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FACT SHEET

Napa County Baseline Data Report (BDR) Update The First Step in the General Plan Update

Overview: Napa County is undertaking an update to its Baseline Data Report (BDR), a foundational document first developed in 2005 to support data-driven planning and policymaking. The BDR provides a scientific assessment of the county's environmental, economic and social baseline conditions and regulatory framework, which will be used to inform the General Plan Update (GPU) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Why Update the BDR?

- Reflects changes in demographics, economic trends, and environmental conditions, including climate change, wildfires, drought, and natural resources.
- Aligns with updated local, state, and federal regulations.
- Integrates new technology, including GIS mapping and online accessibility.
- Establishes a data-driven foundation for Napa County's General Plan update.

Key Components of the BDR Update:

- Comprehensive data collection and gap analysis.
- Enhanced Geographic Information System (GIS) integration.
- Community outreach and public engagement.
- Development of an interactive, online platform for transparency.

Project Timeline:

- **August 2024:** Board approved Request for Proposals (RFP) for the BDR update.
- **February 2025:** Contract awarded to Environmental Science Associates for project execution. Official BDR update project launch with data collection and stakeholder engagement.
- **Late Summer/Early Fall 2025:** Update to the Board of Supervisors on the progress of the BDR. Initiation of the RFP selection process to hire a consultant to prepare the GPU and EIR.
- **Winter 2025/26:** Award contract to selected consulting firm for General Plan Update.
- **Spring 2026:** Completion of the updated BDR and integration into the General Plan update process.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the Baseline Data Report (BDR)?

The BDR is a comprehensive document that compiles environmental data and regulatory information to guide Napa County's planning and development efforts.

Why is the BDR important?

It provides a scientific foundation for informed decision-making on land use, resource management, climate adaptation, and environmental policies.

What topics are covered in the updated BDR?

The update will include air quality, biological resources, wildfire and hazard mitigation, groundwater conditions, agriculture, transportation, public health, and more.

How can the public get involved?

Public workshops, online engagement platforms, and community surveys will be available for residents to provide input beginning this spring and throughout 2025.

Will the BDR be accessible online?

Yes, the updated BDR will feature an interactive online GIS platform for improved accessibility and transparency.

How does the BDR relate to the General Plan Update?

The BDR serves as the data foundation for the General Plan and its Environmental Impact Report (EIR), ensuring that future policies are based on the most current scientific analysis.