

City of Colfax

2020 General Plan Update

Community Workshop
October 21, 2020



Project Team

- **PlaceWorks Team**

- Mark Teague – Principal In Charge
- Jennifer Gastelum – Project Manager
- Cynthia Walsh – Assistant Project Manager
- Lucy Rollins – Project Planner
- Miles Barker – Project Planner

- **City of Colfax Staff**

- Amy Feagans – Planning Director

How to Participate?

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Participant list
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Participants (22)

Find a participant

- Janet Chang (Me)
- Tammy Seale (Host)
- GR Grant R
- SC Sloan Campi
- MT Mark Teague (Co-host)

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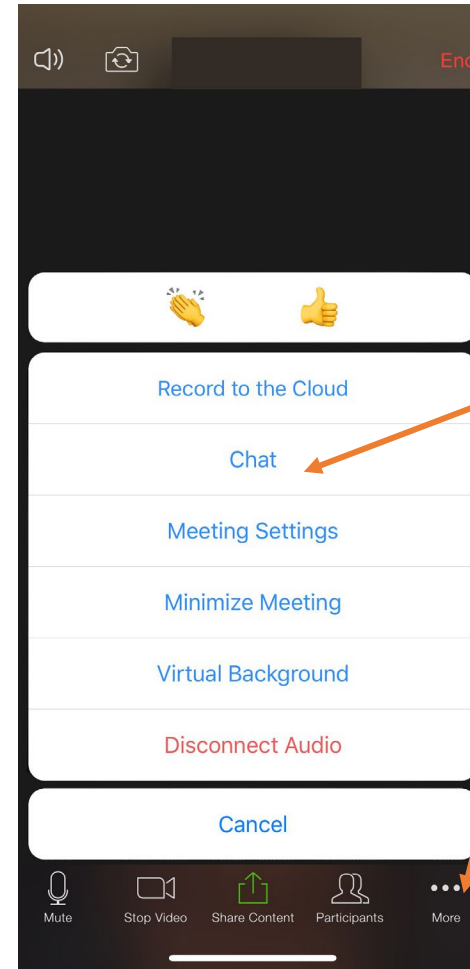


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Tablet



Smart Phone

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Workshop Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Presentation: What is the 2020 General Plan Update?
- Q&A
- Reports Back
- Next Steps



Purpose of This Workshop

- Introduce the project
- How the plan affects you
- How you can help and be involved
- Share our approach to the project
- Where we are in the process
- Describe the General Plan update process/timeline
- Next Steps





What is the General Plan?

“Constitution” for development and conservation

- Establishes citywide vision and supporting goals, policies, and implementation measures
- Provides consistent direction for future development
- Balances growth, conservation, and quality of life
- Documents baseline environmental conditions

Components of the General Plan

Required Topics

- Land Use
- Transportation
- Safety
- Noise
- Open Space
- Conservation
- Environmental Justice
- Housing (adopted 2013)

Optional Elements in Current General Plan

- Economic Development
- Community Design





Approach to General Plan Update



Not a comprehensive update



Affirming the vision



Cleaning up text



Matching zoning regulations



Including EIR in General Plan



General Plan Vision

Preserve the “small-town atmosphere”

Maintain the “community’s historic character” and “traditional design features”

Emphasis on downtown as the “geographical heart of the urban area” and “focal point for the community”

Preserve the special qualities and resources of Colfax that “form the foundation” of the city and “make it a desirable place to live”

Retain and improve the “character of Colfax as unique foothill community”



2021 – 2029 Housing Element

- Adoption Deadline: May 15, 2021
- State-mandated update schedule
- Review and certified by State Housing and Community Development (HCD) Dept. for compliance with State law
- Plan for accommodating a jurisdiction's fair share of the regional housing need.

Housing Element Components

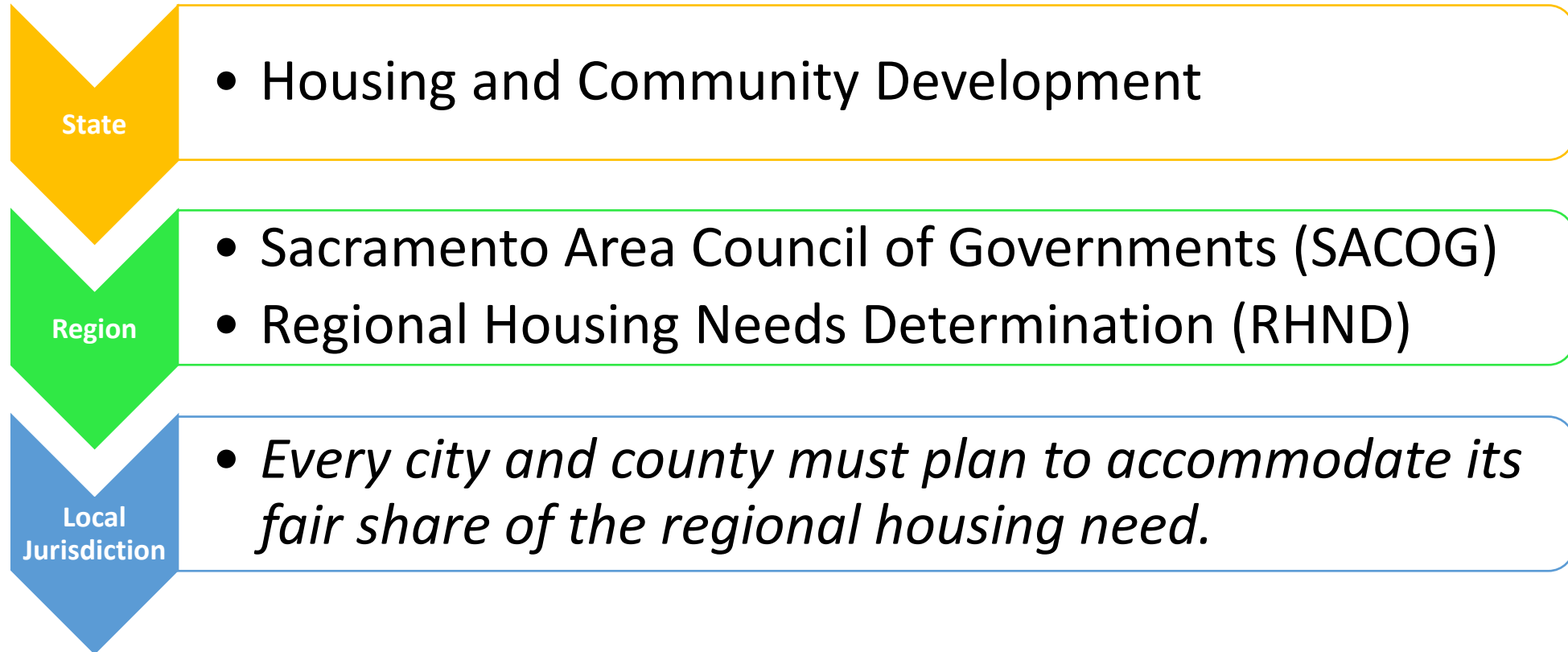
- Analysis of existing and projected housing needs
- Inventory of available land for housing
- Analysis of potential constraints on housing (e.g., permit-processing procedures, fees)
- Evaluation of previous housing element
- Goals, policies, and implementation programs

What is the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)?

- State-required process
- Seeks to ensure local jurisdictions are planning for enough housing to accommodate all economic segments
- Three steps
 - Regional determination
 - RHNA methodology
 - Housing Element updates

Income Category	Household Income (based on area median income)
Very Low Income	<50%
Low Income	51-80%
Moderate Income	81-120%
Above Moderate Income	121%+

Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)



SACOG REGION = 153,512 UNITS

CITY OF COLFAX = 97

Colfax's 2021-2029 Allocation

- **What does Colfax need to plan for?**

Income category	Units needed	% of total	Zoning required to meet need	
Very Low Income	17	18%	High-density residential (20 units/acre minimum)	} 28 units
Low Income	11	11%	High-density residential (20 units/acre minimum)	
Moderate Income	21	22%	Any residential density	
Above Moderate Income	48	49%	Any residential density	
TOTAL	97			



Opportunities for Public Involvement

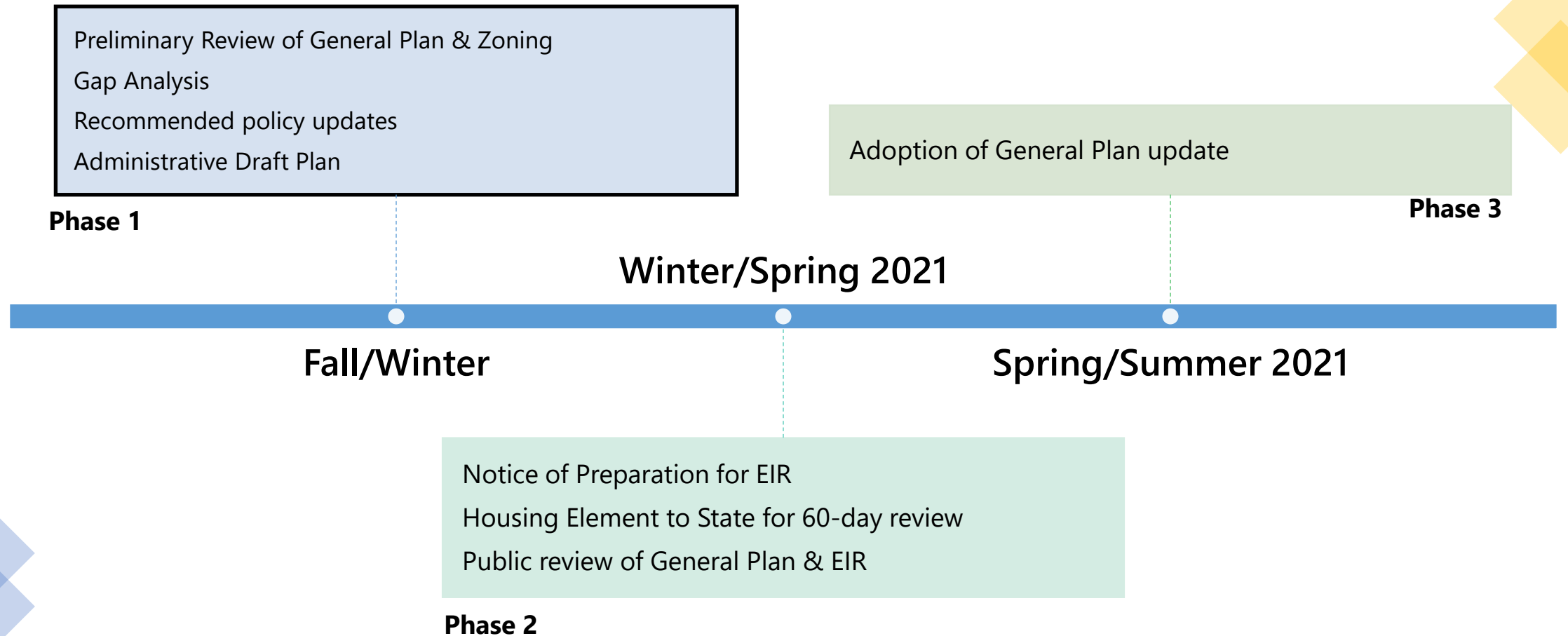
- **Today's Community-Based "Virtual" Meeting**
 - Identify issues and vision – Are the issues still relevant and the visions still valid?
 - Formulate community goals and objectives
 - Policy Topics
 - Identify community issues that the General Plan can address or resolve
 - Generate ideas for General Plan
- **Online Questions**
- **City Council Hearings**

Where we are in the process

- Phase 1
 - Review of current General Plan
 - Gap analysis
 - Plan consolidation and elimination of unnecessary text
 - Updated goals and policies
 - Visioning
 - Prepare Administrative Draft



Colfax 2020 General Plan Update Process






Next Steps

- Prepare Administrative Draft
- Submit to State for 60-day review
- Monitor website for updates: colfax-ca.gov/government/planning



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