

Commission to discuss general plan

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HANFORD — The Hanford Planning Commission will meet Tuesday for a workshop on the city's general plan update. The commission will hear the status of the general plan update program and get an overview of the program.

A general plan serves as a blueprint for how a city will develop over a given period of time. The current general plan was adopted in 2003 and covers land use; transportation circulation; open space, conservation and recreation; hazards management; public facilities and services; housing; and air quality.

Items in the general plan program include things like "environmental justice" and "sustainable development," which promotes decreased urban sprawl, protects open spaces and environmentally sensitive lands, strong local and regional economies, energy and resource efficiency and equitable development.

The general plan update will likely take about 18 to 24 months to complete, the city said. It will intertwine with the city's Downtown East Precise Plan and a Climate Action Plan, a countywide project to evaluate greenhouse gas emissions.

The commission will also elect a chairperson and vice chairperson at the meeting. David Droker currently serves as the commission's chairperson.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers in the Civic Auditorium, located at 400 N. Douty St.