Framework Review Form

Date: 5/9/24

Committee: CAC

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Framework Title (please complete one form per Framework): Natural Environment

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In light of **the Vision, Pillars, and Guiding Principles** prepared by GPA and accepted by City Council (https://www.planpetaluma.org/documents#gpuvision):

What are the most important policies in this framework? We recommend identifying the top 5 (or fewer) policies and ranking them in order of importance.

Policy	Explanation
Env 1.1	Environmental Stewardship- This is what this whole section is about in a nutshell. How can we proceed in a way that moves us more in harmony with our natural environment?
Env 2.3	Create Network of Healthy Habitats/ preserve open space, do more infill. We are not the only creatures entitled to a healthy life. The flora and fauna cannot speak for themselves, so we need to be considering them and ensuring their protection.
Env 3.1-3.4	Water resource management- Water will be California's most threatened resource. As storm surges and drought become more of the norm, we will need to adapt and harness this new climate reality.
Env 5.1-5.2	Promote N.A. heritage and partner with tribes.- Our Native tribes lived here for centuries, caring for the land and living with no trace. The shift ahead of us is a dramatic cultural paradigm shift.
Env 4.1	Utilize Green Infrastructure- I like the priority of "high impact projects". These project will also help with water which I put second in terms of priority. I do love the idea of permeable and natural infrastructure and I think it would also add to the attractiveness of our city.

==*Side note*==I found these very difficult to prioritize.

What concerns do you have about the policies in this framework? For example, are they unclear? Should they be softened or strengthened? Do you disagree with the policy direction?

Policy	Explanation
Env 2.2- Network of open space	Ensure that wildlife corridors are leveraging the wisdom of people in the community that study this, including native people if applicable.
overall	Need to plant more trees? if it's in parks, make a note that it's there. Need an expert in ecosystems to be planning urban forestry and wildlife corridors, etc.
Env 2.1	focus on carbon sequestration (as in the state)

overall	Utilize county and state and other initiatives so we are not operating in a vacuum.
4.1	What does "green infrastructure" mean? Can you define it more?

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