Background Report Errata – January 2020

A general plan is typically comprised of two primary documents: a background report and a policy document. The Background Report for the 2040 General Plan is intended to provide a “snapshot” in time of the county’s existing conditions. It is a wide-ranging and comprehensive document that presents the physical, social, and economic resource information required to support the preparation of the General Plan. It also serves as the foundation document from which subsequent planning policies and programs were formulated. The Background Report is also used to establish the environmental setting for the 2040 General Plan Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This eliminates both duplication of effort and the potential for inconsistent use of data between the General Plan and Program EIR.

The County published the public review draft of the Background Report in March 2017, followed by a revised public review draft in October 2017, and a subsequent revision in January 2018. The Background Report was received and filed by the Board of Supervisors on January 23, 2018.

During the time between publication of the draft Background Report in January 2018 and completion of the draft Program EIR, some changes have occurred relative to the environmental and regulatory environments. Where changes to the environmental or regulatory setting (e.g., new information, regulatory changes) have occurred since publication of the Background Report, and these changes are relevant to understanding the 2040 General Plan’s potential impacts, additional background information is provided in the appropriate EIR resource section (as part of Sections 4.1 through 4.17). The reader is referred to this Background Report for all other setting information.

At the direction of the Board of Supervisors, two updates were made directly within this Background Report to develop the January 2020 version.

Section 8.2, Biological Resources
In the subsection on Habitat Connectivity/Wildlife Corridors, a map and description of regulations proscribing siting and permitting standards for new development in Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridors (HCWC) was added to reflect amendments to the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Habitat Connectivity and Wildlife Corridor Ordinances (Ord. 4537 & Ord. 4539)) adopted on March 12, 2019.

Section 11.3, Wildfire Hazards
Figure 11-10, Wildfires History Map, was updated to reflect wildfires in the county through 2018, including the Thomas Fire that impacted parts of Ventura and Santa Barbara counties in late 2017.
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