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AIR QUALITY [New Element]

[The City must comply with Section 65302.1 of the Government Code, which was enacted with AB 170 (Reyes) in 2003. The new law states that the city must amend its General Plan “to include data and analysis, goals, policies, and objectives, and feasible implementation strategies to improve air quality.” The adoption of air quality amendments shall include: a report describing local air quality conditions; a summary of local, district, state, and federal policies, programs, and regulations that may improve air quality in the city or county; a comprehensive set of goals, policies, and objectives that may improve air quality; and a set of feasible implementation measures designed to carry out those goals, policies, and objectives.

A brief list of air quality policies is included in Section 11, the Health and Safety Element. The policies should be placed in a separate Air Quality Element, which must include the specific background information and the detailed implementation measures that are required by the new law.]

[INSERT data and discussion from General Plan Background Report, with needed additions, here]

Goal

To improve air quality and to minimize the adverse effects of air pollution on human health and the economy. *[New Goal]*.

Cooperation with Local and Regional Agencies

The City shall cooperate with other local, regional, and State agencies in developing and implementing Stockton General Plan air quality plans to achieve State and Federal Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Regional Agency Review

The City shall participate with cities, surrounding counties, and regional agencies to address cross-jurisdictional and regional transportation and air quality issues. *[New Policy]*

Regional Air Quality Project Review

The City shall consult with the SJVAPCD during CEQA review for projects that require air quality impact analysis and ensure that the SJVAPCD is on the distribution list for all CEQA documents. *[New Policy]*.

Support Regional Air Quality Attainment Plans

The City shall support recommendations to reduce air pollutants found in the SJVAPCD local attainment plans and use its regulatory authority to mitigate "point" sources of air pollution (e.g., factories, power plants, etc.). *[New Policy]*.

City Review of Development Proposals

The City shall develop standard methods for determining and mitigating project air quality impacts and related thresholds of significance for use in environmental documents. The City shall do this in conjunction with the SJVAPCD and the cities in San Joaquin County. *[New Policy]*.

CEQA Compliance and Air Quality Mitigation

The City shall ensure that air quality impacts identified during the CEQA review process are fairly and consistently mitigated. The City shall require projects to comply with the City's adopted air quality impact assessment and mitigation process, and to provide specific mitigation measures as outlined in policies of Chapter 8 Transportation and Circulation. *[New Policy]*.

~~Air Quality Mitigation~~

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Air Quality Mitigation Fees

The City shall continue (or reactivate) the program for assessing air quality mitigation fees for all new development, with the fees to be used to fund air quality programs. *[New Policy]*.

Transportation Management Programs

The City shall coordinate City Transportation System Demand Management programs with other public and private agencies, including programs developed by the San Joaquin Council of Governments and the SJVAPCD.

[See also related policies in Chapter 8 Transportation and Circulation.]

Dust Suppression Measures

The City shall require contractors to implement dust suppression measures during excavation, grading, and site preparation activities. Techniques may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Site watering or application of dust suppressants,
- Phasing or extension of grading operations,
- Covering of stockpiles,
- Suspension of grading activities during high wind periods (typically winds greater than 25 miles per hour), and
- Revegetation of graded areas.

[New Policy].

Travel Demand Measures

Coordinating with the SJVAPCD, the City shall require large development projects to mitigate air quality impacts. ~~As feasible, m~~ Mitigation measures may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Providing bicycle access and parking facilities,
- Providing preferential parking for high-occupancy vehicles, car pools, or alternative fuels vehicles, and
- Establishing telecommuting programs or satellite work centers.

[New Policy].

[See also related policies in Chapter 8 Transportation and Circulation.]

Woodburning

The City shall require the use of natural gas or the installation of low-emission, EPA-certified fireplace inserts in all open hearth fireplaces in new homes. The city shall promote the use of natural gas over wood products in space heating devices and fireplaces in all existing and new homes. The City shall follow the guidelines set forth in SJVACD Rule 4901. See table 11.2 below. *[New Policy]*.