



PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES ELEMENT

Introduction and Purpose

The Public Facilities and Services Element of the General Plan addresses those components of community life important to the education, culture, recreation and social well-being of the residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea and its Sphere of Influence. This aspect of Carmel-by-the-Sea is distinguished by a number of public and semi-public structures and facilities and by the existence of various public and private agencies and commissions with responsibility for programs and operations. This Element sets out the goals, objectives and operational policies that govern these facilities and agencies.

The focus of this section is on the physical facilities present within the City as well as services provided by these facilities to the residents. The facilities described within this element include social, cultural, and other public facilities, facilities which provide City services (police and fire stations), as well as facilities providing utility services (potable water, wastewater, solid waste, and stormwater services).

Issues of Local Significance

The following issues were identified as relevant to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and will be discussed in the Goals, Policies and Implementations and Supporting Information sections.

- Maintenance of the City's parks, open space and amenities including bicycle and walking trails;
- Need for larger passive use parks that meet the needs of an aging population;
- Development of Rio Park for both active and passive recreation;
- Proactive efforts to expand existing recycling programs;
- Ensuring adequate levels of service for out-sourced services and operations; and
- Prioritization of infrastructure maintenance and improvements with City streets, underground utilities, drainage and stormwater facilities, and tree planting and maintenance being the top four.

This element also includes some of the findings gathered through the Community Survey (Survey). The Survey was prepared as part of the public outreach process to gain a broader response from the community, property owners, and businesses on issues facing Carmel. The complete Survey report can be found in Appendix A.



Goals, Objectives and Policies

G 6-1 To recognize the unique social, cultural and recreational aspirations and activities which contribute to the vitality of Carmel-by-the-Sea; to provide a range of public and semi-public facilities and programs responsive to those aspirations; to provide public services to ensure each resident a safe, healthful and attractive living environment; to maintain both facilities and programs so as to exemplify the highest standards for the community.

O6-1 Cooperate with other governmental and private agencies in providing needed local facilities for fulfillment of the public safety, cultural and recreational needs of the community.

P6-1 Support cooperation between Harrison Memorial Library and other library systems in Monterey County to benefit levels of service.

P6-2 Maintain a mutual response agreement between the Carmel Fire Department and surrounding agencies and strive to improve the department's ISO Insurance rating through available manpower and resources.

P6-3 Coordinate with the Carmel Unified School District in using its facilities for recreation, adult education, and other community programs when necessary, in conformance with State guidelines. Expand available opportunities as a cooperative effort.

P6-4 Cooperate with senior care organizations such as the Carmel Foundation in support of cultural, recreational, educational services and low cost housing program.

P6-5 Recognize the significance of the Carmel Mission in various matters of a non-religious nature, e.g., cultural and historical heritage, visitor attraction and Larson Athletic Field.

P6-6 Recognize and support youth programs, such as the Carmel Youth Center, as a positive force in youth guidance and programs.



- O6-2** Support adequate levels of public services and facilities to serve the needs of the community, including police and fire protection, refuse and sanitary disposal services, building safety and public utility services.
- P6-7** Maintain and enhance Harrison Memorial Library's service to the residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea and surrounding areas.
 - P6-8** Periodically review the use of all public facilities to ensure that they are being used in a beneficial manner for the community.
 - P6-9** Work with service providers, commercial businesses and residents to minimize the amount of waste going to landfills through improved recycling efforts and programs.
 - P6-10** Evaluate the development of impacts fees that would require new development to pay for the infrastructure it requires and the public services it receives.
 - P6-11** Consider utilization of community facilities for the display of the City's art and historic collections.
 - P6-12** Provide paramedic-ambulance service to Carmel-by-the-Sea residents through participation in appropriate joint agreements.
 - P6-13** Continue the maintenance and improvement of public protection by the Police and Fire Departments; enhance community awareness of matters concerning personal safety and protection of property.
 - P6-14** Maintain the City's five-year Capital Improvement Program and conduct a yearly review by the Planning Commission of the Capital Improvement Program consistent with this Element.
 - P6-15** Based on identified housing, parking, recreation public and cultural facilities, parks and open space needs, develop, maintain and periodically review a list of property within the City and its Sphere of Influence suitable for acquisition and/or disposition by the City—and establish priorities for potential actions.
 - P6-16** Provide a procedure of land acquisition, including methods of funding and public participation.



- P6-17** Establish priorities as needed for sale or trade of City property to implement this Element.
- P6-18** Pursue roadside improvements funds and other available sources to develop bicycle paths and pedestrian trails.
- P6-19** Maintain the City's roadways, storm drains, and other public infrastructure to ensure they are safe and functioning adequately.
- P6-20** Continue to evaluate ways to streamline the development review process.



Supporting Information

Social, Cultural and Other Public Facilities

Carmel's primary social and cultural facilities are the Sunset Community and Cultural Center, Harrison Memorial Library, and the Forest Theatre. Two other facilities, City Hall and the Post Office, have both functional and social significance in the community and represent important meeting places. Public recreational facilities include the beach, Forest Hill Park, Mission Trail Park, Vista Lobos, and, in Carmel's Sphere of Influence, facilities of the Carmel Unified School District and Rio Park. The Carmel Youth Center is a meeting place for young people. The Carmel Foundation offers a variety of services, both cultural and recreational, to older people; The Carmel Mission, an active church and a visitor attraction, owns the Larson Athletic Field.

Each of the major facilities is described below, mapped on Figure 6.1: Recreational and Service Facilities in Carmel-by-the-Sea, and included in Table 6.1: Location of Recreational and Service Facilities in Carmel-by-the-Sea. Key numbers next to each facility (e.g. # 1) reference location on the map of each respective facility.

Sunset Center (# 1)

Sunset Center is a community gathering place, where many of the region's performing arts, visual-arts exhibits, organization meetings and educational events are held and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Center is also home to some of the region's leading performing-arts organizations, visual and arts service organizations, and volunteer groups (Sunset 2009).

Sunset Cultural Center, Inc. is a non-profit corporation that assumed management of the City-owned theater in 2004. Sunset Center is located on the east side of San Carlos Street between Eighth and Tenth Avenues, three blocks from Ocean Avenue in Carmel. Facilities include a 718-seat auditorium, several rooms for classes and meetings, gymnasium, art gallery and offices for several cultural organizations. The north end of Sunset Center consists of a parking lot (Sunset 2009).

For nearly 80 years, the Sunset Center was home to symphonies, chamber musicians, singers, actors, and dancers. To address the problem of a facility that was ill-equipped for the 21st century, a nonprofit corporation, Sunset Center for the Arts, private foundations, individuals, and the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea raised the money needed for renovation (Sunset 2009).

The construction project began in September 2001 and in July 2003, less than two years later, the Sunset Center reopened with the Carmel Bach Festival, a long-standing annual music event in Carmel. The renovation focused on improving the acoustics, enlarging the stage area and proscenium to accommodate a full orchestra and chorus (Sunset 2009).



Sunset Center is the home of four historic Presenting Partners: Carmel Bach Festival, Carmel Music Society, Chamber Music Monterey Bay, and the Monterey Symphony. Together, these four nonprofit organizations offer more than 50 classical music events each year (Sunset 2009).

The Scout House (# 2)

The Scout House is a multi-use facility located at the northeast corner of Mission Street and Eighth Avenue. The Scout House was built in 1931 by Carmel Masterbuilder M.J. Murphy. Its construction culminated a fund raising drive to create a clubhouse for the local Boy Scout Troop Number 86. This building has a large room, working fireplace, and a full kitchen and is a completely contained unit. It has been the site for holiday parties, receptions, dinners, dances, weddings, religious services and conferences as well as for Scout activities. In 1986, 438 events occurred here. Due primarily to lack of ADA access, the building is not currently in operation.

Harrison Memorial Library (# 3)

Library services for the City of Carmel are provided by the Harrison Memorial Library (Main Library) and its Park Branch (# 3a). The Main Library, which is home to adult services, is located on Ocean Avenue at Lincoln Street. Youth Services, Local History and Administration are located in the Park Branch on Mission Street at Sixth Avenue. The Main Library opened in 1928 and services were expanded with the addition of its Park Branch facility in 1989 (HML 2009).

Between the Main Library building and the Park Branch, the library provides services to more than 10,000 cardholders who are residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea and the surrounding areas of Monterey County. (HML 2009).

The library's personnel and facility maintenance budget is funded by the city of Carmel-by-the-Sea. All library books, magazines, programs and equipment are funded by donations to the Carmel Public Library Foundation and Friends of Harrison Memorial Library (HML 2009).

The library is administered by a five member citizen's Board of Trustees appointed by the Mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea and confirmed by the City Council. The Board of Trustees formulates library policy, administers funds and plans library services for the community (HML 2009).

The Harrison Memorial Library, built in 1927 by M.J. Murphy, is an important historical and cultural landmark in Carmel. The Main Library building was designed by the renowned California architect Bernard Maybeck and financed by a bequest from Ella Reid Harrison as a memorial to her husband, California Supreme Court Justice Ralph Chandler Harrison (HML 2009).



Forest Theatre (# 4)

The Forest Theater is located in east central portion of the City, north of the Mission Trails Nature Preserve. One of California's first outdoor theatres, the Forest Theatre was founded in 1910 and includes approximately 540 outdoor seats and a 60 indoor-seat theatre. The theater has a long history as a community center for theater arts and was part of a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project in 1939 to 1940. The main stage is used for a summer program of Shakespeare and other plays, musicals and concerts, while the smaller indoor stage is used by the Children's Experimental Theatre for instruction and drama. This site was deeded to the City by gift in 1937 with the stipulation that it always remain a park (Forest Theater 2009).

The City is currently in the process of evaluating the upgrade and rehabilitation of the facility.

City Hall (# 5)

City Hall is located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues. Originally a church built in 1921, it has been extensively altered in 1950 and 1985 for use as a City Hall. Much tradition attaches to this facility that is under the jurisdiction of the City Administrator. It now houses the City Administrator's office, the Department of Administrative Services and the Department of Community Planning and Building.

Post Office (# 6)

As Carmel does not have street number addresses, the mail is not delivered to individual homeowners or businesses, but rather to post office boxes. The Carmel-by-the-Sea Post Office is located at Dolores Street and 5th Avenue. The Post Office is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Postal Service. The Postmaster's office is in the facility at the mouth of Carmel Valley.

As residents make daily visits to the Post Office its function often goes beyond the original purpose of delivering mail and becomes a social activity for Carmel residents. The post office is often used to reach out to the community about important local happenings and events.

Carmel Foundation (# 7)

The Carmel Foundation was incorporated as a non-profit organization on April 21, 1950. The Foundation is housed in three buildings located at 8th and Lincoln Streets. A fourth building opened in the fall of 1999 at 8th and Dolores Streets, which has been named the Ruth Blanchard House. The Foundation is supported entirely by donations with no government funding (Carmel Foundation 2009).

The Foundation's purpose is to provide services to Carmel's older population, both in Carmel and in the surrounding area, such as adult education classes, hobbies, social gatherings, Homebound Meal Program, which provides four meals a week for a nominal fee, to those members who may be homebound or have other special circumstances, assistance in solving



problems, and many others. Its members consist of approximately 4,000 people over 55 years of age (Carmel Foundation 2009).

One of the most prominent of the Foundation's support services is the provision of housing to members 65 years of age and over who have limited financial resources. The housing, consisting of 45 apartments available for seniors, is located in three separate buildings; Haseltine Court, Trevvett Court, and Norton Court, all in Carmel-by-the Sea (Carmel Foundation 2009).

Carmel Youth Center (# 8)

The Carmel Youth Center was established in October of 1949. The center is located on the southwest corner of 4th and Torres in Carmel-by-the-Sea. The purpose of this center is to maintain a youth-oriented facility and programs for the use of our youth who reside within the boundaries of the Carmel Unified School District (CYC 2009).

The Carmel Youth Center includes a variety of kid-friendly environments in one place. These facilities include Checker's Grill, which is a 50's style snack bar, a computer center with 8 Macintosh computers, internet access and laser jet printer is available for homework or internet access, and a Multi-Purpose room, where members are able to play half court basketball, ping-pong, and football. The center also houses a state-of-the-art music studio housed with opportunities to take private music lessons on drums, bass and guitar and the Jeffrey Raymond Sutton Movie Theater (CYC 2009).

Carmel Unified School District (# 9)

There are no public schools located within the city limits of Carmel-by-the-Sea. The nearest school district is that of the Carmel Unified School District (CUSD) (CUSD 2009).

The CUSD jurisdiction encompasses approximately 594 square miles with four distinctive population centers within their boundaries: Carmel-by-the-Sea, Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach, and Big Sur (CUSD 2009).

CUSD is a unified school district grades pre K-12 with a current enrollment of approximately 2,160. The District is comprised of three K-5 schools, one 6-8 middle school, one 9-12 high school, a continuation high school, an adult school, and a NAEYC-accredited Child Development Center serving children aged 6 weeks to 11 years. These schools offer recreational facilities in the form of playgrounds, tennis courts, gymnasiums and a swimming pool (CUSD 2009).

Carmel Mission (# 10)

The Carmel Mission established in 1771, is located in the most southeastern portion of the City of Carmel, along Rio Road. The Carmel Mission is under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Monterey (Mission 2009).



The Mission is home to a parish, which continues to function since the Mission's establishment, museums, and a parochial school, with playground and athletic field. Junipero Serra School includes an elementary and junior high school that services students from many different parishes and cities from within the local area (Mission 2009).

Through its five museums, the Carmel Mission addresses the history of one of California's most important heritage sites. The Basilica Church, a registered National Historic Landmark, is the centerpiece of the Mission, which displays a fine collection of Spanish Colonial Liturgical Art and Artifacts through the church (Mission 2009).

The Harry Downie Museum, located in the forecourt to the Basilica, houses interpretive displays and artifacts devoted to telling the restoration story of the Mission and the significance of Harry Downie's efforts in the restoration (Mission 2009).

Behind the Basilica, in the Munrás courtyard, is located the Munrás Family Heritage Museum, which displays the treasured keepsakes of this prominent Monterey family (Mission 2009).

Adjacent to the Basilica, the Jo Mora Chapel Gallery houses the elaborate Serra Memorial Cenotaph, sculpted in 1924 by Jo Mora, of travertine marble and bronze. This museum is also the home to a periodically changed art exhibit (Mission 2009).

In the Convento Museum, through which one exits the Mission complex, is found the cell used by Junipero Serra and where he died in 1784. Other rooms in the museum present interpretive displays for further understanding the history of this heritage site (Mission 2009).

Carl Cherry Center For The Arts (# 11)

The Carl Cherry Center for the Arts is located on the corner of 4th Avenue and Guadalupe Street in Carmel. The non-profit institution was established in 1948 as a cultural center to support experimental fine arts and help artists and scientists cross the standard borders of their disciplines. The mission of the Carl Cherry Center for the Arts is to enhance the quality and diversity of artistic, educational, and cultural programs in Monterey County by encouraging public programs and interactions between artists and the community. Dedicated to fostering curiosity and artistry in young people, the Cherry Center hosts an annual High School Art Exhibit, celebrating the talent of area high school students, and sponsors the annual Monterey County High School Poetry Awards (Cherry 2009).

The Center provides an environment for contemporary theater, art exhibits, concerts, solo dramatic performances, and poetry readings. Emphasis is placed on emerging and experimental artists from the Monterey Bay area, with regional group exhibits and exhibits generated by theme. Additionally, the Cherry Center annually hosts community-wide group exhibitions, student exhibits, and other special art events (Cherry 2009).



Vista Lobos Community Room (# 12)

The Vista Lobos community room is part of the Vista Lobos Park, located in the north-central area of the City. The community room is used on weekly basis for various programs. These include various art classes sponsored by the City and other organizations, meetings for the Carmel Residents Association, and others. The community room is also used for various City sponsored workshops and public meetings throughout the year.

City Services

In addition to the facilities already discussed, the Police Station, the Fire Station, the Public Works Department and corporation yard are the main public service facilities in Carmel.

Police Station/Public Works/Corporation Yard (# 13)

The Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Public Works Department are located at Junipero and 4th Avenues in a facility constructed in 1967. The facilities were upgraded in 2008 to include an automated target system and additional four lanes to firing range.

The Police Department is responsible for law enforcement and crime prevention within the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. On average, the Department responds to approximately 16,000 incident calls a year. The Departments response time goal is three minutes or less.

In addition to the core services the Department provides animal services, traffic and parking enforcement, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) school program, and Seniors Helping Seniors program.

The Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department Animal Services provides responsive animal care and control services to the residents of Carmel. Due to Carmel's unique geography, forested areas, ocean fronting, and wild land many domesticated, wildlife, and marine animals interact. The goal of the Animal Services is to provide services for the health and well being of all animals and people through enforcement of the City ordinances, and state laws governing the keeping of animals in the City, and increased public awareness of those laws.

The primary purpose of traffic enforcement is to ensure the safety of others. Traffic enforcement is a priority due to the narrow streets, abundant pedestrians, and high volumes of traffic relating to tourism in Carmel-by-the-Sea. The Department is also responsible for the enforcement of all parking violations within the city. The department currently utilizes three Community Services Officers to enforce parking violations, the vast majority of which are for overtime parking.

The D.A.R.E. program was created in 1983 as a joint venture of the Los Angeles Police and the Los Angeles Unified School District due to the increasing negative impact drugs and violence were having on youth. In Carmel the program was established in conjunction with the



Department in 1988. The Department teaches D.A.R.E. at the Junipero Serra School. Presentations are also given to support groups, businesses, parent-teachers organizations, local service groups, and private citizens.

The Seniors Helping Seniors program was developed and implemented by the Department in 1997. The primary purpose of the program is to make daily calls and welfare checks to the many senior citizens in Carmel's community who live alone. In addition, this program also provides volunteer opportunities for seniors who enjoy helping other seniors. The program consists of volunteer senior callers who come to the police department each morning and make phone calls to our list of senior recipients.

Fire Station (# 14)¹

The Carmel Fire Department, located on the south side of 6th Avenue between Mission and San Carlos Streets, was constructed in 1937. The City performed a seismic retrofit of these facilities in 2006, along with a bathroom addition and other interior remodels.

The Department's equipment consists of two type one engines and one rescue unit. The Department provides fire fighting as well as medical response services.

The Carmel-by-the-Sea Fire Department's response time goal for the first in engine company is to meet the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard of 5 minutes or less 90% of the time. The actual response times that include turnout time for the Department is four minutes or less approximately 95% of the time. Carmel-by-the-Sea is also part of state and county wide contractual agreements to provide mutual and automatic aid to each other on an as needed basis.

Other Services Provided in the City

Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Facilities

The Carmel Area Wastewater District is located approximately a quarter mile west of Highway 1, south of the Carmel River. In addition to Carmel-by-the-Sea, the District serves Pebble Beach, portions of Carmel Valley and Carmel Highlands, as well as Carmel Meadows and Mission Fields.

¹ As described in the Introduction to the Public Facilities and Services Element, the description of the Fire services in this element focuses on the physical facilities and equipment under the control of the Carmel Fire Department. A more detailed description of the Department's role in providing protective services is included in the Environmental Safety Element.



The District's facilities consist of approximately 80 miles of gravity sewers, interceptors, and force mains, six remote sewage pump stations, and a wastewater treatment plant with secondary treatment for ocean discharge and tertiary (microfiltration and reverse osmosis) treatment to reclaim water for irrigation of golf courses in the Del Monte Forest. The District's permitted capacity is 3.0 million gallons per day (MGD) and their current average daily dry weather flow is 1.8 MGD (CAWD 2008). The District has adequate capacity to fully meet current and future needs of the areas within its jurisdiction.

The District operates a full tertiary treatment plant near the mouth of the Carmel River. A tertiary treatment, also referred to as "effluent polishing," provides a final treatment stage, which raises the effluent quality before it is discharged into the ocean. The treatment plant's outfall is located south of the Carmel River Lagoon, approximately 650 feet off-shore, into the Carmel Bay Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS).

Since 1983, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has prohibited waste discharges to ASBS. In CAWD's case, the SWRCB has issued an exemption (Resolution No. 84-78), which required the CAWD to develop a comprehensive study evaluating the effects of the discharge on both the Carmel Bay ASBS and the Point Lobos ASBS. Consequently, the plant has a permitted flow limit of 3.0 MGD, which is conditional upon results of ongoing water studies proving that the discharge is not causing alteration within the ASBS.

Following the 1994/1995 fiscal year upgrade of the treatment facility from secondary to full tertiary treatment, the District's facility discharge is in full compliance of the SWRCB issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and no improvements are needed or scheduled with respect to ocean discharge quality.

Water Service

Carmel is under the jurisdiction of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) and receives its water from the California-American Water Company (Cal-Am).

The MPWMD has permit authority over the production and distribution of all water supplies within the Monterey Peninsula region. The District allocates water supplies to cities and the County areas within its jurisdiction. Water service by Cal-Am is constrained by SWRCB Order WR 95-10, which determined that approximately 70 percent of Cal-Am supply is based on unlawful diversion from the Carmel River. Order 95-10 requires any new water supply be used to reduce diversions from the Carmel River prior to allowing new users. Furthermore, SWRCB has issued to Cal-Am a Cease and Desist order in January 2008 to further restrict water use, up to an additional 50 percent, if upheld.

Since 1993, MPWMD has been given a single, lump-sum supply of Cal-Am water to allocate proportionately to the jurisdictions within its boundaries (see [Figure 6.2: Water Service Areas](#)).



As of February 2008, 121 of the 342 acre feet of water remain. Some jurisdictions, like the City of Del Rey Oaks, have used up its allocated amount of water, while Carmel-by-the-Sea is very close to expending its respective allocation.

There are seven projects currently being discussed as options for providing a new water supply, including a few desalination proposals, groundwater replenishment, and aquifer storage and recovery in the Seaside Basin, to meet the existing as well as future water needs of North Monterey county. However, these water projects are not expected to be implemented in the near future due to the technical studies, environmental review, and financing issues that would need resolution.

Although water scarcity and provision of new supply is ultimately beyond the control of the City, the City supports efforts by the MPWMD and other agencies to expand the water supply and has a representative on both the Technical Advisory Committee and the Policy Advisory Committee. The City also cooperated with the District in developing projected water demand needs at build-out for use in the planning of future water projects.

In February of 2009, the City Council passed a resolution, which states Carmel's support for the Water for Monterey County Coalition and a continued collaboration of political and quasi-political entities in Monterey. Based on the understanding that Monterey Peninsula's water supply projects require a focused technical and political effort to be resolved, the Coalition is set to provide regional projects and water management programs for sustainable and cost effective water supply solutions.

State law mandates the prioritizing of water for affordable housing if water is an issue. The City's share of water resources is internally allocated to land use categories based on policies in the Land Use and Community Character and Housing Elements of the General Plan. The City has approximately .589 acre-feet of water available for affordable housing projects (RBF Consulting, 2009). In the past five years, the City has allocated approximately .308 acre-feet to affordable housing projects. This is the only water available until District supplies increase and new allocations are made to each city in the District.

Stormwater Drainage

Due to Carmel's topography, the City's drainage system is based on gravity pull. Given the fact that Carmel does not have curbs, a significant portion of the runoff from roadways sheet flows into the adjacent swales and is infiltrated as groundwater. The remaining surface water is collected via a series of culverts located throughout the City. Ultimately, these surface flows are released into the ocean via 10 drainage outlets located along Carmel Beach (Carmel 2007).

The size of the drainage pipes vary depending on location. The drainage channel originating within the Mission Trails Nature Preserve, which generally follows Junipero Avenue, ranges



from 42 inches to 24 inches in diameter. The drainage channel along Ocean Avenue ranges from 15 to 24 inches in diameter. The drainage channel along First and Second Avenues converges and then follows Fourth Avenue. The diameter of these channels ranges from 12 to 34 inches (Carmel 2007).

Street corner collection culverts are located along Seventh through Twelve Avenues, south of Ocean Avenue as well as in several locations north of Fourth Avenue. These culverts collect stormwater in residential areas and divert it towards the ocean. The culverts are generally 12 to 15 inches in size, with maximum size of 18 inches (Carmel 2007).

Carmel Bay is considered an Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS). The City follows the Monterey Regional Storm Water Management Program (MRSWMP), which establishes Best Management Practices (BMP's) designed to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the municipal separate storm sewer systems to the "maximum extent practicable," to protect water quality, and to satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act.

Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal

The City has an exclusive franchise agreement with the Waste Management Company for trash and recycling collection, which occurs once per week in the residential district and daily in the commercial district.

Households are issued yard waste, mixed recycle and trash cans. Due to the City's large number of second homeowners, the City contract calls for Waste Management to collect the cans from wherever they are housed and return them to the same location. This avoids the need to take the cans to the curb.

Public Restrooms (# 15)

Consistent with the City's Local Coastal Program (LCP), the City will continue to provide restrooms for visitors. The City presently provides beach area public restrooms at the foot of Ocean Avenue (#15a) and on Scenic Road at Santa Lucia Avenue (#15b). Additional public restrooms are associated with some of the City's parks and include restrooms at Devendorf Park, (#15c), at Piccadilly Park (Key #15d), First Murphy Park (#15e), and Forest Hill Park (#15f).

Table 6.1: [Recreational and Service Facilities in Carmel-by-the-Sea](#), lists all of the facilities described in sections above. Each facility is identified by a key number, which corresponds to a number used on [Figure 6.1: Recreational and Service Facilities in Carmel-by-the-Sea](#).



Table 6.1: Recreational and Service Facilities in Carmel-by-the-Sea

Key #	Facility	Location	Located Between/At
1	Sunset Center	San Carlos Street	8 th and 10 th Avenues
2	The Scout House	Eight Avenue	Mission Street
3	Harrison Memorial Library	Ocean Avenue	Lincoln Street
3a	Park Branch	Mission Street	6 th Avenue
4	Forest Theatre	Mountain View Avenue	Santa Rita and Guadalupe Streets
5	City Hall	Monte Verde Street	Ocean and 7 th Avenues
6	Post Office	Dolores Street	5 th Avenue
7	Carmel Foundation	Lincoln Avenue	8 th and 9 th Avenues
8	Carmel Youth Center	4 th Avenue	Torres and Junipero Avenues
9	Carmel Unified School District	Location varies by school	
10	Carmel Mission	Rio Road	Lasuen Street
11	Carl Cherry Foundation	4th Avenue	Guadalupe Street
12	Vista Lobos Community Center	3 rd Avenue	Junipero Avenue and Torres Street
13	Police Station/Public Works/Corporation Yard	Junipero Avenue	4 th Avenue
14	Carmel-by-the-Sea Fire Department	6 th Avenue	Mission and San Carlos Streets
15	Public Restrooms		
15a	<i>Carmel Beach Park</i>	Ocean Avenue	Del Mar Avenue
15b	<i>Carmel Beach Park</i>	Scenic Road	Santa Lucia Avenue
15c	<i>Devendorf Park</i>	6 th Avenue	Junipero Avenue and Mission Street
15d	<i>Piccadilly Park</i>	Dolores Street	Ocean Avenue and 7 th Avenue
15e	<i>First Murphy Park</i>	Lincoln Street	6 th Avenue
15f	<i>Forest Hill Park</i>	Junipero Avenue	1 st Avenue

Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvement Priorities

A Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a short-range plan prepared by the City to identify a fifth-year infrastructure improvement and maintenance plan. Essentially, the plan provides a link between a municipality and other departments in a comprehensive and strategic plans and the City’s annual budget.



A CIP provides many benefits including:

- Allowing for a systematic evaluation of all potential projects at the same time;
- Providing the ability to stabilize debt and consolidate projects to reduce borrowing costs; and
- Serving as a public relations and economic development tool.

In addition a CIP focuses on preserving the City's infrastructure while ensuring the efficient use of public funds. The CIP process provides an opportunity to foster cooperation among departments and an ability to inform other City departments of each unit's priorities.

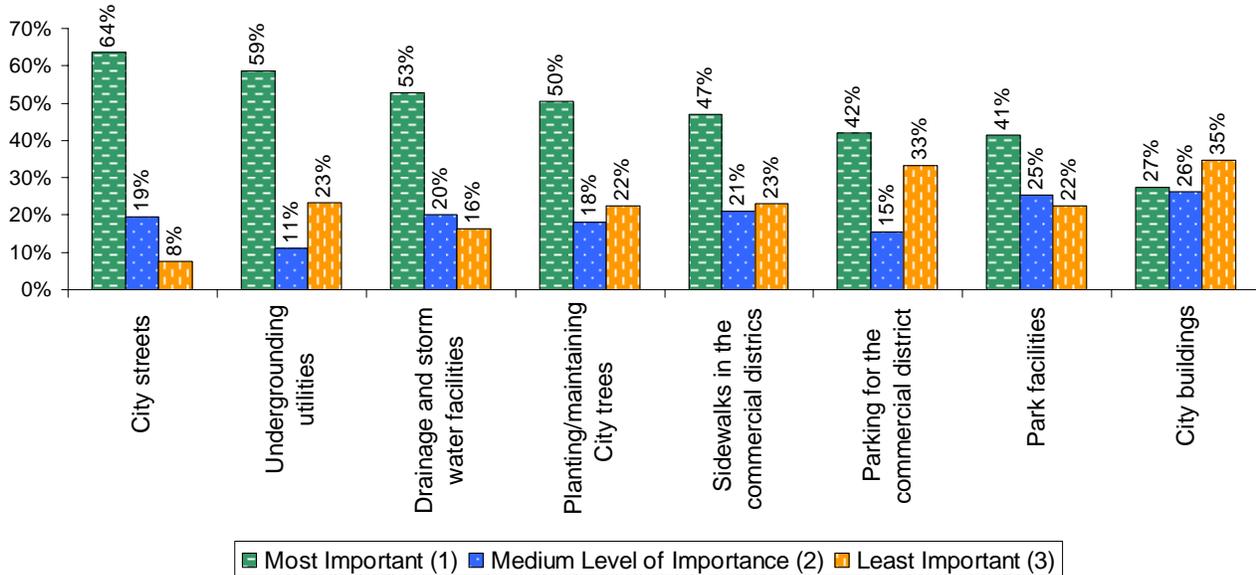
Historically, the City was able to meet the improvement and maintenance schedule outlined in its CIPs. Each year, the City reviews the plan to reflect any budgetary constraints of a given fiscal year.

Public's Priorities

The Survey results showed that improvement/maintenance of City streets and undergrounding utilities were the two top-most priorities for the City. As shown in [Graph 6.1: Priorities for Improving/Maintaining City Amenities](#), when asked to identify top infrastructure-related priorities for the City, 64 percent of respondents identified improving and maintaining City streets; 50 percent identified planting and maintaining City trees; 59 percent identified undergrounding the utilities; 47 percent identified improving sidewalks and parking in the commercial district; and 41 percent identified maintaining City park facilities. Improving and maintaining City buildings was commonly listed as the lowest priority.



Graph 6.1: Priorities for Improving/Maintaining City Amenities



Notes:

- (1) This survey question was based on a 1 through 8 priorities scale, 1 being the most important and 8 being the least important priority. The most important category for this graph combines the results of the 1 through 3 categories. For a detailed breakdown of these categories, please refer to Appendix A.
- (2) The medium level of importance category for this graph combines the results of the 4 and 5 categories. For a detailed breakdown of these categories, please refer to Appendix A.
- (3) The least important category for this graph combines the results of the 6 through 8 categories. For a detailed breakdown of these categories, please refer to Appendix A.

Other Public Agencies and Special Services Districts

There are several special service districts that affect the Carmel area and specifically the Carmel Sphere of Influence. Many of these districts have overlapping jurisdictions. They include:

- Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District
- Monterey Peninsula Airport District
- County Service Area (CSA) #1 – Carmel Point



- County Service Area (CSA) #19 – Carmel Meadows #6 and 7
- County Service Area (CSA) #23 – Carmel Ranch #1, 2 and 3
- County Service Area (CSA) #30 – Rancho Mar Monte #1, 2 and 3
- County Service Area (CSA) #34 – Rancho Rio Vista and Carmel Knolls #1-4
- County Service Area (CSA) #39 (portion) – Del Monte Fairways, Josselyn Canyon and Aguajito
- County Service Area (CSA) #43 – Carmel Unincorporated (provides contractual fire protection)
- County Service Area (CSA) #47 – Carmel Views #1-4, Mar Vista
- County Service Area (CSA) #50 – Rio Way, Tract #2
- County Service Area (CSA) #51 – High Meadows, #1, 2
- Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District (small portion)
- Monterey Peninsula Garbage and Refuse Disposal District
- Monterey Peninsula Flood Control and Water Conservation District – Zone 11
- Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
- Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District
- Carmel Area Wastewater District
- Monterey County Administrative Offices
- Monterey County Board of Supervisors
- Monterey-Salinas Transit District
- Monterey County Air Pollution Control District
- Monterey County Planning Department
- Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
- Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)
- Pebble Beach Community Services District
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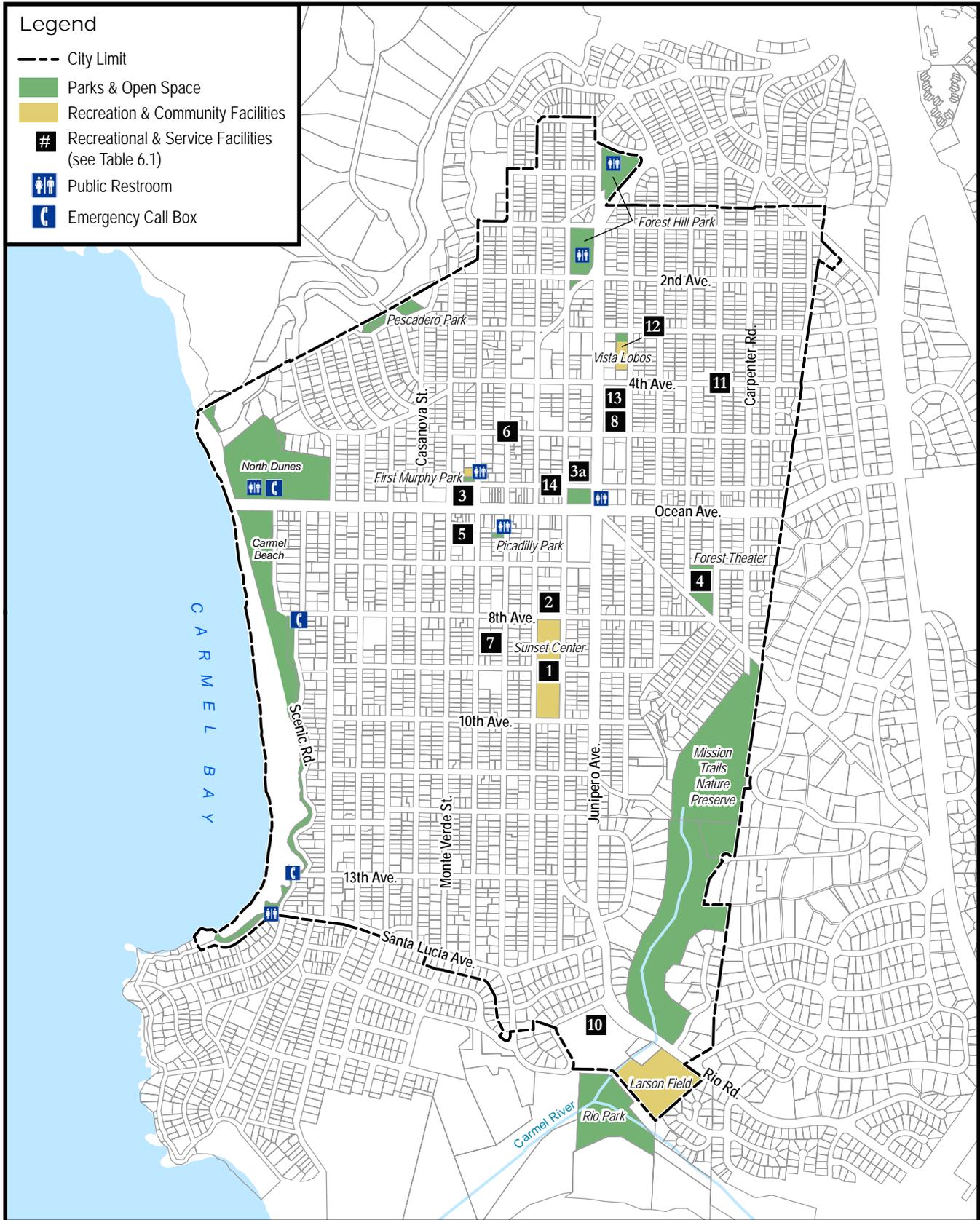
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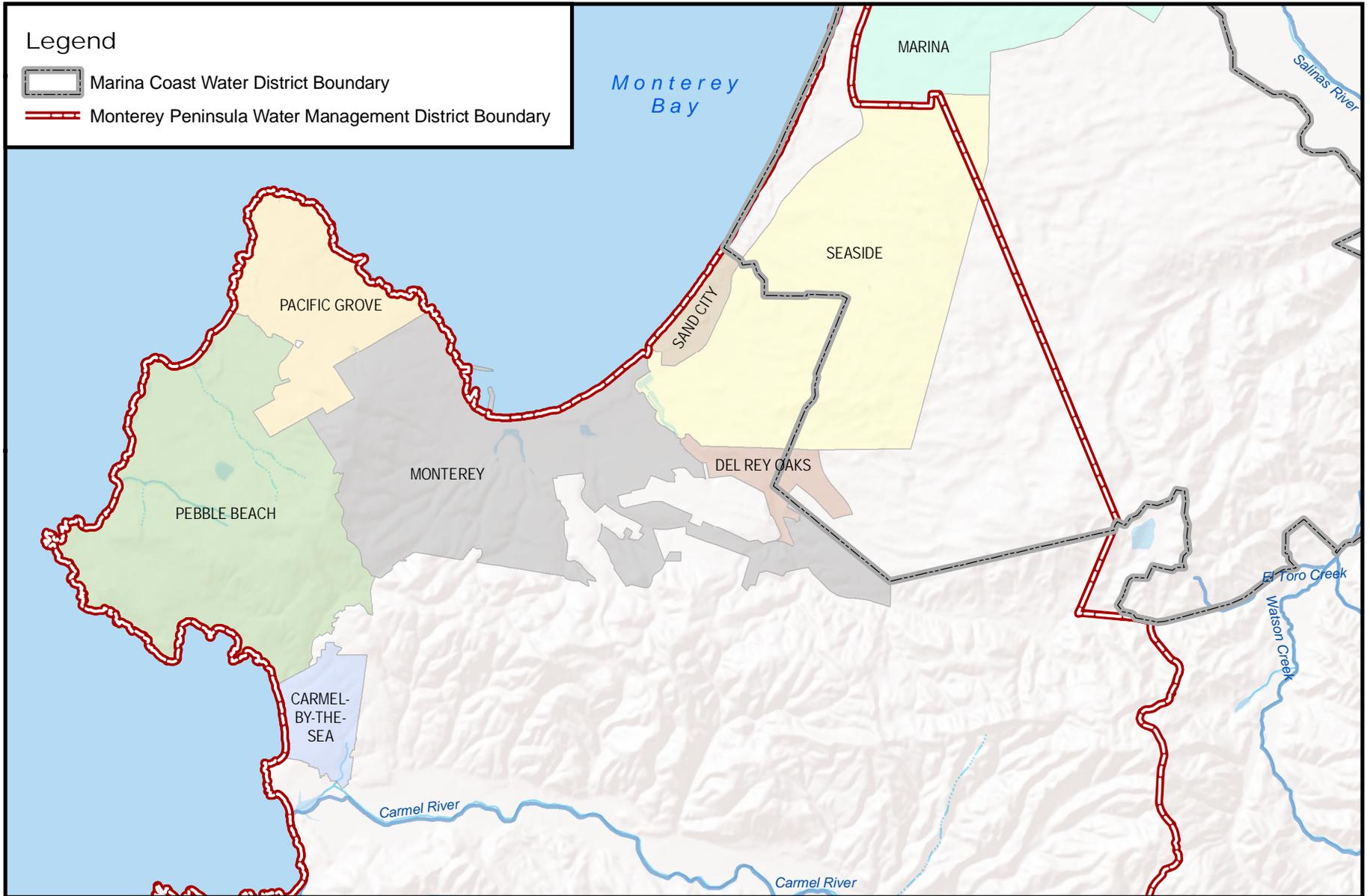
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Figure 6.1



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Water Service Areas

Figure 6.2