Planning Division Policy, Programs, & Permitting Section Organization/Teams

The Ventura County Planning Division is committed to developing, recommending, and implementing land use goals, policies and programs that will:

- Preserve, conserve, and promote the wise use of the County's resources
- Minimize hazards to life and property
- Promote separate, distinct, and livable communities which offer choice and opportunities to all socio-economic groups; and
- Provide adequate, cost-effective public facilities and services

Permitting Sections





Permit Administration

The first point of contact for members of the public, planners work primarily at the public counter to provide information, issue zoning clearances, and assist the public in other ways.



Commercial & Industrial Permitting

Commercial-Industrial permit planners process land use permits of non-residential projects including mining, oil production, landfill expansions, and new or expanding industrial or commercial projects.



Residential Permitting

Residential permit planners process permits of a residential nature such as land subdivisions, farmworker housing and virtually all residential development along the coast and into the Santa Monica Mountains.



Planning Programs

Planners within the County's Planning Programs administer several programs including the County's Condition Compliance, Cultural Heritage Board, Mobile Home Park Rent Review Board, and Film Permit Programs.





Area Plans and Resources

Long Range planners are responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the Area Plans and land use ordinances. These planners are involved with open space preservation and coordination of grants focused on issues such as preservation of biological and coastal resources in Ventura County.



Housing and State Mandates

Long Range planners are responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the housing related ordinances and policies. These planners are involved with population forecasts and studies and coordination of grants focused on housing in Ventura County.



General Plan Implementation

Long Range planners are responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the County General Plan. These planners coordinate the implementation of diverse General Plan Programs in keeping with the long term vision of Ventura County.