5.04.400 OPEN SPACE AND CONSERVATION ACTION PROGRAMS

5.04.410 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) ENVIRON MENTAL REVIEW PROCEDURES (EXISTING)

Private and public land use proposals undergo an Initial Study to determine if environmental impacts will result. A determination is made as to whether a Negative Declaration is appropriate or an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required. Public input is collected and a decision is made regarding completeness and accuracy of the report before a project is approved or denied.

5.04.411 Responsibilities

City Planner

Prepares Initial Study; coordinates the review process.

Department Heads

Comment on environmental reports.

Interested Citizens

Provide input regarding report adequacy.

City Council

Decision making body; certifies report.

5.04.420 ZONING ORDINANCE (EXISTING)

This ordinance sets forth the minimum spatial, intensity and performance requirements for each type of land use consistent with the broader goals and policies of the General Plan. The permit procedure for development projects is embodied in this ordinance. Conditions of permit approval are routinely imposed to mitigate potential environmental impacts and to carry out General Plan policies. Specification to Open Space and Conservation is the authority to preserve important vegetation, protect sensitive habitat and set aside needed park and recreation facilities as part of the permit approval process.

5.04.421 Responsibilities

City Planner

Evaluation of project per standards; coordinates the review process; prepares amendments.

Department Heads

Comment on development proposals, suggest conditions of project approval; comments on amendments.

Interested Citizens

Provide input regarding suitability of specific uses at specific locations.

City Council

Decision making body; approves ordinance amendments; approves or denies proposed projects, with or without conditions, based on findings set forth in the Ordinance.

5.04.430 SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE (EXISTING, AMENDMENT RECOMMENDED)

This ordinance sets forth minimum standards for land division, access and utility service consistent with the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. It allows the authority to collect development fees to offset public costs of certain public utilities, facilities and services. Consideration should be given to adopting a park and recreation fee to be levied against new residential development.

4.431 Responsibilities

City Planner

Reviews tentative and final subdivision maps; coordinates the review process; prepares amendments.

Department Heads

Comment on development proposals; suggest condition of approval; comments on amendments.

Interested Citizens

Provide input regarding suitability of project.

City Council

Decision making body; approves amendments; approves or denies subdivision with or without conditions based on findings set forth in the Ordinance.

5.04.440 TREE REMOVAL ORDINANCE (EXISTING)

The Tree Removal Ordinance was enacted to prohibit the removal of trees without a permit to do so. This Ordinance recognizes that removal of certain trees can destroy the natural beauty of some areas, contribute to erosion and increase the cost of maintaining drainage systems, reduce protection against wind, and impair residential privacy and quiet. It is designed to protect the character and beauty of the Town as well as to promote public health, safety and welfare.

5.04.441 Responsibilities

City Planner

Inspect the site and trees to be removed; coordinate the review process.

Department Heads

Comment on tree removal; suggest conditions of granting removal permits.

Interested Citizens

Provide input regarding effects of tree removal.

City Council

Decision making body; approves or denies tree removal with, or without conditions based on findings set forth in the ordinance.

5.04.450 GRADING ORDINANCE (EXISTING)

4.451 Responsibilities

City Engineer

Inspects the site and coordinates the review process. Refers proposals to City Planner for CEQA review. Decision making body; issues permits with or without conditions following final CEQA action.

Department Heads

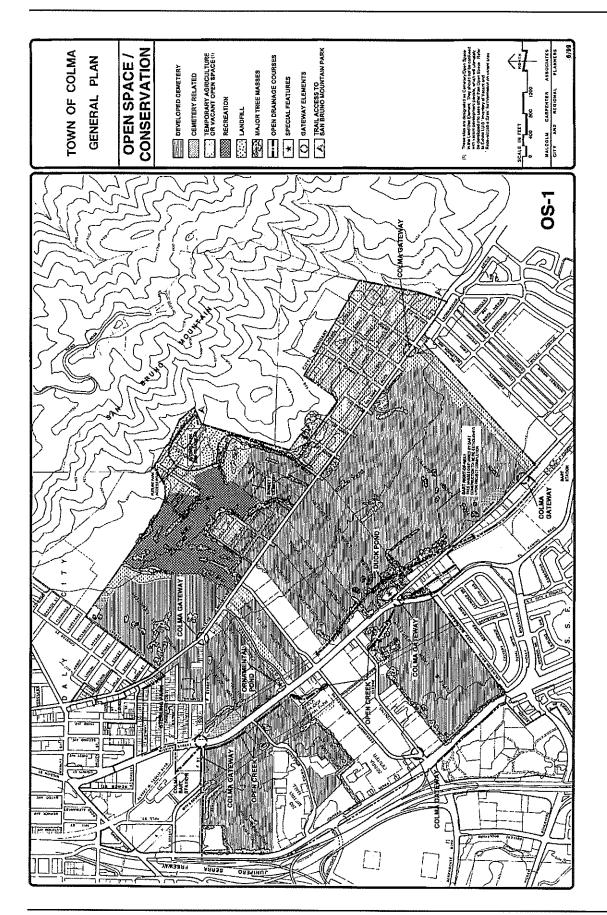
Comment on grading proposals when requested by City Engineer.

City Council

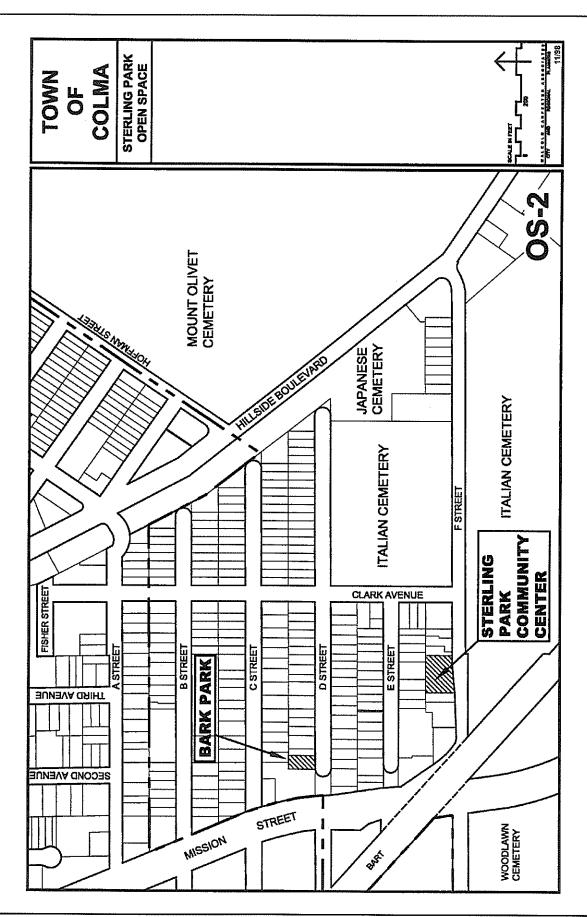
Acts on CEQA documents when applicable.

5.04.460 FUTURE PARK AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (PROPOSED)

Opportunities for establishing these facilities are discussed in Section 5.04.223. The City Council and City Staff should determine specific needs, acquire sites where needed and coordinate the design and implementation of facilities.



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