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## Class Activity #4

### Step 1)

TABLE LU-1 Existing Land Uses (May 2006)

General Plan Land Use Category	Existing Uses	
	Acres	% of Total
Agriculture	6,055	2.8
Commercial Employment, Retail, and Services	7,887	3.6
Industrial Employment	8,928	4.1
Institutional, Public and Semi-Public Facilities <sup>1</sup>	37,103	16.9
Multiple Use	--	--
Park, Open Space and Recreation <sup>2</sup>	60,654	27.6
Residential	52,389	23.9
Roads / Freeways / Transportation Facilities <sup>3</sup>	31,291	14.3
Water Bodies <sup>3</sup>	6,932	3.2
Vacant <sup>3</sup>	8,002	3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>219,241</b>	<b>100.0</b>

1 This land use category includes 26,547 of existing acres of military use.

2 This land use category includes 2,578 acres of water bodies that are recreational areas and located within park and open space areas.

3 Not a General Plan land use category, however, it is included to provide an accurate account for total acreage in the City. Water bodies identified here are not for recreational purposes.

Source: SANDAG's Regional Land Use Database

TABLE LU-2 Planned Land Uses

General Plan Land Use Category	Existing Uses	
	Acres	% of Total
Agriculture	3,670	1.7
Commercial Employment, Retail, and Services	6,114	2.8
Industrial Employment	12,278	5.6
Institutional, Public and Semi-Public Facilities <sup>1</sup>	36,545	16.7
Multiple Use	4,534	2.1
Park, Open Space and Recreation <sup>2</sup>	62,686	28.5
Residential	55,987	25.5
Roads / Freeways / Transportation Facilities <sup>3</sup>	30,495	13.9
Water Bodies <sup>3</sup>	6,932	3.2
Vacant <sup>3</sup>	--	--
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## Comparison of Existing & Proposed Land Uses

- Decline in agriculture use
- Increase in residential use
- Introduction of multiple use
- Slight increase in industrial use
- Institutional/public facilities remain the same
- Commercial employment/retail continues to be evenly developed throughout the city

## Key Goals & Policies

### A. General Plan Land Use Categories

#### Goal

- Land use categories and designations that remain consistent with the General Plan Land Use Categories as community plans are updated and/or amended.

### **Policies**

- Apply land use designations as needed to meet the needs of the community and City through community plan updates and amendments (see also Section C on Community Planning).
  - Use the Recommended Community Plan Designations identified on Table LU-4 so that over time, all community plans will use a common nomenclature to describe similar land uses and densities/intensities.
  - Use community plan text and graphics to provide greater specificity than is provided on Table LU-4, as needed.
    - Identify the upper end of allowable densities/intensities in community plans, with environmental review.
    - Use icons to identify various types of institutional uses.
- Identify a more refined street system than is included in the General Plan Land Use and Streets Map through the community plan update and amendment process (see also the Mobility Element, Section C).
- Plan for and develop mixed-use projects where a site or sites are developed in an integrated, compatible, and comprehensively planned manner involving two or more land uses.

Step 2)

The city of San Diego plans to focus on the future of urban growth by developing multiple-use spaces and villages in order to encourage compact development. By doing so, it also hopes to provide a variety of other benefits, such as walkability, sustainability, and accessibility to public transportation, to its residents.

### Step 3)

Yes and no. The city of San Diego's proposed growth strategy arbitrarily does and does not address all locally relevant issues. There is currently a huge emphasis on climate change, as people are encouraging sustainability by lowering greenhouse gas emissions through the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and so on. While the city of San Diego's proposed growth strategy does touch base on sustainability, it does so rather roughly. With that being said, we found some of its weaknesses and strengths in relation to relevant issues:

- Strengths:
  - Aspires to: provide high quality public service, work in partnership with all of our communities to achieve safe and livable neighborhoods, create and sustain a resilient and economically prosperous City with opportunity in every community
  - Really emphasized on what the public's opinion is and breaks down in detail how much support is coming from the public
  - Emphasizes on economic quality both locally and globally
  - Really emphasizes on local safety such as fire, increasing quality infrastructure, and increasing water independence
- Weaknesses:
  - Only briefly mentions climate change

- Does not answer “how”. (Example: implement the Climate Action Plan, implement Zero Waste Plan)
- A lot of sprawling unaffordable housing
- Mentions but does not specify how they will help the homelessness/affordable housing issue
- Does not mention one of the leading issues today: greenhouse gas emission

## Works Cited

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