose of the Planning Areas Framework is to provide a mechanism for local communities to work with the County to develop plans that respond to their unique and diverse character. As shown in Figure 5.1, the General Plan identifies 11 Planning Areas, which make up the Planning Areas Framework. The 11 Planning Areas are:

- Antelope Valley Planning Area
- Coastal Islands Planning Area
- East San Gabriel Valley Planning Area
- Gateway Planning Area
- Metro Planning Area
- San Fernando Valley Planning Area
- Santa Clarita Valley Planning Area
- Santa Monica Mountains Planning Area
- South Bay Planning Area
- West San Gabriel Valley Planning Area
- Westside Planning Area

Figure 5.1 Planning Areas Framework Map

The General Plan provides goals and policies to achieve countywide planning objectives for the unincorporated areas, and serves as the foundation for all community-based plans, such as area plans, community plans, and coastal land use plans. Area plans focus on land use and policy issues that are specific to the Planning Area. Community plans cover smaller geographic areas within the Planning Area, and address neighborhood and/or community-level policy issues. Coastal land use plans are components of local coastal programs, and regulate land use and establish policies to guide development in the coastal zone.

Figure 5.2 shows the relationship of the General Plan to community-based plans. All community-based plans are components of the General Plan and must be consistent with General Plan goals and policies.

The following is a list of community-based plans:

- ~~Altadena Community Plan~~
- Antelope Valley Area Plan
- East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan
- Marina del Rey Local Coastal Land Use Plan

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- Malibu Local Coastal Land Use Plan
- Metro Area Plan
- Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan
- Santa Catalina Island Local Coastal Land Use Plan
- Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan
- South Bay Area Plan
- Twin Lakes Community Plan
- West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan
- Westside Area Plan

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