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### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager  
**From:** Eric Shields, Planning Director  
**Date:** May 18, 2007  
**Subject:** PSRC Presentation on Regional Plan Preparation

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) will present a progress report on the preparation of a new regional plan to guide growth in the four-county metropolitan area through 2040. No Council action is required.

#### **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION**

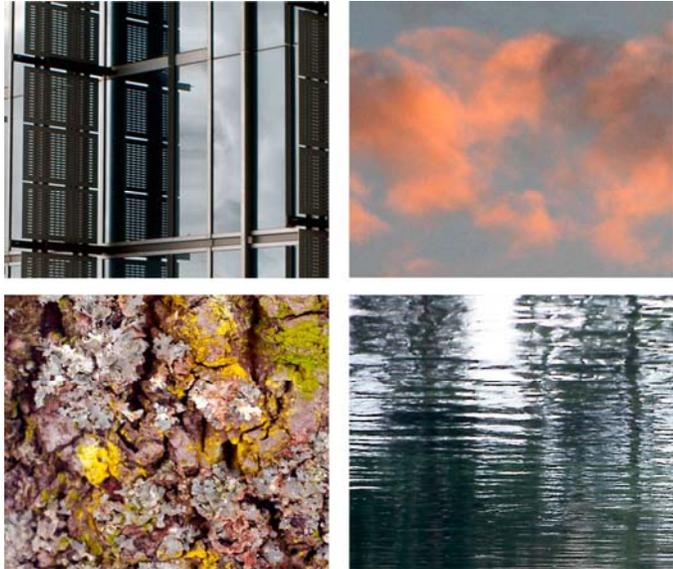
The PSRC has been working on a new metropolitan growth management plan for the past two years. A draft "Vision 2040" plan and EIS will be released in July. Public comments will be accepted until September 7<sup>th</sup>. Refinement of the plan will occur later this year, with adoption of the final plan scheduled at the PSRC General Assembly meeting in early 2008.

At the June 5 Council meeting, PSRC staff will present a status report on the draft plan and will be available to answer any questions the Council may have.

#### Attachments:

1. Vision 2020 Update, Recommended Preferred Growth Alternative
2. Vision Update, Draft Revised Multicounty Planning Policies

# The VISION 2020 Update Recommended Preferred Alternative for a Regional Growth Strategy



## Discussion and Description

Revised 3-9-2007

***This document presents a summary of the Preferred Growth Alternative for an updated regional growth strategy, as recommended to the PSRC Executive Board by the Growth Management Policy Board at their meeting of February 8, 2007.***

***The PSRC Executive Board is scheduled to take action at its March 22, 2007 meeting to release staff to develop a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that contains the full analysis of the PGA alongside the other VISION 2020 Update alternatives. The Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement and draft VISION document will be published for additional public review and comment in the summer of 2007.***

## A STRATEGY FOR ACCOMMODATING GROWTH

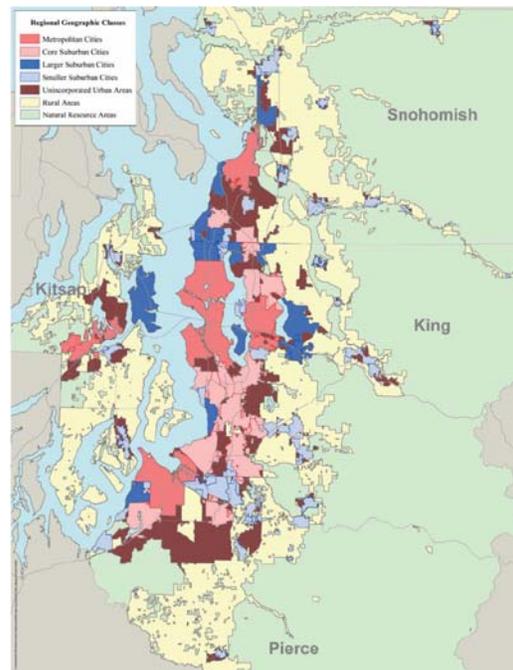
At the heart of the region's growth, economic and transportation strategy is a shared vision of how and where the region should grow. The region's Preferred Growth Alternative for a regional growth strategy provides a description of an overall development pattern that the central Puget Sound Region should assume over time. It also provides guidance for how our counties, cities and towns can contribute to achieving that preferred pattern while minimizing the environmental impacts of growth, and making efficient use of existing infrastructure and investments. The overall strategy for accommodating growth is organized around the state Growth Management Act's concepts of urban, rural, natural resource areas.

### Urban Areas

Our existing regional growth vision – described in the 1995 VISION 2020 – was developed to help us preserve and enhance our quality of life. It describes a future where much of the region's projected growth can be contained within defined urban growth areas, creating compact urban communities and vibrant centers of activity. This strategy for urban growth also helps preserve the health and quality of the natural environment that has supported the region's success.

Using this regional growth strategy as a starting point, the Growth Management Policy Board added additional detail and refinements to create a Preferred Growth Alternative (PGA) for a regional growth strategy, as well as guidance for local planning to implement the desired regional growth pattern through the year 2040. A key concept underlying the creation of the PGA is the concept of “regional geographies”.

**Regional Geographies.** Regional geographies are based on the notion that the region's different types of cities will play a variety of roles in the region's future. These roles range from major hubs of activity – as seen in the region's five core metropolitan cities – to less intense regional, city and town centers throughout the region's core suburban, larger suburban, and smaller suburban cities<sup>1</sup>. The recommended Preferred Growth Alternative provides better information about a vision for future growth within designated urban areas by describing the roles of these different types of cities.



<sup>1</sup> See Attachment A for a list of the region's cities by regional geography by county.

The refined growth strategy continues the goal of focusing regional employment and housing growth in the cities that contain approximately 26 regionally-designated growth centers. These regional centers are to be connected and served by a variety of transportation modes, including fast and frequent high capacity transit service. Regional centers are intended to attract residents and businesses because of their proximity to services and jobs, well-designed housing, regional amenities, high quality transit service, and other advantages.

New to the regional discussion through the VISION 2020 Update is the description of the role for some larger suburban cities. Because of their important local and regional transit stations, ferry terminals, park and ride facilities, other transportation connections, and local and regional amenities, they will likely play an important role over time as places that accommodate growth.

Though at a smaller scale, locally-designated town centers will also serve similar roles for smaller cities, providing services and housing that support vital and active communities.

The refined growth strategy also stresses preserving existing manufacturing and industrial centers. These are locations for intensive manufacturing, industrial and related uses. Manufacturing industrial centers, along with more active regional growth centers and city centers, can help the region to achieve a better jobs-housing balance, which can encourage people to live closer to their jobs and minimize long commutes.

### **Rural and Natural Resource Areas**

The strategy supports the use of rural lands for farming and forestry, recreation, cottage industries, and low-density housing maintained by rural services. Small cities and towns surrounded by rural areas should provide services and jobs for rural residents as well as higher density housing than is compatible with rural character. Portions of these rural areas, together with natural resource lands, critical areas and other lands, should contribute to a regional greenspace network to separate urban areas and preserve permanent regional connections of open space.

The updated regional growth strategy aims to provide more guidance about preserving rural and natural resource lands on a long-term basis by limiting inappropriate levels of growth in rural areas, and ensuring that proposed development is consistent with rural character.

## **Guidance for the Preferred Growth Alternative**

The updated growth strategy reflects this region's commitment to plan for the future in a way that preserves and enhances communities, conserves our natural and financial resources, and maintains our quality of life. This approach helps to ensure that existing services are fully utilized, new services can be provided more efficiently, and to minimize the environmental impacts of growth. The complete VISION 2020 Update will reflect our commitment to work together as a region to address regional these issues.

In summary, the Growth Management Policy Board articulated a strategy where:

- Growth is focused within a designated Urban Growth Area (UGA)
- Within the UGA, growth is focused in cities containing regional growth centers
- Rural and natural resource lands are protected
- The environmental impacts of growth are minimized, and
- Existing infrastructure and new investments are used efficiently.

The refined strategy also seeks to provide clearer guidance to:

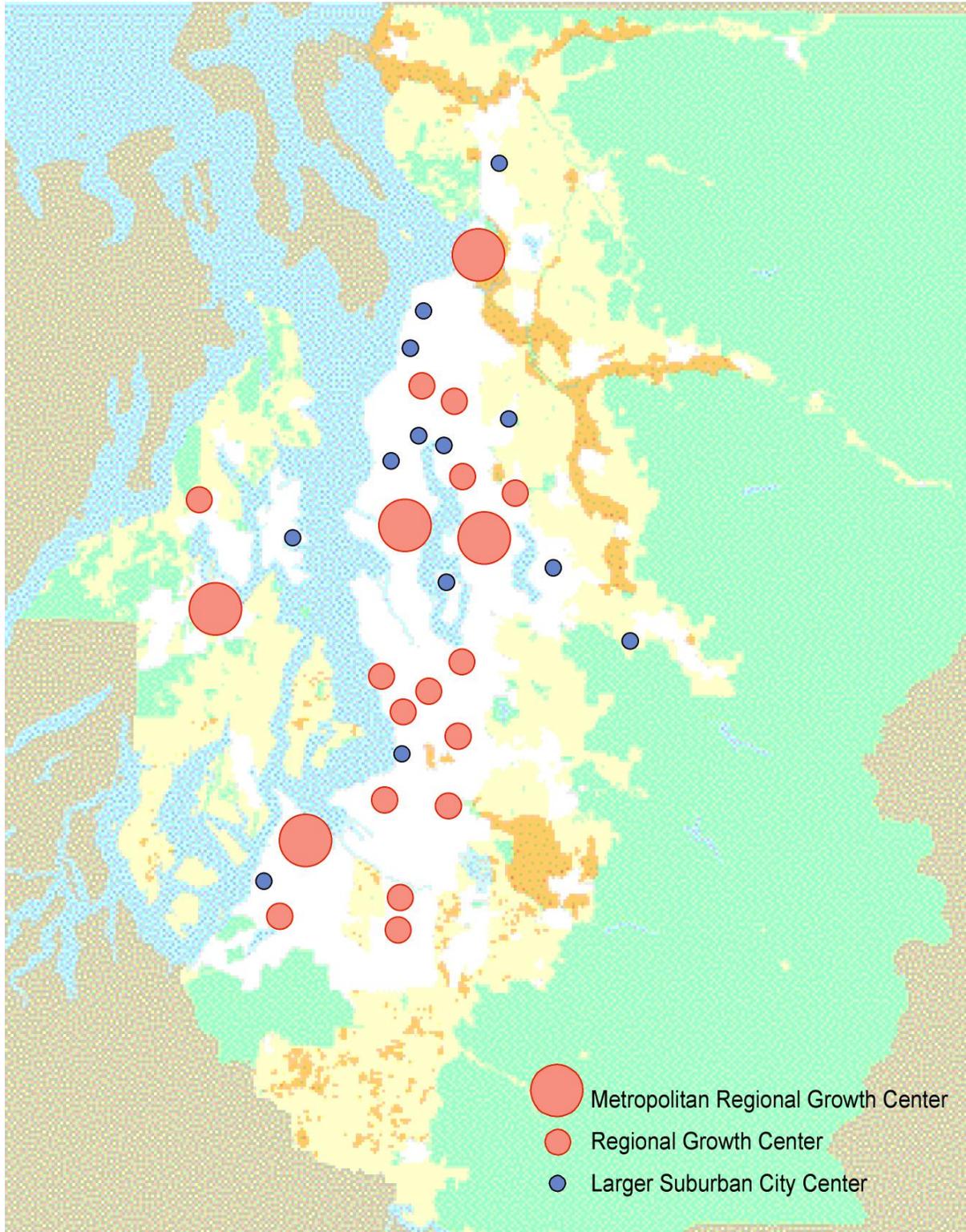
- More effectively direct growth to and within urban growth areas
- Minimize rural development
- Achieve better jobs-housing balance across region
- More clearly articulate the different roles of the region's cities and towns, and other regional geographies, and
- Support growth in subregional city and town centers

## **How Will the Growth Strategy be Used?**

The refined strategy for regional growth that is laid out in the following pages is intended to guide the region's cities and towns as they work within their respective counties to periodically update the local population and employment growth targets that underlie their local comprehensive plans. The Preliminary Preferred Growth Alternative represents a regional perspective about the roles that different types of communities should play in accommodating growth.

The following table summarizes the refined growth strategy for the shares of 2000 – 2040 population and employment growth that should be accommodated by different geographies within the region as a whole, and within each county. While relative amounts differ significantly within each county, the roles of regional geographies are consistent with those described above for the region as a whole. The growth strategy is intended to provide regional guidance for future countywide population and employment target setting.

## Recommended Preferred Growth Alternative



**VISION 2020 Update**  
**Summary of Recommended PGA Regional and County Shares of 2000 – 2040 Growth**

Distribution of 2000-40 Change

		Metro Cities	Core Suburban Cities	Larger Suburban Cities	Smaller Suburban Cities	Uninc'd UGA	Rural	TOTAL
King County	Pop	41% 294,000	32% 230,000	14% 98,000	5% 39,000	6% 43,000	3% 20,000	724,000
	Emp	45% 311,000	38% 262,000	10% 69,000	4% 25,000	3% 23,000	1% 5,000	695,000
Kitsap County	Pop	20% 30,000	12% 18,000	11% 16,000	8% 12,000	30% 45,000	19% 28,000	149,000
	Emp	21% 14,000	23% 15,000	8% 5,000	12% 8,000	29% 19,000	8% 5,000	66,000
Pierce County	Pop	32% 127,000	19% 75,000	6% 23,000	15% 57,000	22% 87,000	6% 24,000	393,000
	Emp	46% 97,000	19% 40,000	3% 6,000	17% 37,000	12% 25,000	3% 7,000	212,000
Snohomish County	Pop	20% 89,000	9% 40,000	10% 44,000	9% 40,000	42% 187,000	10% 46,000	446,000
	Emp	36% 89,000	14% 35,000	13% 31,000	12% 30,000	19% 47,000	6% 14,000	246,000
Region	Pop	32% 540,000	21% 363,000	11% 181,000	9% 148,000	21% 362,000	7% 118,000	1,712,000
	Emp	42% 511,000	29% 352,000	9% 111,000	8% 100,000	9% 114,000	3% 31,000	1,219,000

The following tables compare shares of 2000 – 2040 population and employment growth in the recommended Preferred Growth Alternative (PGA) with those that were analyzed in the project Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The recommended PGA represents a hybrid of the more focused patterns of regional growth seen in the Metropolitan Cities, Larger Cities, and Growth Targets Extended alternatives. More detailed data for the region and for each county are available upon request.

**VISION 2020 Update  
Recommended Preferred Growth Alternative  
Comparison to DEIS Alternatives: Region**

Distribution of 2000-40 Change

		Metro Cities	Core Suburban Cities	Larger Suburban Cities	Smaller Suburban Cities	Uninc'd UGA	Rural	TOTAL
2000 Base	Pop	30%	18%	10%	8%	18%	15%	3,276,000
		996,000	589,000	331,000	264,000	604,000	493,000	
	Emp	50%	28%	7%	6%	6%	3%	1,853,000
		923,000	521,000	121,000	106,000	117,000	64,000	
Growth Targets Ext	Pop	26%	17%	9%	10%	24%	13%	1,712,000
	Emp	45%	28%	7%	9%	8%	3%	1,219,000
Metropolitan Cities	Pop	40%	25%	15%	10%	5%	5%	1,712,000
	Emp	45%	30%	10%	5%	5%	5%	1,219,000
Larger Cities	Pop	20%	30%	30%	5%	10%	5%	1,712,000
	Emp	20%	30%	30%	5%	10%	5%	1,219,000
Smaller Cities	Pop	10%	10%	5%	30%	35%	10%	1,712,000
	Emp	10%	10%	5%	30%	35%	10%	1,219,000
Recommended PGA	Pop	32%	21%	11%	9%	21%	7%	1,712,000
	Emp	42%	29%	9%	8%	9%	3%	1,219,000

## Recommended PGA Comparison to DEIS Alternatives: King County

		Metro Cities	Core Suburban Cities	Larger Suburban Cities	Smaller Suburban Cities	Uninc'd UGA	Rural	TOTAL
2000 Base	Pop	39%	25%	10%	6%	12%	8%	1,737,000
		673,000	434,000	178,000	105,000	212,000	135,000	
	Emp	55%	34%	6%	2%	2%	1%	1,280,000
		701,000	432,000	73,000	23,000	32,000	19,000	
Growth Targets Ext	Pop	37%	29%	12%	7%	10%	5%	704,000
	Emp	50%	37%	7%	3%	2%	1%	766,000
Metropolitan Cities	Pop	44%	31%	14%	6%	2%	2%	996,000
	Emp	49%	36%	9%	2%	2%	2%	824,000
Larger Cities	Pop	23%	39%	28%	3%	5%	2%	968,000
	Emp	24%	39%	30%	2%	4%	2%	767,000
Smaller Cities	Pop	17%	19%	7%	27%	25%	6%	669,000
	Emp	21%	23%	9%	19%	23%	6%	439,000
Recommended PGA	Pop	41%	32%	14%	5%	6%	3%	724,000
	Emp	45%	38%	10%	4%	3%	1%	695,000

Distribution of 2000-40 Change

## Recommended PGA Comparison to DEIS Alternatives: Kitsap County

		Metro Cities	Core Suburban Cities	Larger Suburban Cities	Smaller Suburban Cities	Uninc'd UGA	Rural	TOTAL
2000 Base	Pop	16%	7%	9%	6%	20%	42%	232,000
		37,000	15,000	20,000	15,000	46,000	98,000	
	Emp	38%	7%	7%	14%	18%	17%	79,000
		30,000	5,000	6,000	11,000	14,000	13,000	
Growth Targets Ext	Pop	15%	8%	9%	7%	33%	29%	154,000
	Emp	28%	15%	9%	10%	7%	32%	68,000
Metropolitan Cities	Pop	30%	14%	19%	10%	9%	18%	94,000
	Emp	29%	10%	12%	8%	8%	33%	62,000
Larger Cities	Pop	14%	15%	34%	5%	16%	16%	104,000
	Emp	11%	9%	30%	7%	14%	28%	72,000
Smaller Cities	Pop	5%	4%	4%	20%	42%	25%	138,000
	Emp	4%	2%	3%	24%	32%	35%	115,000
Recommended PGA	Pop	20%	12%	11%	8%	30%	19%	149,000
	Emp	21%	23%	8%	12%	29%	8%	66,000

Distribution of 2000-40 Change

## Recommended PGA Comparison to DEIS Alternatives: Pierce County

		Metro Cities	Core Suburban Cities	Larger Suburban Cities	Smaller Suburban Cities	Uninc'd UGA	Rural	TOTAL
2000 Base	Pop	28%	13%	4%	10%	24%	21%	701,000
		194,000	91,000	30,000	72,000	170,000	144,000	
	Emp	43%	18%	2%	15%	14%	8%	263,000
		113,000	47,000	6,000	40,000	37,000	20,000	
Growth Targets Ext	Pop	29%	13%	3%	17%	27%	11%	396,000
	Emp	31%	17%	2%	25%	21%	3%	201,000
Metropolitan Cities	Pop	43%	21%	6%	16%	7%	7%	335,000
	Emp	39%	20%	4%	15%	13%	9%	168,000
Larger Cities	Pop	25%	28%	15%	9%	16%	8%	295,000
	Emp	18%	21%	11%	15%	27%	9%	166,000
Smaller Cities	Pop	8%	6%	2%	36%	37%	10%	438,000
	Emp	4%	3%	1%	41%	43%	8%	365,000
Recommended PGA	Pop	32%	19%	6%	15%	22%	6%	393,000
	Emp	46%	19%	3%	17%	12%	3%	212,000

Distribution of 2000-40 Change

## Recommended PGA Comparison to DEIS Alternatives: Snohomish County

		Metro Cities	Core Suburban Cities	Larger Suburban Cities	Smaller Suburban Cities	Uninc'd UGA	Rural	TOTAL
2000 Base	Pop	15%	8%	17%	12%	29%	19%	606,000
		92,000	48,000	103,000	72,000	176,000	115,000	
	Emp	34%	16%	16%	14%	15%	5%	232,000
		80,000	37,000	36,000	32,000	35,000	13,000	
Growth Targets Ext	Pop	11%	5%	10%	11%	40%	23%	459,000
	Emp	43%	12%	9%	15%	17%	4%	185,000
Metropolitan Cities	Pop	24%	12%	28%	17%	11%	9%	287,000
	Emp	36%	15%	19%	11%	12%	7%	165,000
Larger Cities	Pop	10%	12%	46%	7%	18%	7%	346,000
	Emp	12%	12%	45%	8%	18%	6%	215,000
Smaller Cities	Pop	4%	3%	6%	31%	45%	11%	468,000
	Emp	4%	3%	5%	35%	44%	8%	301,000
Recommended PGA	Pop	20%	9%	10%	9%	42%	10%	446,000
	Emp	36%	14%	13%	12%	19%	6%	246,000

Distribution of 2000-40 Change

## Attachment A: Cities by County by Regional Geography

<b>KING COUNTY</b>			
<b><u>Metropolitan Cities (2)</u></b>	<b><u>Core Suburban Cities (10)</u></b>	<b><u>Larger Suburban Cities (7)</u></b>	<b><u>Smaller Cities And Towns (20)</u></b>
Bellevue Seattle	Auburn (Partial) Bothell (Partial) Burien Federal Way Kent Kirkland Redmond Renton SeaTac Tukwila	Des Moines Issaquah Kenmore Mercer Island Sammamish Shoreline Woodinville	Algona Beaux Arts Black Diamond Carnation Clyde Hill Covington Duvall Enumclaw Hunts Point Lake Forest Park Maple Valley Medina Milton (Partial) Newcastle Normandy Park North Bend Pacific (Partial) Skykomish Snoqualmie Yarrow Point

<b>KITSAP COUNTY</b>			
<b><u>Metropolitan Cities (1)</u></b>	<b><u>Core Suburban Cities (1)</u></b>	<b><u>Larger Suburban Cities (1)</u></b>	<b><u>Smaller Cities And Towns (2)</u></b>
Bremerton	Silverdale*	Bainbridge Island	Port Orchard Poulsbo

\*Uninc. UGA

**PIERCE COUNTY**

**Metropolitan  
Cities (1)**

Tacoma

**Core Suburban  
Cities (3)**

Auburn (Partial)  
Lakewood  
Puyallup

**Larger Suburban  
Cities (1)**

University Place

**Smaller Cities  
And Towns (18)**

Buckley  
Bonney Lake  
Carbonado  
DuPont  
Eatonville  
Edgewood  
Fife  
Fircrest  
Gig Harbor  
Milton (Partial)  
Orting  
Pacific (Partial)  
Roy  
Ruston  
South Prairie  
Steilacoom  
Sumner  
Wilkeson

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

**Metropolitan  
Cities (1)**

Everett

**Core Suburban  
Cities (2)**

Bothell (Partial)  
Lynnwood

**Larger Suburban  
Cities (4)**

Edmonds  
Marysville  
Mountlake Terrace  
Mukilteo

**Smaller Cities  
And Towns (13)**

Arlington  
Brier  
Darrington  
Gold Bar  
Granite Falls  
Index  
Lake Stevens  
Mill Creek  
Monroe  
Snohomish  
Stanwood  
Sultan  
Woodway

# VISION Update

## *Draft Revised Multicounty Planning Policies*



Puget Sound Regional Council  

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**PSRC**

*As Acted on at the March 22, 2007  
Executive Board Meeting*

## **The Environment**

**Overarching Goal:** The region will care for the natural environment by protecting and restoring natural systems, conserving habitat, improving water quality, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants, and preparing for climate change impacts. Planning at all levels should consider the impacts of land use, development patterns and transportation on the regional ecosystem.

### **Environmental Stewardship**

**Goal:** The region will safeguard the natural environment by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

**MPP-En-1** Develop region-wide environmental strategies, coordinating among local jurisdictions and countywide planning groups.

**MPP-En-2** Use integrated and interdisciplinary approaches for environmental planning and assessment at regional, countywide and local levels.

**MPP-En-3** Maintain and, where possible, improve air and water quality, soils, and natural systems to ensure the health and wellbeing of people, animals, and plants. Reduce the impacts of transportation on air quality and climate change.

**MPP-En-4** Ensure that all residents of the region, regardless of social or economic status, live in a healthy environment, with minimum exposure to pollution.

**MPP-En-5** Promote the use of innovative environmentally sensitive development practices, including design, materials, construction, and on-going maintenance.

**MPP-En-6** Use the best information available at all levels of planning, especially scientific information, when establishing and implementing environmental standards established by any level of government.

**MPP-En-7** Mitigate noise caused by traffic, industries, and other sources.

### **Earth and Habitat**

**Goal:** The region will preserve the beauty and natural ecological processes of the Puget Sound basin through the conservation and enhancement of natural resources and the environment.

**MPP-En-8** Identify, preserve, and enhance significant regional open space networks and linkages across jurisdictional boundaries.

**MPP-En-9** Designate, protect and enhance significant open spaces, natural resources, and critical areas through the review and comment of countywide planning policies and local plans and provisions.

**MPP-En-10** Preserve and enhance habitat to prevent inclusion on the Endangered Species List and to accelerate removal from the list.

**MPP-En-11** Identify and protect wildlife corridors inside the urban growth area and outside the urban growth area.

**MPP-En-12** Preserve and restore native vegetation to protect habitat, especially where vegetation contributes to the overall ecological function.

**MPP-En-13** Identify and address the impacts of climate change on the region's hydrological systems.

### **Water Quality**

**Goal: The region should meet or exceed standards for water quality. The quality of the water flowing out of the region - including Puget Sound - should be as good as or better than the water quality entering the region.**

**MPP-En-14** Maintain natural hydrological functions within the region's ecosystems and watersheds and where feasible, restore them to a more natural state.

**MPP-En-15** Restore -where appropriate and possible - the region's freshwater and marine shorelines, watersheds, and estuaries to a natural condition for ecological function and value.

**MPP-En-16** Reduce the use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers to the extent feasible.

### **Air Quality**

**Goal: The overall quality of the region's air will be better than it is today.**

**MPP-En-17** Maintain or do better than existing standards for carbon monoxide, ozone and particulates.

**MPP-En-18** Maintain or do better than existing air quality standards for air toxics, fine particulates, and greenhouse gases.

**MPP-En-19** Continue efforts to reduce pollutants from the transportation sector, including through the use of alternative fuels and vehicles and increasing alternatives to driving alone, as well as design and land use.

### **Climate Change**

**Goal: The region will reduce its overall production of harmful elements that contribute to climate change.**

**MPP-En-20** Reduce the rate of energy consumption use per capita, both in building use and in transportation, even as the region grows.

**MPP-En-21** Pursue the development of energy management technology as part of meeting the region's energy needs.

**MPP-En-22** Reduce greenhouse gases by expanding the use of conservation and alternative energy sources.

**MPP-En-23** Take positive actions to address reductions in carbons, such as increasing the number of trees in urban portions of the region.

**MPP-En-24** Anticipate and address the impacts of climate change on regional water sources.

## **Development Patterns – Land Use, Housing, and Orderly Development**

**Overarching Goal:** The region will have focused growth within already urbanized area to create compact, transit oriented, pedestrian-oriented communities while maintaining unique local character. Centers will continue to be a focus of development. Vital parts of the region will continue to be permanent rural lands and natural resource lands. All citizens of the region will have safe and affordable housing.

### **Part I: Land Use (Resource Lands, Urban Lands, and Rural Lands)**

**MPP-DP-1** Protect and enhance significant open spaces, natural resources, and critical areas.

#### **Resource Lands**

**Goal:** The region will conserve its natural resource land permanently by designating, maintaining and enhancing farm, forest, and mineral lands.

**MPP-DP-2** Establish best management practices that protect the long-term integrity of the natural environment, adjacent land uses, and, the long-term productivity of resource lands.

**MPP-DP-3** Support the sustainability of designated resource lands.

**MPP-DP-4** Ensure that growth in adjacent non-resource lands does not adversely impact designated natural resource lands and any related industries.

**MPP-DP-5** Ensure that resource lands do not adversely impact adjacent lands.

#### **Urban Growth Areas**

**Goal:** The region will promote the efficient use of land, prevent urbanization of rural and resource lands, and provide for the efficient delivery of services within designated urban growth areas.

**MPP-DP-6** Provide a regional framework for the designations and adjustments of urban growth areas to assure long-term stability and sustainability of the urban growth area consistent with the regional vision.

#### **Growth Targets**

**Goal:** The region, countywide planning bodies, and local jurisdictions will work together to set population and employment growth targets consistent with the regional vision.

**MPP-DP-7** Create consistent countywide targeting processes for allocating population and employment growth including establishing: a) local employment targets, b) local housing targets based on population projections, and c) local housing and employment targets for each designated regional growth center.

**MPP-DP-8** Accommodate the region's allocation of growth first and foremost in the urban growth area. Ensure that development in rural areas is consistent with the regional vision.

## Urban Lands

### ***Urban Lands: Regional Growth Centers***

**Goal:** The region will direct growth and development of a limited number of designated regional growth centers.

**MPP-DP-9** Focus a significant share of population and employment growth in designated regional growth centers.

**MPP-DP-10** Provide a regional framework for designating and evaluating regional growth centers.

**MPP-DP-11** Give funding priority – both for transportation infrastructure and for economic development – to designated regional growth centers consistent with the regional vision, including regional county-level and local funding.

<i>Centers Hierarchy – working version (not adopted)</i>	
Regional Growth Centers: <b>designated by PSRC</b>	Metropolitan Centers
	Regional Urban Centers
Subregional Centers: <b>designated by countywide planning bodies</b>	City Centers <b>in larger suburban cities</b>
Secondary Centers: <b>designated by countywide planning bodies or local jurisdictions</b>	Town Centers <b>smaller cities</b>
	Neighborhood Centers <b>includes urban villages and hubs</b>
	Activity Areas <b>includes Transit Station Areas</b>

### ***Urban Lands: Regional Manufacturing/Industrial Centers***

**Goal:** The region will continue to maintain and support viable regional manufacturing/industrial centers to accommodate manufacturing, industrial, or advanced technology uses.

**MPP-DP-12** Focus a significant share of employment growth in designated regional manufacturing/industrial centers.

**MPP-DP-13** Provide a regional framework for designating and evaluating regional manufacturing/industrial centers.

**MPP-DP-14** Give funding priority – both for transportation infrastructure and for economic development – to designated regional manufacturing/industrial centers consistent with the regional vision, including regional, county-level, and local funding.

### ***Urban Lands: Subregional and Secondary Centers***

**Goal: Secondary centers, such as locally designated centers established through countywide processes, will also play important roles in accommodating planned growth according to the regional vision. These centers will promote pedestrian connections and support transit-oriented uses.**

**MPP-DP-15** Support the development of centers within all jurisdictions, including secondary centers such as town centers and activity nodes.

**MPP-DP-16** Establish a common framework among the countywide processes for designating secondary centers to ensure compatibility within the region.

**MPP-DP-17** Direct funding to centers, including secondary centers and town centers, through countywide, subregional, and local investment processes and funding strategies.

### ***Urban Lands: Compact Urban Communities and Redevelopment Opportunities***

**MPP-DP-18** Preserve and enhance existing neighborhoods and create vibrant sustainable compact urban communities that provide diverse choices in housing types; a high degree of connectivity in the street network to accommodate encourage walking, bicycling and transit use, and sufficient public spaces.

**MPP-DP-19** Support the transformation of key underutilized lands to higher-density mixed-use areas to complement the development of centers and the enhancement of existing neighborhoods.

### ***Urban Lands: Cities in Rural Areas***

**MPP-DP-20** Direct commercial, retail, and community services that serve rural residents into neighboring cities and existing activity areas to prevent the conversion of rural land into commercial uses.

**MPP-DP-21** Promote transit service to and from existing cities in rural areas.

### ***Urban Lands: Unincorporated***

**Goal: All unincorporated lands within the urban growth area will either annex into existing cities or incorporate as new cities.**

**MPP-DP-22** Affiliate all urban unincorporated lands appropriate for annexation with an adjacent city or identify those that may be feasible for incorporation. To fulfill the growth strategy, annexation is preferred over incorporation.

**MPP-DP-23** Support joint planning between cities and counties to work cooperatively in planning for urban unincorporated areas to ensure an orderly transition to city governance, including efforts such as: a) establishing urban development standards, b) addressing service and infrastructure financing, and c) transferring permitting authority.

**MPP-DP-24** Support the provision and coordination of urban services to unincorporated urban areas by the adjacent city, or where appropriate, by the county as an interim approach.

## **Rural Lands**

**Goal: The region will permanently sustain the ecological functions, resource value, lifestyle, and character of rural lands for future generations by limiting the types and intensities of development in rural areas.**

**MPP-DP-25** Contribute to improved ecological functions and more appropriate use of rural lands by minimizing impacts through innovative and environmentally sensitive land use management and development practices.

**MPP-DP-26** Avoid additional fully contained communities outside of the designated urban growth area because of their potential to create sprawl and undermine state and regional growth management goals.

**MPP-DP-27** In the event that a proposal is made for creating a fully contained community, the county shall make the proposal available to other counties and to the Regional Council for advance review and comment on regional impacts.

**MPP-DP-28** Use the various tools available to address vested development to ensure that future growth meets existing permitting and development standards and prevents further fragmentation of rural lands.

**MPP-DP-29** Maintain the long-term viability of permanent rural land by avoiding the construction of new highways and major roads in rural areas.

**MPP-DP-30** Support long-term solutions for the environmental and economic sustainability of agriculture and forestry within rural areas.

## **Part II: Housing**

**Goal: The region will preserve, improve and expand its housing stock to provide a range of affordable, healthy and safe housing choices to every resident in the region. The region will continue to promote fair and equal access to housing for all persons.**

**MPP-DP-31** Provide a range of housing types and choices to meet the housing needs of income levels and demographic groups within the region.

**MPP-DP-32** Achieve and sustain - through preservation, rehabilitation, and new development - an adequate supply of low-income, moderate-income and special needs housing that is equitably and rationally distributed through the region.

**MPP-DP-33** Promote homeownership opportunities for low-income and moderate-income families and individuals.

**MPP-DP-34** Encourage inter-jurisdictional cooperative efforts and public-private partnerships to advance the provision of affordable and special needs housing.

**MPP-DP-35** Expand the supply and range of housing, including affordable units, in centers throughout the region.

**MPP-DP-36** Recognize, and give priority to, transportation facilities, infrastructure, and services that explicitly advance the development of housing in centers.

**MPP-DP-37** Develop and provide a range of housing choices across the region in a manner that promotes accessibility to jobs and provides opportunities to live in proximity to work.

### **Part III: Elements of Orderly Development**

#### ***Land Use and Health***

**Goal: The region's communities will be places planned and designed to promote physical, social and mental well-being so that all people can live healthier and more active lives.**

**MPP-DP-38** Design communities to provide an improved environment for walking and bicycling.

**MPP-DP-39** Incorporate provisions addressing health and well being into appropriate regional, countywide and local planning and decision-making processes.

**MPP-DP-40** Promote cooperation and coordination between transportation providers, local government and developers to ensure that joint and mixed use developments are designed to promote and improve physical, mental and social health and reduce the impacts of climate change on the natural and built environments.

**MPP-DP-41** Develop and implement design guidelines to encourage construction of healthy buildings and facilities to promote healthy people.

**MPP-DP-42** Support agricultural, farmland, and aquatic uses that enhance the food system in the central Puget Sound region and its capacity to produce fresh and minimally processed foods.

#### ***Innovative Techniques***

**MPP-DP-43** Encourage the use of innovative techniques, including the transfer of development rights and the purchase of development rights, to provide mechanisms for focusing growth within the urban growth area (especially cities), to lessen pressures to convert rural and resource areas to more intense urban-type development, and to sustain rural and resource-based uses.

**MPP-DP-44** Support and provide incentives for increasing percentages of new development and redevelopment –both public and private – to be built at higher performance, energy efficient, and environmentally friendly standards.

**MPP-DP-45** Encourage jurisdictions to review and streamline development standards and regulations to advance their public benefit, provide flexibility, and minimize additional cost to housing.

#### ***Incompatible Land Uses***

**MPP-DP-46** Support the continued operation of general aviation airports by avoiding adjacent incompatible land use and development.

**MPP-DP-47** Protect military lands from encroachment by incompatible land uses.

#### ***Concurrency***

**MPP-DP 48** Address non-motorized, pedestrian, and other multi-modal types of transportation options in concurrency programs – both in assessment and mitigation.

**MPP-DP-49** Tailor concurrency programs for centers and other subareas to encourage development that can be supported by transit.

### ***Urban Design***

**Goal: The region will use design to shape the physical environment in order to create more livable communities, better integrate land use and transportation system, and improve efforts to restore the environment.**

**MPP-DP-50** Identify, protect and enhance those elements and characteristics that give the central Puget Sound region its identity, especially the natural visual resources and positive urban form elements.

**MPP-DP-51** Preserve significant regional historic, visual and cultural resources including views, landmarks, archaeological sites, historic and cultural landscapes and areas of special character.

**MPP-DP-52** Develop high-quality, compact urban communities throughout the region's urban growth area that impart a sense of place, preserve local character, provide for mixed uses and choices in housing types, and encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use..

**MPP-DP-53** Provide a wide range of building and community types to serve the needs of a diverse population.

**MPP-DP-54** Support urban design, historic preservation, and arts to (a) enhance quality of life, (b) improve the natural and human-made environment, (c) promote health and wellbeing, (d) contribute to a prosperous economy and (e) increase the region's resiliency in adapting to changes or adverse events.

**MPP-DP-55** Design public buildings and spaces that contribute to a sense of community and a sense of place.

**MPP-DP-56** Identify opportunities to create parks, civic places and public spaces, especially in or adjacent to centers.

**MPP-DP-57** Address issues affecting community development – including opportunities to improve communities, as well as impacts on communities – in the design of transportation projects and other infrastructure projects, recognizing that such facilities should also advance community development.

**MPP-DP-58** Allow natural boundaries to help determine the routes and placement of infrastructure connections and improvements.

**MPP-DP-59** Address design and community development issues related to important linear systems – such as linear land use patterns, natural systems, transportation and infrastructure systems and edges between differing land uses – with special attention to those linear systems that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

## **The Economy**

**Overarching Goal: The region will have a prospering and sustainable regional economy by supporting businesses and job creation, investing in all of the region's people, sustaining environmental quality, and creating great central places, diverse communities, and high quality of life.**

### **Business**

**Goal: The region's economy prospers by supporting businesses and job creation.**

**MPP-EC-1** Support economic development activities that help to retain, expand, or diversify the region's businesses. Target recruitment activities towards businesses that provide family-wage jobs.

**MPP-EC-2** Foster a positive business climate by encouraging region-wide and statewide collaboration among business, government, education, labor, economic, military, and workforce development, nonprofit and other organizations to sustain and enhance economic activity and prosperity in the region.

**MPP-EC-3** Support established and emerging industry clusters that export goods and services, import capital, and have growth potential.

**MPP-EC-4** Leverage the region's position as an international gateway by supporting businesses, ports, and agencies involved in trade-related activities.

**MPP-EC-5** Foster a supportive environment for business startups, small businesses, and locally owned businesses to help them continue to prosper.

**MPP-EC-6** Ensure the efficient flow of people, goods, services and information in and through the region through infrastructure investments, particularly in and connecting designated centers that meet the distinctive needs of the regional economy.

**MPP-EC-7** Encourage all businesses to incorporate environmental and social responsibility into their practices.

### **People**

**Goal: The region's economy prospers by investing in all of its people.**

**MPP-EC-8** Promote economic activity and employment growth that creates widely shared prosperity and sustains a diversity of family-wage jobs for the region's residents.

**MPP-EC-9** Ensure that the region has a high-quality education system that is accessible to all of the region's residents.

**MPP-EC-10** Ensure that the region has high-quality and accessible training programs that give people opportunities to learn, maintain and upgrade skills necessary to meet the current and forecasted needs of the regional and global economy.

**MPP-EC-11** Address unique obstacles and special needs – as well as recognize the special assets – of disadvantaged populations in improving the region's shared economic future.

**MPP-EC-12** Foster appropriate and targeted economic growth in distressed areas to create economic opportunity for residents of these areas.

**MPP-EC-13** Support the contributions of the region's culturally and ethnically diverse communities in helping the region continue to expand its international economy.

### **Places**

**Goal: The region's economy prospers through the creation of great central places, diverse communities, and high quality of life that integrates transportation, the economy and the environment.**

**MPP-EC-14** Ensure that economic development sustains and respects the region's environmental quality.

**MPP-EC-15** Utilize urban design strategies and approaches to ensure that changes to the built environment preserve and enhance our region's unique attributes and each community's distinctive identity in recognition of the economic value of sense of place.

**MPP-EC-16** Concentrate a significant amount of economic growth in designated centers and connect them to each other in order to strengthen the region's economy and communities and to promote economic opportunity.

**MPP-EC-17** Maximize the use of existing designated manufacturing and industrial centers by focusing appropriate types and amounts of employment growth in these areas and by protecting them from incompatible adjacent uses.

**MPP-EC-18** Provide an adequate supply of housing to support job creation and economic growth.

**MPP-EC-19** Recognize the need for employment in cities in the rural areas and promote compatible occupations (such as, but not limited to, tourism, cottage and home-based businesses, and local services) that do not conflict with rural character and resource-based land uses.

**MPP-EC-20** Support economic activity in rural and natural resource areas at a size and scale that is compatible with the long-term integrity and productivity of these lands.

# Transportation

## A. Maintenance and Safety

**GOAL: The region will continue to maintain and improve its existing urban and rural transportation systems in a safe and usable state.**

**MPP-T-1** Maintain and operate transportation systems to provide safe and efficient and reliable movement of people, goods and services.

**MPP-T-2** Protect the investment in the existing system and lower overall life-cycle costs through effective maintenance and preservation programs.

**MPP-T-3** Reduce the need for new capital improvements through investments in operations, pricing programs, demand management strategies, and system management activities that improve the efficiency of the current system.

**MPP-T-4** Improve safety of the transportation system, and in the long term, achieve the state's goal of zero deaths and disabling injuries.

**MPP-T-5** Protect the transportation system against disaster, develop prevention and recovery strategies, and plan for coordinated responses.

**MPP-T-6** Provide mobility to people with special transportation needs, including persons with disabilities, the elderly, the young, and low-income populations.

## B. Supporting the Growth Strategy

**GOAL: The future transportation system will support the regional growth strategy, focusing on connecting centers with a highly efficient multimodal transportation network.**

**MPP-T-7** Coordinate state, regional and local planning efforts for transportation through the Puget Sound Regional Council to develop and operate a highly efficient, multimodal system that supports the adopted regional growth strategy.

**MPP-T-8** Promote coordination between transportation providers and local governments to ensure that joint and mixed use developments are designed in a way that improves overall mobility and accessibility to and within such development.

**MPP-T-9** Prioritize investments in transportation facilities and services that support compact, pedestrian and transit-oriented land use development.

**MPP-T-10** Give funding priority to transportation improvements that serve regional growth centers and manufacturing and industrial centers.

**MPP-T-11** Make transportation investments that improve economic and living conditions so that industries and skilled workers continue to be retained and attracted to the region.

**MPP-T-12** Improve local street patterns –including their design and how they are used – for walking, bicycling, and transit use to enhance communities, connectivity and physical activity.

**MPP-T-13** Promote and accommodate bicycle and pedestrian travel as important modes of transportation by providing facilities and reliable connections.

**MPP-T-14** Ensure the freight-system meets the needs of: (1) global “gateways,” (2) producer needs within the state and region, and (3) regional and local distribution.

**MPP-T-15** Maintain and improve the existing multimodal freight transportation system in the region and prevent degradation of freight mobility.

**MPP-T-16** Coordinate regional planning with railroad capacity expansion plans and support capacity expansion that is compatible with state, regional and local plans.

**MPP-T-17** Deploy transportation strategies that reduce pollutants, conserve energy, promote safety and wellness, and protect the climate and the natural environment.

**MPP-T-18** Design transportation facilities to fit within the context of the built or natural environments in which they are located.

**MPP-T-19** Apply urban design principles in transportation programs and projects for regional growth centers and high-capacity transit station areas.

**MPP-T-20** Implement transportation programs and projects in ways that prevent or minimize negative impacts to low-income, minority and special-needs populations.

### **C. Greater Options and Mobility**

**GOAL: The region will invest in transportation systems that offer greater options, mobility, and access in support of the regional growth strategy.**

**MPP-T-21** Expand capacity of the transportation system to move goods and people to and within urban growth areas and expand key facilities connecting the region to national and world markets, focusing on investments that produce the greatest net benefits to people and the environment.

**MPP-T-22** Do not increase roadway capacity through rural areas, unless (1) commitments to access management have been made, and (2) appropriate zoning is in place to prevent unplanned growth.

**MPP-T-23** Emphasize transportation investments that provide and encourage alternatives to single-occupant vehicle travel and increase travel options, especially to and within centers and along corridors connecting centers.

**MPP-T-24** Target transportation investments into areas that have or are planning for transit-supportive densities and land uses.

**MPP-T-25** Encourage public and private sector partnerships to identify and implement personal and freight mobility improvements.

**MPP-T-26** Support effective management of existing air transportation capacity and ensure that future capacity needs are addressed in cooperation with responsible agencies, affected communities, and users.

**MPP-T-27** Integrate transportation systems to make it easy for people and freight to move from one mode or technology to another.

**MPP-T-28** Promote transportation financing methods that sustain investment and reflect the costs imposed by users.

## **Public Services**

**Overarching Goal: Development will be supported by adequate public facilities and services in a coordinated, efficient and cost-effective manner that supports local and regional growth planning objectives.**

### **General Services**

**MPP-PS-1** Protect and enhance the environment and public health and safety when providing services and facilities.

**MPP-PS-2** Time and phase services and facilities to guide growth and development in a manner that supports the regional vision.

**MPP-PS-3** Promote demand management and conservation of services and facilities prior to developing new facilities.

**MPP-PS-4** Do not provide urban services in rural areas. Design services for limited access when they are needed to solve isolated health and sanitation problems so as not to increase the development potential of the surrounding rural area.

**MPP-PS-5** Encourage the design of public facilities and utilities in rural areas to be at a size and scale appropriate to rural locations, so as not to increase development pressure.

### **Special Service Districts**

**MPP-PS-6** Obtain urban services from cities and encourage special service districts including sewer, water, and fire districts to consolidate or dissolve as a result.

### **Solid Waste Collection and Disposal**

**MPP-PS-7** Develop conservation measures to reduce solid waste and increase recycling.

### **Sanitary Sewer, Septic and Stormwater Management Systems**

**MPP-PS-8** Promote improved conservation and the use of reclaimed water to reduce wastewater generation.

**MPP-PS-9** Require new subdivisions in the urban growth area to be served by sanitary sewer systems.

**MPP-PS-10** Replace septic systems within the urban growth area with sanitary sewers.

**MPP-PS-11** Use innovative and state-of-the-art design and techniques when replacing septic tanks to restore and improve environmental quality.

### **Water Supply**

**Goal: Residents of the region will have access to high-quality drinking water supplies that meet or exceed federal and state drinking water requirements.**

**MPP-PS-12** Identify and develop additional water supply sources to meet the region's long term water needs, recognizing the potential impacts on water supply of climate change and fisheries protection.

**MPP-PS-13** Promote coordination among water providers and suppliers to meet long-term water needs in the region in a manner that supports the region's growth strategy.

**MPP-PS-14** Reduce the per capita rate of water consumption through conservation and reuse.

**MPP-PS-15** Protect the source of the water supply to meet the needs for both human consumption and for environmental balance.

### **Energy Supply**

**MPP-PS-16** Promote the use of renewable energy resources to meet the region's energy needs.

**MPP-PS-17** Reduce the rate of energy consumption through conservation and alternative energy forms to extend the life of existing facilities and infrastructure.

### **Telecommunications**

**MPP-PS-18** Plan for the provision of telecommunication infrastructure to serve growth and development consistent with the regional vision and friendly to the environment.

### **Public Safety and Emergency Services**

**MPP-PS-19** Coordinate, design, and plan for public safety services and programs.

**MPP-PS-20** Encourage health and human services facilities to locate near centers and transit for efficient accessibility to service delivery.

### **Schools, Institutions, and Other Community Facilities**

**MPP-PS-21** Site schools, institutions, and other community facilities that primarily serve urban populations within the urban growth area in locations where they will promote the local desired growth plans.

**MPP-PS-22** Locate schools, institutions and other community facilities serving rural residents in neighboring cities and towns and design these facilities in keeping with the size and scale of the local community.

### **Siting Regional Capital Facilities**

**MPP-PS-23** Site or expand regional capital facilities in a manner that (1) reduces adverse social, environmental and economic impacts on the host community; (2) equitably balances the location of new facilities; and (3) addresses regional planning objectives.

**MPP-PS-24** Do not locate regional capital facilities outside the designated urban growth area unless it is demonstrated that a non-urban site is the most appropriate location for such a facility.

### **Fiscal**

**MPP-PS-25** Explore new and existing sources of funding for services and infrastructure recognizing that such funding is vital if local governments are to achieve the regional vision.

**MPP-PS-26** Identify and develop changes to regulatory, pricing, taxing and expenditure practices and other fiscal tools within the region to encourage concentrated rather than dispersed development.

## **Administrative**

**MPP-A-1** Coordinate planning efforts among jurisdictions, agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes where there are common borders or related regional issues to facilitate a common vision, as well as consistency and effective implementation.

**MPP-A-2** Countywide planning policies are to be updated, where necessary, prior to December 31, 2010, to address the revised multicounty planning policies in the VISION Update.