

GPAC Noise Element Subcommittee – Agenda – November 13, 2024

Time: 11/13/2024, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: City Hall, “Newport Beach” meeting room, Bay 1B/ also online ([details](#))

1. Roll call

2. Length of Meeting?

- The meeting has been noticed to end at 5:00 p.m.
- Objective: Determine if attendees would be interested in or able to stay longer.

3. Status of Noise Support Contract?

- At our October 28 meeting, we reviewed a contract proposal from Dudek to support the Noise Element effort.
- Objective: Ben will be asked to update the committee on any progress made completing and implementing the contract.

4. New Noise Sources?

- Both the [state guidelines](#) and the consultant have emphasized one of the purposes of a Noise Element review is to identify potential new noise sources and compatibility problems, and ones that may have been overlooked in the existing plan.
- Objective: Committee members will be asked to think about noise sources that have been overlooked or may arise in the future.

5. Guiding Principles?

- Much as the consultant has been doing for the remainder of the General Plan Update, the committee may wish to consider the general principles that will underlie its ultimate recommendations for new and revised policies. Possibilities include:
 - We recognize noise pollution degrades quality of life.
 - We seek to minimize our population’s exposure to unwanted sound.
 - We seek to preserve our City’s quiet areas and improve its noisy ones.
 - We believe regulation should be limited to that necessary.
- Objective: Group to attempt to agree on the principles that will guide its policy review.

6. REVIEW OF EXISTING NOISE ELEMENT

- The primary purpose of this meeting is to review, as a group, the [existing Noise Element](#), and in particular, its goals and policies.
- Objective: Identify areas for further discussion and questions for the consultant.

7. Next Steps/Open Discussion

- This is an opportunity for attendees to suggest future direction and topics overlooked to date.

8. Future Meetings

- Set date for next meeting.

Newport Beach Links:

- [Existing General Plan](#) (including current Noise Element as [Chapter 12](#) and related Implementation Programs as [Chapter 13](#))
- Ben Zdeba's [Matrix of Existing Noise Element Policies](#) with Jim Mosher's notes
- Noise Element [Policies vs. Implementation Programs crosswalk](#)
- Dudek [review/comments](#) regarding our existing noise element (June 2024)
- Noise Element revisions approved by City Council as [Item 22](#) on 11/14/2024 to implement Housing Element
- Prior City Noise Element (attached to City Council Resolution [No. 94-96](#))
 - [Ordinance No. 95-38](#) implementing the 1994 Noise Element
- Principal City noise regulations:
 - Community Noise Control (NBMC [Chapter 10.26](#))
 - Loud and Unreasonable Noise (NBMC [Chapter 10.28](#))
 - Noise regulations in our Zoning Code (NBMC [Section 20.30.080](#))
- Other existing City noise regulations:
 - Noisy Animals (NBMC [Section 7.20.010](#))
 - Sound-Amplifying Equipment (NBMC [Chapter 10.32](#))
 - Loud and Unruly Gatherings (NBMC [Chapter 10.66](#))
- California vehicle noise limits ([Vehicle Code Sec. 27200 et seq.](#) – see also miscellaneous provisions such as [Section 27007](#) prohibiting sound amplification audible more than 50 feet away)

Some Other California City Noise Elements

- [City of Etna](#) (population 638)
- [Town of Gridley](#) (population 7,421)
- [City of Long Beach](#) (population 466,742)

Other

- Office of Planning and Research [General Plan Guidelines](#)
- California [Government Code Subsection 65302\(f\)](#)