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Public Facilities and Services

Development within the city is dependent upon an extensive network of public facilities and services. These networks are diverse in nature, from wastewater to emergency medical services. Policies in this element seek to ensure that public facilities and services are provided and maintained, so that Folsom can continue to grow and thrive to 2035 and beyond.

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Civic and Community Facilities

Folsom’s community facilities, such as City Hall, the Folsom Senior and Arts Center at 48 Natoma, the Zoo Sanctuary, and the Harris Center for the Arts provide facilities for civic activities, entertainment, and cultural enrichment for residents. Policies in this section reaffirm Folsom’s commitment to supporting these facilities, and by extension supporting the residents they serve.

Goal PFS 1.1

Maintain and support Folsom’s community facilities.

PFS 1.1.1 City Facilities

Develop and maintain City facilities and buildings to meet the community’s needs and be resilient to future extreme weather events. **SO**

PFS 1.1.2 Arts and Culture Master Plan

Maintain and implement an Arts and Culture Master Plan to further the expansion of arts and cultural opportunities in Folsom. **MPSP**

PFS 1.1.3 Public Art

Maintain and implement City guidelines for permanent artwork in public spaces to add character, depth, and dimension to the community while reinforcing Folsom’s local identity. **MPSP**

PFS 1.1.4 Harris Center for the Arts

Encourage a rich and diverse mixture of performance arts at the Harris Center for the Arts at Folsom Lake College as it enriches the lives of people throughout the region by providing a venue to experience cultural programs and performances. **IGC**

PFS 1.1.5 Relocate Corporation Yard

Continue planning and funding efforts to relocate the City corporation yard to a site designated south of Highway 50. **SO**

PFS 1.1.6 Partnerships with the Private Sector

Encourage community organizations’ activities in support of City proposals and responsibilities. **JP**



Folsom’s Jack Kipp Civic Center is home to City Hall, Folsom Community Center, Folsom City Police Department Headquarters, Folsom City Zoo Sanctuary, Folsom Public Library, and Dan Russell Rodeo Arena.



Educational Facilities

Policies in this section provide for the development of new schools and libraries to serve both established and new neighborhoods. The policies support expanded opportunities for life-long learning, enabling Folsom’s residents to obtain skills to meet the needs of evolving business sectors. Schools and libraries are encouraged to be located and designed to serve as a centerpiece of neighborhood identity and activity.

Goal PFS 2.1

Provide for the educational and literacy needs of Folsom residents.

PFS 2.1.1 School District Coordination

Coordinate with the school districts serving Folsom to ensure that school sites are dedicated or reserved for purchase by the districts so that:

1. Each residential neighborhood will contain or have access to the appropriate elementary school according to school district standards;
2. Children do not have to cross an uncontrolled intersection on an arterial road to reach an elementary school;
3. Elementary schools can be reached on foot by most of the neighborhood residents; and
4. A joint park/school site can be developed wherever possible. **IGC**

PFS 2.1.2 School Capacity and Development

If a new development will not contain a school site, the City shall require applicants of new development to show that a school site has been dedicated, a school site will be dedicated, or a school already exists with capacity to serve the project.

RDR

PFS 2.1.3 Adequate Financing

Coordinate with school districts that serve the city in an effort to ensure adequate financing for new school facilities, including assistance in the collection of school district development fees from new development. **IGC**

PFS 2.1.4 Higher Education

Encourage the development and expansion of Folsom Lake College, private universities, and other educational facilities.

IGC

PFS 2.1.5 Library

Strive to keep library programs and materials relevant, easy to access, and provided in a safe and enjoyable environment. **SO**

Water Supply

Policies in this section provide for safe, efficient water systems in Folsom. Adequate water is essential for the basic operation of a city, and an efficient system is becoming even more essential as water becomes an increasingly scarce resource in California. In particular, the efficient use of the City's water resources will be critical to ensuring Folsom has the water needed to grow and thrive.

Potable water in Folsom is provided by different entities depending on location. The City of Folsom provides potable water to the Folsom Service Area, which includes the area south of the American River within the city limits. In addition, a portion of the city south of Highway 50 (approximately 200 acres) is within the El Dorado Irrigation District's water service area. The area north of the river is supplied wholesale water by the San Juan Water District, although the City is the retail water provider to customers within the Ashland Water Service Area, which is located east of Baldwin Dam Road and Oak Avenue.

Goal PFS 3.1

Maintain the City's water system to meet the needs of existing and future development while improving water system efficiency.

PFS 3.1.1 Water Master Plan

Maintain and implement the Water Master Plan to ensure water facilities are adequate to meet existing customer needs and construct facilities to meet future needs. **MPSP**

PFS 3.1.2 Urban Water Management Plan

Maintain and implement the Urban Water Management Plan to ensure the supply of water meets current and future customer demand as required by State law. **MPSP**



PFS 3.1.3 Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance 

Continue to require water efficient landscaping consistent with the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. **RDR**

PFS 3.1.4 New Technologies

Support efforts to encourage the use of new technologies to meet the goals in the Urban Water Management Plan and Water Master Plan. **MPSP**

PFS 3.1.5 Agency Coordination

Coordinate with regional and sub-regional agencies to ensure the reliability of an adequate water supply. **IGC**

PFS 3.1.6 Water Quality

Ensure the provision of healthy, safe water for all users in Folsom through facilities, policies, programs, and regulations. **MPSP** **RDR**

PFS 3.1.7 Water Supply

Provide an adequate supply of water for all users in Folsom now and in the future. **MPSP**

PFS 3.1.8 Water Resources

Require water resources be developed in coordination with local flood management, water conservation, and groundwater agencies. **RDR**

PFS 3.1.9 Water Conservation Programs 

Promote water conservation through a variety of water conservation programs that include education and enforcement. **MPSP**

PFS 3.1.10 Water Conservation Standards

Achieve a 20 percent reduction in per-capita water use by 2020 consistent with the State's 20x2020 Water Conservation Plan, Senate Bill SB X7-7 2009, and the City of Folsom Urban Water Management Plan. **MPSP**

PFS 3.1.11 Resilient System

Ensure a resilient water storage and distribution system that can rapidly recover to provide water in the event of a disaster. **SO**

PFS 3.1.12 Non-Potable Water

Endeavor to provide non-potable water by ensuring new development south of Highway 50 is served by a non-potable water distribution system and seek sources of non-potable water for landscaping and other appropriate uses citywide.



Wastewater Systems

The City of Folsom's Environmental and Water Resources Department is responsible for the wastewater system for the city of Folsom, with the exception of a small area south of Highway 50 that is served by the El Dorado County Irrigation District (EID). The City does not own or operate the facilities that treat its wastewater, however. The City of Folsom collects wastewater within the city limits, including Folsom Prison, which is routed through interceptors owned by the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) to be treated at the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SRWTP) located in Elk Grove. SRCSD only treats Folsom's wastewater; stormwater is handled by the City. Policies in this section ensure Folsom's local wastewater network is adequate and connects to the larger, regional system.

Goal PFS 4.1

Maintain an adequate wastewater system to meet the needs of the community.

PFS 4.1.1 Wastewater System

Ensure the local wastewater network is built and maintained to provide cost-effective wastewater service.

PFS 4.1.2 Regional Cooperation

Coordinate with the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District and Sacramento Area Sanitation District to ensure the efficient and environmentally-sound treatment of Folsom's wastewater.



Stormwater Systems

Stormwater systems are essential for the safe and efficient drainage of excess rain and groundwater from streets, parking lots, roofs, and other non-permeable surfaces. Policies in this section require construction of adequate storm drainage facilities and services.

Goal PFS 5.1

Ensure adequate flood control and stormwater drainage.

PFS 5.1.1 Maintain Adequate Storm Drainage

Develop and maintain an adequate storm drainage system.

SO

PFS 5.1.2 FEMA Flood Maps

Seek funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to keep all Flood Hazard maps current. **FB**

PFS 5.1.3 Urban Runoff

Strive to reduce the amount of urban runoff and seek to capture and treat runoff before it enters streams, lakes, and rivers, applicable only to new development. **SO**

PFS 5.1.4 Green Stormwater Infrastructure

Encourage “green infrastructure” design and Low Impact Development (LID) techniques for stormwater facilities (i.e., using vegetation and soil to manage stormwater) to preserve and create open space and improve runoff water quality.

MPSP

Law Enforcement

Law enforcement plays a critical role in ensuring Folsom is a safe and desirable community. Law enforcement personnel also are a public face for the City, and the relationships they form with community members are critical to the success of the City's mission and Law Enforcement's mission. Policies in this section provide for the facilities, educational programs, and safety measures necessary to protect the long-term safety of the community.

Goal PFS 6.1

Maintain a high level of police service as new development occurs to protect residents, visitors, and property.

PFS 6.1.1 Adequate Facilities

Strive to provide law enforcement facilities, equipment and vehicles, and services to adequately meet the needs of existing and future development. **SO**

PFS 6.1.2 Police Response Standards

Strive to maintain the minimum feasible response times for police calls. The goal for Priority 1 (life threatening) and Priority 2 (crime in progress/just occurred) calls shall be five minutes or less for 90 percent of the calls given the resources available. **RDR**

PFS 6.1.3 Police Communication

Maintain close ties and open lines of communication with the community and strive to improve customer satisfaction. **PI**

PFS 6.1.4 Neighborhood Watch

Provide neighborhood security and crime prevention information and training to neighborhood groups and homeowners' associations. **PI**

PFS 6.1.5 Citizen Alert System

Maintain and implement a system to call residents with important safety information. Circumstances for use could be notification of a missing child, necessary evacuations, or other public safety concerns. **SO**

PFS 6.1.6 Youth Programs

Maintain and implement programs that promote safety and a drug-free lifestyle to Folsom's young people. **MPSP**



PFS 6.1.7 Development Review

Continue to include the Police Department in the review of development proposals to ensure that projects adequately address crime and safety, and promote the implementation of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles.

RDR

Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

Policies in this section provide for coordinated fire protection and emergency medical services that serve all areas of the city and support the needs of Folsom residents and businesses. Policies ensure a safe community through the expansion of fire personnel and facilities commensurate with population growth. Policies support the education of residents and businesses on the potential risks and fire prevention techniques, and require existing and new development to incorporate fire prevention and suppression measures.

Goal PFS 7.1

Prevent loss of life, injury, and property due to wildland and structural fires, while ensuring an adequate level of fire protection service is maintained for all.

PFS 7.1.1 Adequate Facilities and Services

Strive to provide fire department facilities, equipment and vehicles, and services to adequately meet the needs of existing and future development. **SO**

PFS 7.1.2 Fire Response Standards

Maintain adequate fire suppression response capabilities in all areas of the city consistent with the Fire Service Delivery Plan. **RDR**

PFS 7.1.3 Mutual Aid Agreements

Maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring jurisdictions in Sacramento, El Dorado, and Placer Counties that ensure the closest and appropriate unit will respond to an emergency. **IGC**

PFS 7.1.4 Optimal Siting

Require that new fire stations are strategically located to ensure optimal response time and physical barriers are considered in the siting of new stations. **SO**

PFS 7.1.5 Fire Flow Requirements

Ensure that adequate water fire-flow capability is provided throughout the city that conforms to the fire flow requirements of the *California Fire Code*. **SO**

PFS 7.1.6 Inspections

Ensure the continued compliance of structures with City and State fire and life safety regulations by conducting periodic inspections. **RDR**

PFS 7.1.7 Built-In Fire Suppression

Minimize dependence on fire department staff and equipment and improve fire safety by requiring installation of built-in fire suppression equipment in all new buildings in accordance with the *California Fire Code*. **RDR**

PFS 7.1.8 New Development

Require that new development provides all necessary water service, fire hydrants, and roads consistent with Fire Department standards. **RDR**

PFS 7.1.9 Fire Access Design and Building Materials

Ensure that fire equipment access is integrated into the design of new developments, as well as the use of fire-resistant landscaping and building materials. **RDR**

PFS 7.1.10 Removal of Fire Hazards

Require property owners to remove fire hazards, including excessive/overgrown vegetation, hazardous structures and materials, and debris. **RDR**

PFS 7.1.11 Community Education

Encourage residents to be prepared for emergency situations by providing public education and training for disasters. **PI**



Utilities

Electric, gas, and telecommunication utilities are foundational networks; Folsom's residents and businesses cannot operate without them. Increasingly, cities need to be on the cutting edge of new telecommunications technologies to attract and retain new businesses. Folsom also needs to reduce its energy consumption to help ensure a sustainable and healthy future. Policies in this section provide for the safe and efficient provision of electric, gas, and telecommunication utilities.

Goal PFS 8.1

Provide for the energy and telecommunications needs of Folsom and decrease dependence on nonrenewable energy sources through energy conservation, efficiency, and renewable resource strategies now and in the future.

PFS 8.1.1 Provision of Utilities

Coordinate with public, quasi-public, and private utility providers to ensure adequate service to City residents. **IGC**

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PFS 8.1.2 Telecommunication Technologies

Support the implementation of new telecommunication technologies (e.g., fiber optic broadband internet) to attract new businesses and serve residential customers. **MPSP**

PFS 8.1.3 Renewable Energy

Promote efforts to increase the use of renewable energy resources such as wind, solar, hydropower, and biomass both in the community and in City operations, where feasible. **MPSP**

PFS 8.1.4 Regional Energy Conservation

Partner with neighboring jurisdictions and local energy utilities (e.g., SMUD and PG&E) to develop, maintain, and implement energy conservation programs. **IGC**

PFS 8.1.5 PACE Program

Assist in implementing the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing programs to provide residential and commercial property owners with energy efficiency and renewable energy financing opportunities. **MPSP**

PFS 8.1.6 Energy-Efficient Lighting

Reduce the energy required to light Folsom’s parks and public facilities by employing energy-efficient lighting technology.

SO

PFS 8.1.7 Energy Conservation in City Operations 

Strive to achieve an overall 20 percent reduction in City facility energy usage by continuing to install energy efficiency upgrades in City facilities (buildings, parks, and infrastructure) and implementing programs to measure and track energy usage in City facilities.

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PFS 8.1.8 City Fleet Fuel Efficiency 

Strive to reduce consumption of carbon-intensive fuels related to business travel and fleet vehicles through the purchase of more efficient or alternative-fuel vehicles when buying new or replacement vehicles.

SO

PFS 8.1.9 Water Heater Replacement 

Encourage the use of high-efficiency or alternatively-powered water heater replacements at time of replacement in existing residential development.

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Solid Waste and Recycling

As of 2014, Folsom’s residents and businesses generate approximately 200 tons of waste per day, much of which is recycled. Policies in this section support additional waste reduction and recycling efforts to minimize the adverse impact on the environment.

Goal PFS 9.1

Reduce the amount of waste entering regional landfills through an effective waste management program.

PFS 9.1.1 Collection

Endeavor to make available timely, convenient, and cost-effective collection of solid waste for residents and businesses.


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PFS 9.1.2 Waste Reduction

Support efforts to reduce the amount of waste disposed of in landfills through reusing, reducing, and recycling solid waste; and using conversion technology if appropriate.

SO

PFS 9.1.3 Recycling Target 

Support efforts to achieve a citywide disposal rate of 1.5 pounds per person per day, exceeding statewide target of 2.7 pounds per person per day by 2035. 

PFS 9.1.4 Composting

Provide green waste collection and offer compost education to divert organic material from local landfills. 