

Vision 2050 Workgroup Memo

TO: Vision 2050 Workgroup
FROM: Staff and Project Team
DATE: March 5, 2025
RE: Comprehensive Plan Development Workshop

SUMMARY: The primary purpose of this meeting is to review and receive input on four draft Comprehensive Plan policy recommendations selected to illustrate how the Comp Plan navigates challenges, tradeoffs and opportunities through the lens of:

- the intent and implementation of CGAC recommendations and Caucus Master Plans; and
- quantifiable goals and success measures.

The project team will facilitate a discussion around draft policy statements selected from each of the four plan elements: Natural Environment, Built Environment, Community & Economic Health and Regional Approach.

Goals and Success Measures/Metrics for each of the four plan elements (in Attachment B) have been updated to reflect input from the Workgroup and the Planning & Zoning Commission in January. These are attached as reference and will be briefly addressed by the Project Team but will not be a focus of discussion at this meeting,

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BACKGROUND/CONTEXT:

What? The Comprehensive Plan is a state-required long-range planning document that guides policy direction to achieve county-wide core community values and goals as identified by the Board of County Commissioners, supported by the CGAC recommendations, informed by existing community plans, Caucus Master Plans, and public/community stakeholder input.

Why? A full update of the 2003 Comp Plan is necessary to incorporate the suite of GCAC recommendations, address state requirements, and establish a policy basis for land use and building/energy code updates as a first step to achieving Vision 2050. This advisory document promotes a vision of broad community goals including land use & transportation, natural environment, local economy, community wellbeing, and regional collaboration.

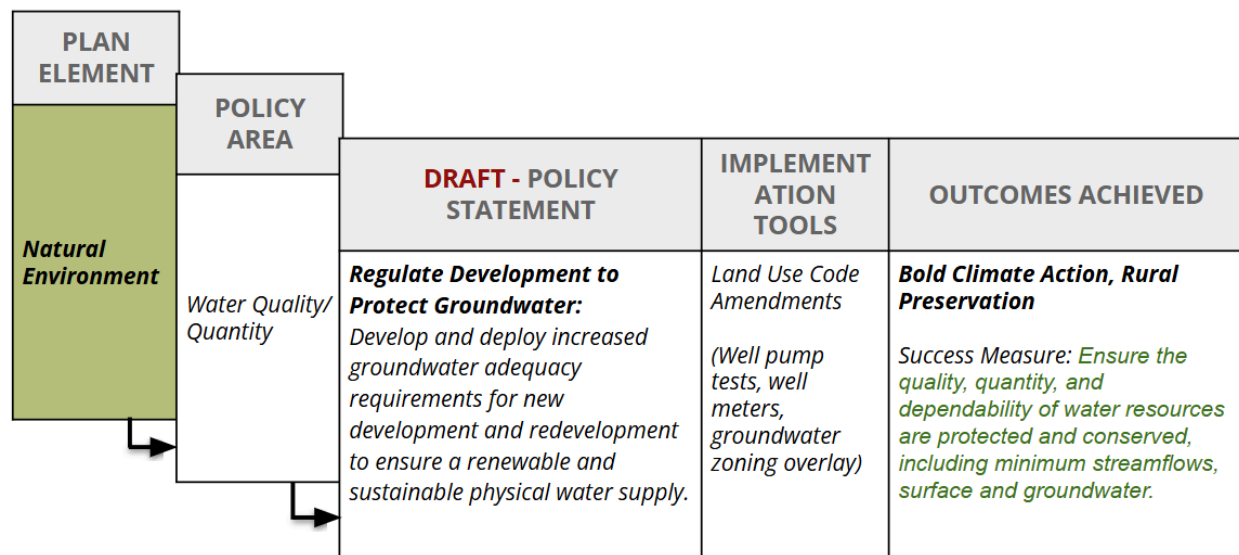
How? CGAC Recommendations serve as the foundation for values and policy direction. The Comp Plan will also include topics such as public facilities, natural resources, tourism/recreation, hazard mitigation, emergency management, etc. It provides overarching land use and administrative policy direction to guide land use code and other county programs and policies, while Caucus Master Plans address planning matters specific to their Caucus Area.

Who? You, the Workgroup serve as a guide to staff and as a liaison to the community. The Planning and Zoning Commission has the responsibility and authority under State statute CRS 30-28-106 to adopt comprehensive plans for the county.

MEETING FOCUS:

In a workshop format, the Vision 2050 team will review the draft Comprehensive Plan framework, (Table of Contents in Attachment A). Then, through a facilitated discussion the Workgroup will be asked to provide input on specific draft policy area statements as they relate to values/goals identified and the success metrics achieved, as illustrated below:

Draft Policy *Regulate Development to Protect Groundwater*



In preparation for the meeting, please review the attachments to this memo and consider the following questions:

- What questions do you have about the relationship between Success Measures, Metrics/Indicators and Draft Policies?
- What is the level of awareness about this effort in your community?
- What are you hearing from your friends/neighbors?

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A - [Table of Contents](#)
- Attachment B - [Updated Goals & Success Measures](#)