

## Attachment A

Below are suggested policy changes resulting from recent feedback provided by the Natural Resources and Open Space Subcommittee, staff, and PMC.

**For Goal OS8:** Excellent water quality and secure water supply for human and natural communities.

**Policy:** Protect ~~environmentally sensitive natural resources including~~ creeks and San Pablo Bay within the Planning Area ~~by~~

~~Implementation Action: Continuously improve implementation of~~ stormwater pollution-prevention activities ~~and through active participation on regional efforts to improve water quality within the Pinole Creek Watershed.~~

**Implementation Action:** Minimize ~~public and private~~ use of pesticides ~~and private use through education and outreach efforts~~ that may harm water quality within the Pinole Creek Watershed and Planning Area ~~through education and outreach efforts.~~

**Implementation Action:** Implement a comprehensive municipal stormwater pollution-prevention program in compliance with requirements of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board's stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

**Implementation Action:** –Avoid excessive grading and disturbance of vegetation and soils, retain native vegetation and significant trees, and maintain natural drainage patterns by requiring proposed development to conform to natural land forms, where feasible.

**Implementation Action:** Continue to work cooperatively with other agencies and community groups to comply with water quality regulations, reduce pollutants in runoff, and protect and enhance water resources in the Pinole Creek Watershed and the Planning Area.

**Implementation Action:** Reduce directly connected impervious area by limiting the overall coverage of paving and roofs, directing runoff from impervious areas to adjacent pervious areas, and selecting permeable pavements and surface treatments to enhance water quality.

**Implementation Action:** Require new development projects to incorporate facilities and measures to treat stormwater before discharge from the site. The facilities shall be included in required Stormwater Control Plans and sized to meet NPDES permit requirements. Projects may protect water quality by incorporating Low Impact Development (LID) design to detain, treat, and infiltrate runoff by minimizing impervious area; use pervious pavements and green roofs, disperse runoff to landscaped areas; and/or route runoff to rain gardens, cisterns, swales, and other small-scale facilities distributed throughout the project area.

**Implementation Action:** Support and participate in regional efforts to protect water quality and enhance recreation opportunities by preserving and restoring riparian and wetland habitat within the Planning Area and the Pinole Creek Watershed.

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