



MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

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Subject: Redmond 2050 - Existing Conditions : Land Use and Natural Environment

PURPOSE

Staff will provide a briefing and invite comment on two Existing Conditions Technical Reports:

1. Land Use
2. Natural Environment

This will be the third of three presentations to review the technical components of the full Existing Conditions Report. These technical reports on each element will also be reviewed by the City Council in February and March.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The purpose of an Existing Conditions Report is to summarize existing conditions and trends in Redmond, Washington. The report summarizes community characteristics and technical information related to existing land use, zoning, demographic trends, market potential, transportation networks, community facilities, parks, environmental features, and open spaces. This catalogue of information facilitates informed decision making by allowing all community members to start with the same set of facts. An understanding of existing conditions and trends is needed to inform the development of future goals, policies, and regulations. For the Redmond 2050 Periodic Review, the Existing Conditions report will be comprised of an Introduction chapter and seven technical reports on the following topics.

1. Land Use
2. Housing

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3. Natural Environment

4. Economic Vitality
5. Utilities
6. Capital Facilities
7. Transportation

Each technical report will provide the following information as it relates to the subject of the individual technical reports.

- State and Regional Planning Context
- Local Planning and Regulatory Context
- Current Conditions: Inventory (land uses, facilities, existing housing, natural resources, parks and open space etc.)
- Level of Service Analysis
- Trends Analysis
- **Policy Considerations**

This report will provide important baseline information that will serve as the foundation for Redmond 2050 periodic review and update of the Redmond Comprehensive Plan. The focus on this study session is to get input from the Commissioners on what's missing or needs clarification and input on the policy considerations that will guide the updates to the Comprehensive Plan that will begin this year.

Attachments

- Existing Conditions : [Land Use](#)
- Existing Conditions: [Natural Environment](#)
 - B1: BERK [Trends & Best Practices Report](#)
 - B2: BERK [Natural Resources Existing Conditions](#)
 - B3: 2020 [Environmental Sustainability Action Plan](#) (ESAP)
 - B4: [ESAP Impact Analysis Assumptions & Findings](#)