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***Strategy 11.1: Modify the existing zoning and land use regulations suitable for the La Cienega and La Cieneguilla planning area based on the communities’ needs, culture, and resources by amending the Community District Overlay.***

Action 11.1.1: The La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Planning Committee will work with County Planning staff to develop appropriate amendments for SLDC Section 9.8: La Cienega and La Cieneguilla Community District Overlay.

**Economic Development**

*There are no Economic Development-specific goals in the 2015 Plan.*

Goal 13: Enhance economic development that is respectful of historic traditions and natural resources.

*Strategy 13.1: LCVA should collaborate with local, state, and federal government agencies to improve internet access.*

Action 13.1.1: LCVA should work with County Planning to coordinate internet expansion through County Economic Development and the New Mexico Office of Broadband Access and Expansion.

**Agriculture and Ranching**

**Goal 3: Support, m~~M~~aintain, and expand agriculture in ~~the plan area~~La Cienega and La Cieneguilla plan area.**

***Strategy 3.1: Limit the conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural uses.***

Action 3.1.1: County Planning staff will work with farmers to ~~Creating~~create an inventory of agricultural lands in the planning area.

Action 3.1.2: The LCVA will ~~Developing~~develop a voluntary notification process of all sales of agricultural land. When possible, this will include negotiation of a first right of refusal agreement on sales of said lands. The OSE requires any ditch member to notify the commission of the ditch of intent to sell water rights. El Guicu Ditch’s bylaws give their commission the right to refuse the request.

Action 3.1.3: The LCVA will ~~Forming~~form a representative committee of stakeholders to develop a community managed agricultural land protection program using methods such as, but not limited to, land trusts, conservation easements, and transfer of development rights.

Action 3.1.4: The LCVA will ~~Investigating~~investigate various funding mechanisms to support agricultural land protection and management programs through mechanisms including, but not limited to, improvement districts, development impact fees, grants, and legislative appropriations.

Action 3.1.5: LCVA will support public land access, including to federally managed and state managed land, for grazing, as it is a community tradition and directly tied to sustaining economically viable agricultural enterprises in the planning area.

Action 3.1.6: ~~Supporting incentive based zoning that~~County Planning staff and LCVA will encourage~~s~~ property owners to create permanent agricultural conservation easements via the County’s Transfer of Development Rights program

***Strategy 3.2: Support current growers and ranchers*.**

Action 3.2.1: ~~Investigate the feasibility of alleviating~~The LCVA should support measures that help to alleviate property tax burdens for small-scale ranching and farming operations in the planning area.

Action 3.2.2: LCVA, with assistance of the County and relevant State agencies, should i~~I~~nvestigate the feasibility of recharging area springs in order to support traditional agricultural uses of water resources in the planning area.

Action 3.2.3 LCVA, with assistance of the County and relevant State agencies, should d~~D~~evelop an agricultural support program to help revitalize traditionally irrigated lands and agricultural activities such as small-scale farming and ranching in the Planning Area. This will include educational outreach, skills training, and marketing assistance to support economically and environmentally viable farming practices for community members in the Planning Area. The program will also include educational outreach for appropriate scale gardening and landscaping in newer subdivision areas.

**Open Space**

**Goal 9: Ensure that parks, open spaces and trails in the community reflect and support community values.**

***Strategy 9.1: Ensure that planned uses on public lands do not inappropriately impact the plan area.***

Action 9.1.1: The County Planning Division in coordination with the LCVA and relevant public agencies will d~~D~~evelop an accurate inventory of all public land uses and leases in and surrounding the planning area. This will include development of a reporting procedure whereby all parties can be informed as to current and planned uses of these public lands.

Action 9.1.2 The LCVA will c~~C~~oordinate with the County Open Space, Trail and Parks program and the Planning Division to develop a public education program to help clearly identify boundaries between public and private properties in order to respect and protect private property from non-permitted public use.

Action 9.1.3 The LCVA will f~~F~~orm a representative committee of stakeholders to develop a community open space protection program.

***Strategy 9.2: Maintain open space while accommodating new growth.***

Action 9.2.1: The LCVA and the Planning Division will coordinate with relevant conservation organizations to d~~D~~evelop voluntary open space protection programs including but not limited to: clustered housing, land conservation programs, Transfer of Development Rights programs, conservation easements, purchase of development rights programs and community-based land trusts.

***Strategy 9.3: Plan for appropriate pedestrian and equestrian access aligned with exiting road networks that provide connections to community facilities and regional trails.***

Action 9.3.1 LCVA and the Planning Division will identify pedestrian connections in conjunction with planning and programming of new community facilities.

Action 9.3.2 LCVA and the Planning Division will identify roads in the plan area with appropriate right-of-way~~e R.O.W.~~  that can accommodate a future trail network to avoid trail linkages across private property or in arroyos.

Action 9.3.4 LCVA and the Planning Division will work with private land owners, the BLM and the State Land Office to develop voluntary use agreements, easements~~,~~ or other arrangements for public use of ~~these~~ trails. This will include working with all parties to help identify trailhead locations for existing trails. This will also include closure of all unauthorized trails and measures to educate the public to eliminate trespass on private properties.

Action 9.3.5 LCVA will develop a voluntary notification process of all sales of open space properties identified in the above mentioned public land inventory. When possible, the community will negotiate a voluntary first right of refusal on sales or transfers in order that the lands may be purchased for protection and inclusion in community open spaces. This program will include exploring funding mechanisms to purchase the lands and maintain the lands, as well as the creation of a community-based legal entity that can purchase the land for common community use.~~.~~

Action 9.3.6 LCVA and the Planning Division will develop an accurate inventory of wildlife habitat areas in the Planning Area and develop a management and protection program with direct participation from local residents, property owners and business owners.

Action 9.3.7 ~~:~~ LCVA and the Planning Division will identify and create a management program consistent with existing county and state regulations to preserve historical and archaeological areas within the Planning Area including but not limited to petroglyphs, Pueblo ruins, and other ~~historical~~ cultural sites.

Action 9.3.8 LCVA and the Planning Division will develop a community-based stewardship and management program for public lands in and adjacent to the Planning Area. The management program will create environmentally and culturally sensitive programs to maintain traditional activities such as common open space areas, horseback trails~~,~~ and grazing.

***Strategy 9.4: Plan for small parks to serve evolving neighborhoods and ~~to serve~~ existing and future neighborhood residents*.**

***Note: Strategy 9.4 needs an Action***

**Public Safety**

**Goal 7: Create a fire protection network for the entire community**

***Strategy 7.1. Increase capacity to respond to fire events.***

**Action 7.1.1:** The community will coordinate with County Utilities, County Fire, and the mutual domestic water association to investigate means to increase water pressure in existing fire hydrants. This may include but is not limited to connecting existing hydrants to the County water system and/or other available water systems at the earliest possible date.

**Action 7.1.2: LCVA, LCMDWA, and County Fire will i**dentify additional public and/or private water sources and to develop use agreements in order to meet emergency service needs in the planning area.

**Action 7.1.3: LCVA, LCMDWA, County Fire, and County Utilities will w**evelop an implementation and funding plan in order to expand the number and location of accessible fire hydrants throughout the planning area. This may include, but is not limited to, construction of water storage facilities for emergency use in the planning area. Improvements must be designed to maintain the rural character of the community.

**Action 7.1.4:** **LCVA, LCMDWA, County Fire, and County Utilities will** assess the capacity and working order of existing fire hydrants and develop a repair and or replacement program for hydrants which are not in proper working order.

**Action 7.1.5:** **LCVA, LCMDWA, County Fire, and County Utilities will** assess fire access conditions in the planning area and develop a community education program to ensure proper access conditions on roads, driveways and gated drives and roads within the planning area.

**Action 7.1.6:** **LCVA and County Fire will** plan for coordinated permitting and burning of agricultural fields, including working with the local Acequia Associations to coordinate burns and provide support to fire personnel.

**Action 7.1.7:** **LCVA, LCMDWA, and County Fire** ensure that fire protection is available for addressing the spontaneous burning of manure piles and ensure that similar stockpiling of manure does not occur in the future.

***Strategy 7.2. Require an access management plan for all new roadways, per SGMP Strategy 29.4.2.***

**Action 7.2.1:** LCVA and County Fire will ensure that developments and subdivisions in the Planning Area meet all commitments to create adequate fire protection services. These commitments should be fully developed and in proper working order to service new residences and subdivisions.

***Strategy 7.3.******Increase volunteer fire fighter recruitment from within the Planning Area.***

**Action 7.3.1:** LCVA and County Fire will develop an educational campaign to increase awareness in the Planning Area of the need for volunteers and options for volunteering. (Coordinate with County efforts per SGMP Policy 29.3 and Strategy 29.3.1).

**Action 7.3.2: LCVA and County Fire will i**ncrease fire protection awareness in the Planning Area. This will include an educational campaign to inform residents of current County Code requirements as well as practical measures that residents can implement to improve fire protection.

**Transportation**

**Goal 4: Develop a transportation system that provides for community mobility and safety.**

***Strategy 4.1: Ensure existing transportation infrastructure is properly maintained.***

Action 4.1.1: County Planning, in coordination with the community, will develop educational materials to inform Planning Area residents of the County's notification procedures for road maintenance needs and requests.

Action 4.1.2: LCVA will doordinate with the community representative of the County's Transportation Advisory Committee and the County Planning Division to develop a community priority list of road improvements and funding priorities.

***Strategy 4.2: Ensure that future transportation improvements do not undermine the plan area’s rural character.***

Action 4.2.1: County Planning, in coordination with the community and County Public Works, will design road safety features, including but not limited to, lighting and signage that are designed to maintain the rural character of the community.

Action 4.2.2: County Planning, in coordination with the community and County Public Works, will work to ensure that all construction, widening and/or upgrading of public roads into the Planning Area shall be planned and designed through consultation with a representative community body and shall include design standards that meet all legal requirements while also maintaining the rural character of the Planning Area.

***Strategy 4.3: Enhance the transportation network’s safety.***

***Note: add language about implementing the upcoming La Cienega/La Cieneguilla Road Safety Study***

Action 4.3.1: The community, with support of County Planning, will identify areas with speeding problems and develop a periodic monitoring schedule with the County Sheriff’s Department to enforce speed limits within the planning area.

Action 4.3.2: County Planning, in coordination with the community, will study the feasibility of implementing traffic calming measures, such as speed bumps and median and road-edge rumble strips, on roads with consistent speeding problems.

Action 4.3.3: LCVA will coordinate with establishments in the planning area that generate high traffic volumes in order to develop either alternative traffic routes and/or event planning to minimize impacts from high traffic.

Action 4.3.4: County Planning, in coordination with the community, will study the feasibility of implementing guardrails on dangerous and sharp curves in the planning area.

Action 4.3.5: County Planning, in coordination with the community and County Public Works, will work with the NMDOT to improve the intersection of Las Estrellas Road and the Interstate 25 frontage road and create screening which will clearly separate headlights on the interstate and on the frontage road.

Action 4.3.6: The Planning Division will work with County Public Works to install signage in designated areas to alert drivers about cattle trailings, equestrian use, wildlife crossings, and pedestrians, and cyclists.

Action 4.3.7: The Planning Division will coordinate with County Public Works and NMDOT to study the feasibility of wildlife corridors under Interstate 25.

***Strategy 4.4: Support the use of alternative transportation modes.***

Action 4.4.1: County Planning, in coordination with the community, will study the feasibility of providing transportation services to low mobility residents through existing public, non-profit and private transportation services.

Action 4.4.2: County Planning, in coordination with the community, will study the feasibility of developing alternative transportation services including options such as ride-sharing and park and ride.

Action 4.4.3: LCVA, in coordination with County Planning and County Open Space, will identify grants and other funding sources to develop better walking trails and pedestrian access along roadways.

**Goal 8: Enhance compatibility between the airport and community.**

**Strategy 8.1: Minimize the airport’ s external impacts on the community.**

*Note: It will likely be beneficial to reduce the number of airport-related actions so that they are realistically actionable in next ~5-10 years.*

Action 8.1.1: Address the impacts of airport operations on surrounding communities. LCVA and community stakeholders will work with the City of Santa Fe, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and any other relevant agency or group on issues including but are not limited to development of flight patterns that do not cross populated areas, timing of flights, placement of navigational beacons and noise abatement.

Action 8.1.2: LCVA will develop a representative community body which will request that Santa Fe County and the City of Santa Fe jointly create a Noise Mitigation and Abatement Program at the airport.

Action 8.1.4: LCVA will request a limit on expansion of new carriers, daily flights by commercial aircraft and nonemergency operations until a new airport plan is developed.

Action 8.1.5: LCVA will explore options and constraints of locating an airport facility away from heavily populated areas in the County. This program action is intended as an investigative measure and does not imply any type of commitments by any party for siting of future facilities.

Action 8.1.6: LCVA will investigate options and means for developing a scheduling process to limit regular flights to daytime hours and decrease or eliminate regularly scheduled flights after 8:00 p.m.

Action 8.1.7: LCVA will work with the National Guard to reduce the impact of flights over populated areas and undeveloped private property in the planning area through higher flight patterns, noise abatement efforts, and other means.

Action 8.1.8: LCVA will encourage the airport management to educate pilots and other airport personnel about the importance of noise abatement procedures, common courtesy toward local residents, and the locations of private property in the airport vicinity.

Action 8.1.9: LCVA, in collaboration with the County, will advocate for a permanent seat on the City of Santa Fe’s Airport Advisory Board.

**Water**

**Goal 1: Ensure a sustainable, fresh water supply for the community.**

***Strategy 1.1: ~~Develop~~ La Cienega and La Cienguilla should develop alternative water sources including conservation.***

Action 1.1.1: The LCVA should work with County Public Works to ~~E~~ensure that commercial and institutional entities with on-site wells in or adjacent to the planning area connect to the County water system at the earliest possible date. When possible, existing on-site wells should be retired or dedicated for emergency uses only, such as fire protection or in the event that the County water system should fail.

Action 1.1.2 County Growth Management, in coordination with County Utilities, will ensure that all new residential development shall limit water consumption to .25 acre feet or less of water per year for domestic consumption per legal lot of record for all indoor and outdoor water use.

Action 1.1.3: LCVA, LCMDWA, and community acequia associations will investigate sources of supplemental water to use for irrigation. Sources might include water harvesting and/or other reuse initiatives such as treated effluent from the City of Santa Fe's wastewater treatment plant, the State penitentiary and/or National Guard facility as well as commercial, institutional and residential developments in or near the Community Planning Area.

Action 1.1.4: The LCVA should work with County Planning to d~~D~~evelop water conservation and protection initiatives at all commercial facilities within and adjacent to the Community Planning Area.

Action 1.1.5: The LCVA should work with County Planning to monitor to ensure that water users and all new utility, institutional, residential, and commercial developments in the La Cienega and Santa Fe River watersheds will incorporate a reasoned approach in the development of water sources. These policies will be based upon the best available data and should be considered as necessary aspects of all development approvals in the planning area and in the La Cienega and Santa Fe River watersheds.

***Strategy 1.2: The La Cienega and La Cieneguilla planning area shall r~~R~~etain water rights which currently exist in the community within the community.***

Action 1.2.1: LCVA and LCMDA should work with County and City planning staff to d~~D~~evelop a monitoring and notification program within the planning area to inform all water rights holders of proposed initiatives and activities that may impact and or potentially impair all water rights in and/or associated with the planning area.

Action 1.2.2: ~~Coordinate with the~~ La Cienega Mutual Domestic Water Association (LCMDWA) should coordinate with County staff to leverage community resources to acquire transferable water rights in the planning area and apply such water rights to the expansion of existing or creation of new community water systems.

Action 1.2.3: LCVA, in coordination with County Planning and County Utilities, will inventory transferable water rights in the planning area and when possible, develop a voluntary notification process with the water right owners to arrange a preferential right of purchase for these water rights in order that they may continue to serve as a community resource.

Action 1.2.4: LCVA will doordinate with the acequia associations, the La Cienega Mutual Domestic Water Association, residents, business owners and property owners to expand water conservation initiatives within the community by providing educational materials and practical examples of water conservation techniques that can be employed in the planning area.

***Strategy 1.3 Expedite the implementation of the La Cienega watershed conditions.***

Action 1.3.1: County Public Works, in coordination with County Planning and the community will implement watershed conditions fully by seeking the prioritization of the extension of Santa Fe County water lines to serve existing and future residential and commercial uses in Upper La Cienega. Seek to have available County water prioritize existing water users over new development (see Water Service Priority Area & La Cienega Watershed Conditions below).

Note: SLDC Section 9.8.2.1 (in the LCLC Community District Overlay) already requires the following Action:

***Strategy 1.4 Require documentation of conservation measures.***

*Note: staff will review these in context with all the pertinent SLDC and County regulations*

Action 1.4.1 All land division and zoning density variance applications in the Planning Area shall be granted only if the applicant provides a site-specific hydrogeological report that demonstrates a 100 year water supply and which assess the impact of the new well on neighboring wells, acequias, streams, ponds and springs.

Action 1.4.2 Limit the maximum possible existing residential water use to 0.50 acre feet of water per year. Any use above .025 acre feet per year must be applied for with a water budget and proof of 100 year water supply as per the existing County Sustainable Land Development Code or other regulation that may apply. The application must also demonstrate conservation of water through recycling, reduced use, rainwater (and other) collection and other means equal to stringent sustainable land use principles. This water consumption requirement applies only to use of water for domestic purposes from domestic wells as defined by the state and does not apply to any other water rights (irrigation or private.)

Action 1.4.3 Verify that all new wells and buildings using ground water drawn from wells located within the Planning Area as a partial or total water supply have installed a water meter on their wells. All new development using shared wells or community water systems shall install a water meter on every dwelling unit or primary structure/intake that uses the well water.

Action 1.4.4 Enforce current regulations requiring the monitoring and reporting of water usage. All users shall record water meter readings on a monthly basis and submit an annual report of monthly readings to the County Hydrologist and, if established, to the community’s water management authority. The community will coordinate with the County Hydrologist to develop a water meter auditing program to ensure compliance with water restriction covenants. If a user is over consuming, the County will work with the individual to 1) develop a water budget and conservation plan including efforts to replace any amount over consumed and, 2) develop a fine for repeated instances of over consumption.

***Strategy 1.5 Promote and enforce water conservation and best management practices.***

Action 1.5.1 The LCLCPC and County Planning will develop Overlay amendments so that all new development shall incorporate water conservation and best management practices which are compliant with state and county regulations as well as current sustainability practices. This may include reuse of gray water, storm water recharge and rainwater collection systems such as, cisterns, gravel beds or other storage systems for which regulations have been enacted. These practices may include:

* Water collection to the extent practical and affordable and not required to exceed 1% of total construction costs, shall be used for landscaping irrigation and/or other domestic uses in order to replace use of potable water supplies.
* Xeriscaping and/or native plants will be encouraged for landscaping on all new landscaping. The area of landscaping to be irrigated will be based on County Hydrologist approved water budget estimates of rainwater collection and storage capacity per the individual development. This will not apply to agricultural uses of water.
* The building of swimming pools is discouraged in the Community Planning Area. Any new pool must meet County SLDC, County water conservation guidelines, satisfy water availability requirements, and include a covering when not in use to minimize evaporation.

***Strategy 1.6 Regulate all new development of riparian areas and/or wetlands***

Action 1.6.1 Prior to development of new riparian areas and wetlands in the Planning Area, applicants shall demonstrate adequate water rights and/or source(s) of water to meet consumptive needs of the riparian area or wetlands, and demonstrate that the project will not negatively impact prior beneficial uses or traditional uses of water resources, in accordance with State Engineer's Office regulations.

Action 1.6.2: LCVA will advocate for policies including OSE guidelines for determining the consumptive needs of the riparian area or wetlands shall use the U.S. Soil Conservation Service Modified Blaney-Criddle Method, long-term weather data for the period from 1867 onward and consumptive-use coefficients developed by the U.S Bureau of Reclamation for riparian vegetation in the Middle Rio Grande Valley. The Consumptive Irrigation Requirement (CIR), an annual measure of water uptake by vegetation, exclusive of precipitation, shall be calculated for all proposed types of vegetation to be incorporated into the riparian area or wetlands.

Action 1.6.3: County Growth Management will ensure that all development of new projects in riparian areas and wetlands shall also comply with all County Code requirements including, without limitation, terrain management. Projects may also be subject to monitoring, which will be designed on a case-by-case basis, to ensure that the water rights associated with the project are not exceeded, and to address any possible negative impacts associated with the project.

**Goal 2: Protect the quality of surface and ground water.**

***Strategy 2.1: Monitor existing on-site treatment wastewater systems to prevent contamination.***

Action 2.1.1: County Utilities will undertake and fund a feasibility study for different scales and approaches to wastewater management in the plan area including sanitation districts, satellite systems and regional wastewater treatment facilities. Explore the possibility of establishing local financing mechanisms, such as an assessment district, to create a water and/or sanitation district to serve the planning area

Action 2.1.2: County Utilities Develop a program that will assist homeowners with septic system compliance. Such a program should include education, outreach and funding mechanisms to help homeowners ensure existing and new septic systems meet applicable standards.

Action 2.13: The LCLCPC and County Planning will develop Overlay amendments to develop guidelines and assistance for all new developments to install wastewater treatments systems which are designed to treat effluent or wastewater to EPA and NMED standards. (The state requires systems to meet EPA and NMED standards and in order to get a County development permit an applicant must have a state approved permit). This will include working with the Drinking Water Bureau of the Environment Department to disseminate information regarding how individuals can test their own water, all relevant County and State regulations regarding well drilling and maintenance, as well as scheduling periodic water fairs in the planning area.

Action 2.1.4: LCVA, in coordination with County Utilities, will work with the NMED to develop voluntary noticing procedures whereby when new wells or septic systems are installed within the planning area, the land owner will provide a map of all wells, septic systems, open water courses, springs, arroyos and acequias on or adjacent to the property. The intent of this is to prevent accidental placement of wells or septic systems which might have potential impacts to water resources and drainage on adjoining properties.

Action 2.1.5: LCVA will advocate that the County develop a septic tank monitoring program. Such a program will require that individual septic tank sludge levels be measured every 2 years and pumped if called for by NMED standards. A biennial report examining septic tank conditions and problems in the planning area will be compiled and distributed to interested community organizations. This policy is intended to help homeowners ensure that septic systems will not fail, to avoid large costs of repairing failed systems, and protect surrounding water resources from potential contamination.

***Strategy 2.2: Minimize ground water impacts associated with polluting land uses.***

Action 2.2.1: The LCLCPC and County Planning will develop Overlay amendments to require existing commercial and institutional entities which produce animal or chemical wastes that have the potential to contaminate ground water which are located adjacent to or in the planning area to properly contain and dispose of all wastes either brought onto the property or generated through the entity’s operations.

***Strategy 2.3: Reduce erosion and pollution from storm water runoff.***

Action 2.3.1: LCVA will coordinate with County Growth Management and Sustainability to investigate developing design requirements for new development that control runoff into arroyos through use of retention ponds and/or other techniques that control runoff while also allowing for aquifer recharge.

Action 2.3.2: LCVA will coordinate with County Sustainability and County Planning to review all road projects that may affect run-off in the La Cienega and Santa Fe River watersheds and Planning Area such as the Arroyo de Los Chamisas, Arroyo Calabasas, Arroyo Hondo and the Santa Fe River.

***Strategy 2.4: Enhance water quality and quantity in the Santa Fe River.***

Action 2.4.1: LCVA will seek to develop a joint information sharing and dissemination program that allows for periodic review of the City's Wastewater treatment facility operations and reports. This will be designed to allow for greater communication and cooperation between the City, the County, NMED and County residents regarding facility operations' impacts on the community at large and the communities of the planning area. Issues of concern to the community include but are not limited to facility design and potential for spills, reliable supplies for power generation and emergency back-ups, sludge treatment and storage capacity, and sludge field injection practices and potentials for water contamination. The goal of this action is to get the above parties to investigate means to formalize such a cooperative program through development of cooperative agreements between the various parties and agencies.

Action 2.4.2: LCVA, LCMDWA, and community acequia associations will Monitor to ensure that quantity and quality of effluent flows from the City's wastewater treatment plant are sufficient, based on the best available data, to meet the needs of downstream water users and in recognizing priority water rights of downstream users, once established.

Action 2.4.3: LCVA will coordinate with the Santa Fe Watershed Association to develop a study of best management practices to ensure quality of water, wildlife habitat and beneficial use of water resources along the Santa Fe River in the planning area.

**Community Services**

**Goal 5: Ensure adequate utility services that do not undermine the plan area’s rural character.**

***Strategy 5.1: Ensure that the planning and installation of future utility services reflect community preferences.***

**Action 5.1.1:** County Planning, in coordination with the community, will develop design and installation standards for all new or replacement utility services in the planning area. All improvements must be designed to maintain the rural character of the community. This will include a public process for input from residents, business owners and property owners.

**Action 5.1.2**: LCVA will encourage policies that require all new and replacement utility services within the Planning Area must be installed underground or, if this is not possible, installed in such a manner so as to mitigate the aesthetic impact on the rural character of the community and surrounding natural environment.

Action 5.1.3: LCVA will coordinate with PNM to develop solutions to address the frequent electricity outages in Lower La Cienega.

**Goal 6: Ensure solid waste is appropriately disposed.**

***Strategy 6.1: Prevent illegal dumping.***

**Action 6.1.1:** LCVA, in coordination with County Public Works, will study how well existing solid waste management practices are serving the planning area. This may include investigating the possibilities for additional sites for solid waste transfer, particularly for areas on the eastern side of I-25 and communities north of the planning area, as well as means to finance a new station.

**Action 6.1.2:** LCVA, in coordination with County Public Works, will study the possibility of opening the solid waste facility seven days per week in order to better meet the demand for waste disposal from the entire area served by the transfer station and to eliminate illegal dumping at times when the facility is not open.

**Action 6.1.3:** LCVA, in coordination with County Code Enforcement, will develop more effective enforcement of illegal dumping fines and develop regular community wide sweeps to discourage illegal dumping.

**Action 6.1.4:** LCVA, in coordination with County Code Enforcement, County Public Works, and County Planning, will Develop new signage to educate people regarding illegal dumping and to deter the practice in the planning area. Signage should also educate people about disposal of hazardous household items that can enter water resources.

***Strategy 6.2:******Reduce trash in the plan area.***

**Action 6.2.1:** LCVA will create a community program for periodic trash pick-up days in the planning area for large items and waste not accepted at the transfer station on private, County, State and BLM lands.

**Action 6.2.2:** LCVA will initiate an annual community program "Clean-up." This will include developing a representative community committee to coordinate local waste management activities and projects. This may also include expanding an Adopt a Road program and creating affordable incentives for community participation on annual clean-ups.

**Goal 10: Ensure the availability of community facilities to serve the planning area’s diverse and growing population.**

***Strategy 10.1: Establish new community facilities in appropriate locations in the plan area.***

Action 10.1.1: LCVA will investigate means, including funding for development, operations and maintenance costs, to establish a community facility in the ~~p~~Planning ~~a~~Area. Such a facility may include but not be limited to a park, a local history center, recreational facilities for sports, and a multipurpose community meeting center. Coordinate efforts to apply County resources to local facilities as described in SGMP Chapter 12.

Action 10.1.2: LCVA will investigate options including but not limited to linking public facilities with acquisition and management of County Open Space properties and/or other lands held by public agencies within the planning area. Coordinate efforts to apply County resources to local facilities as described in SGMP Chapter 6.

Action 10.1.3: LCVA will investigate mechanisms available to include public recreational facilities in new development and/or local funding mechanisms to support maintenance of community facilities. Coordinate efforts to apply County resources to local facilities as described in SGMP Chapters 6 and 12.

Action 10.1.4: County Planning Staff and the LCVA will ensure that all proposed community facilities shall be designed through consultation with a representative community body and shall include low water use design, energy efficient construction, passive solar features, and low-maintenance design.

***Strategy 10.2: Expand the scope of community services available in the plan area*.**

Action 10.2.1: LCVA will develop ~~a~~ one or more message board~~(s)~~s for the Community Organization to use for announcements of development projects to facilitate greater public notification and review of proposed development in the P~~p~~lanning ~~a~~Area. Such board(s) could be placed in centrally located spot(s) within the ~~p~~Planning ~~a~~Area and be used by the Community Organization for public notification procedures as outlined in this Plan. A message board or kiosk shall be included at the community center. Coordinate efforts to apply County resources as described in SGMP Chapter 14.

Action 10.2.2: LCVA will develop a commercial kitchen for community use.

Action 10.2.3: LCVA will develop a permanent funding source for community outreach, including announcement board signs, community website expansion and maintenance, community newsletters, and other informational programs.

**Governance**

**Goal 24: Ensure implementation of the community plan by maintaining regular planning committee meetings.**

**Strategy 24.1: The La Cienega and La Cieneguilla Planning Committee (LCLCPC) should establish regular meetings to monitor and implement the plan.**

Action 24.1.1: The LCLCPC should hold meetings with sufficient frequency and meet as needed with County staff to implement the plan.