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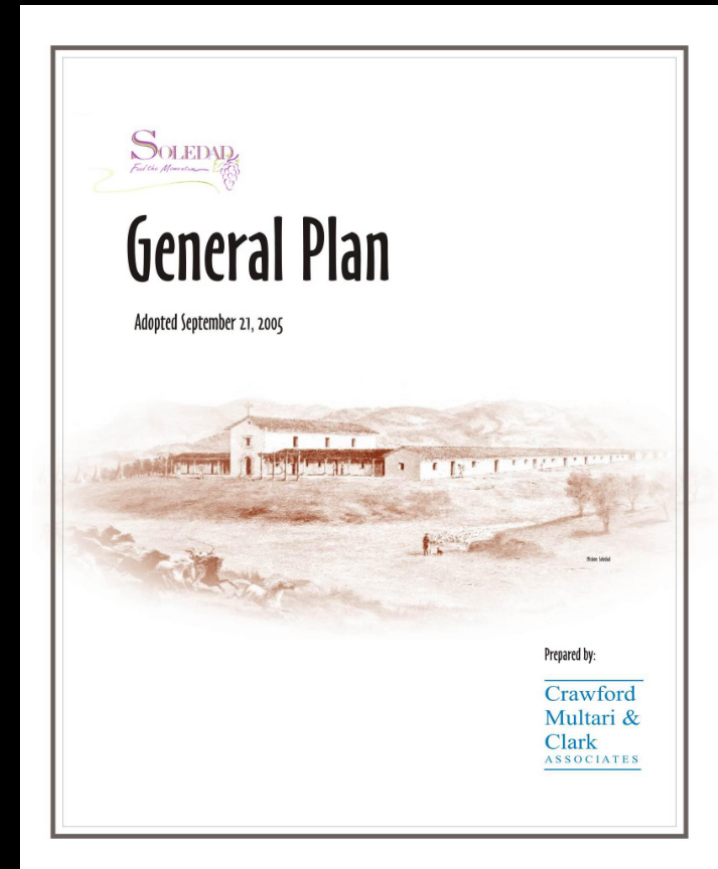
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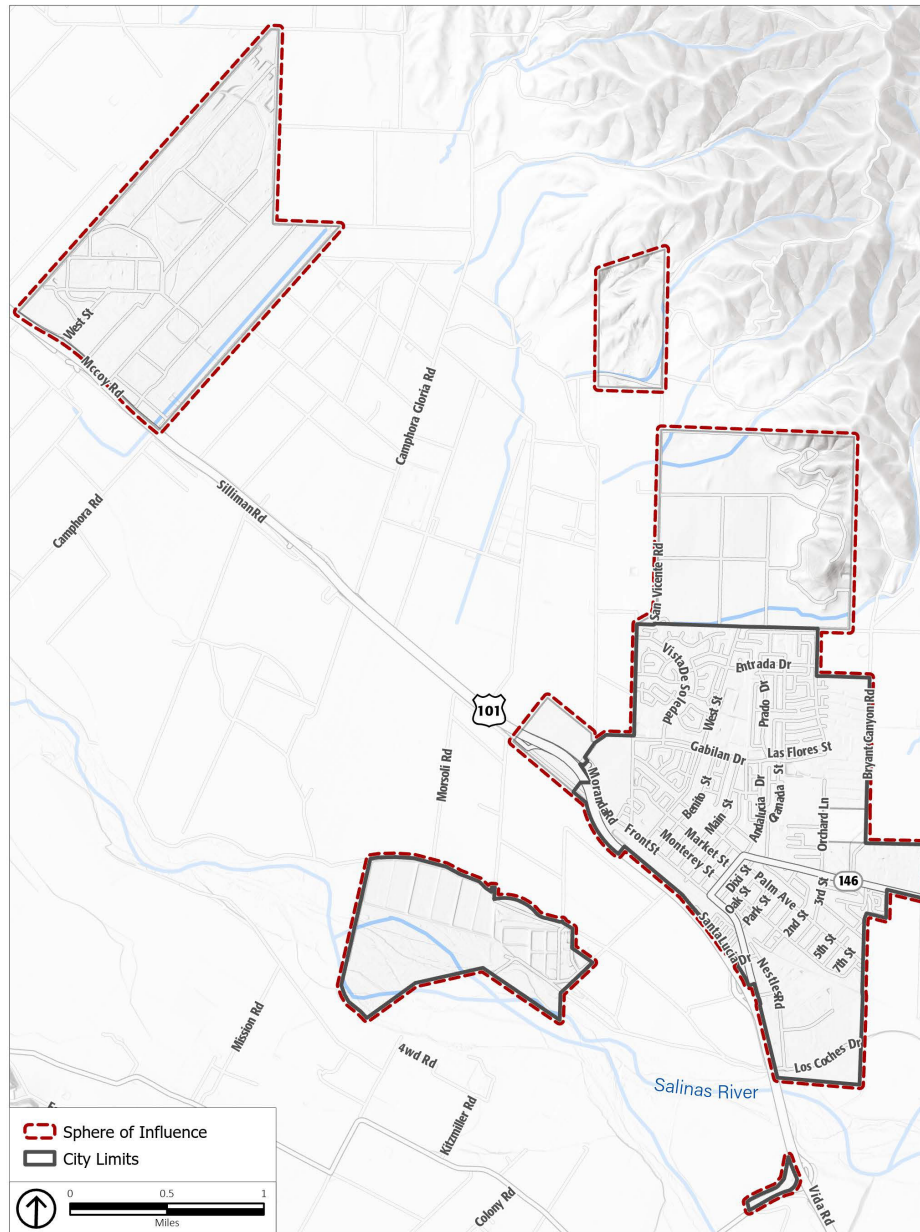
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What is the General Plan?

- Required by State Law
- Fundamental land use and development policy document
- Shows how the City will grow and conserve resources
- Establishes community vision for the physical form of the city
- Identifies important community issues
- Basis for fair and consistent local land use decisions and other policies



Planning Area



Source: AMBAG, 2022; ESRI, 2023; PlaceWorks, 2023

Basemap



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General Plan Elements

Required:

Land Use

Circulation

Housing (on a faster schedule per State law)

Open Space and Conservation (includes
Parks & Recreation)

Noise

Safety

Environmental Justice

Plus Custom for Soledad

Community & Economic
Development

Climate Change (will be integrated into
multiple elements)

Last Full Update: 2005

(last amended in 2015)



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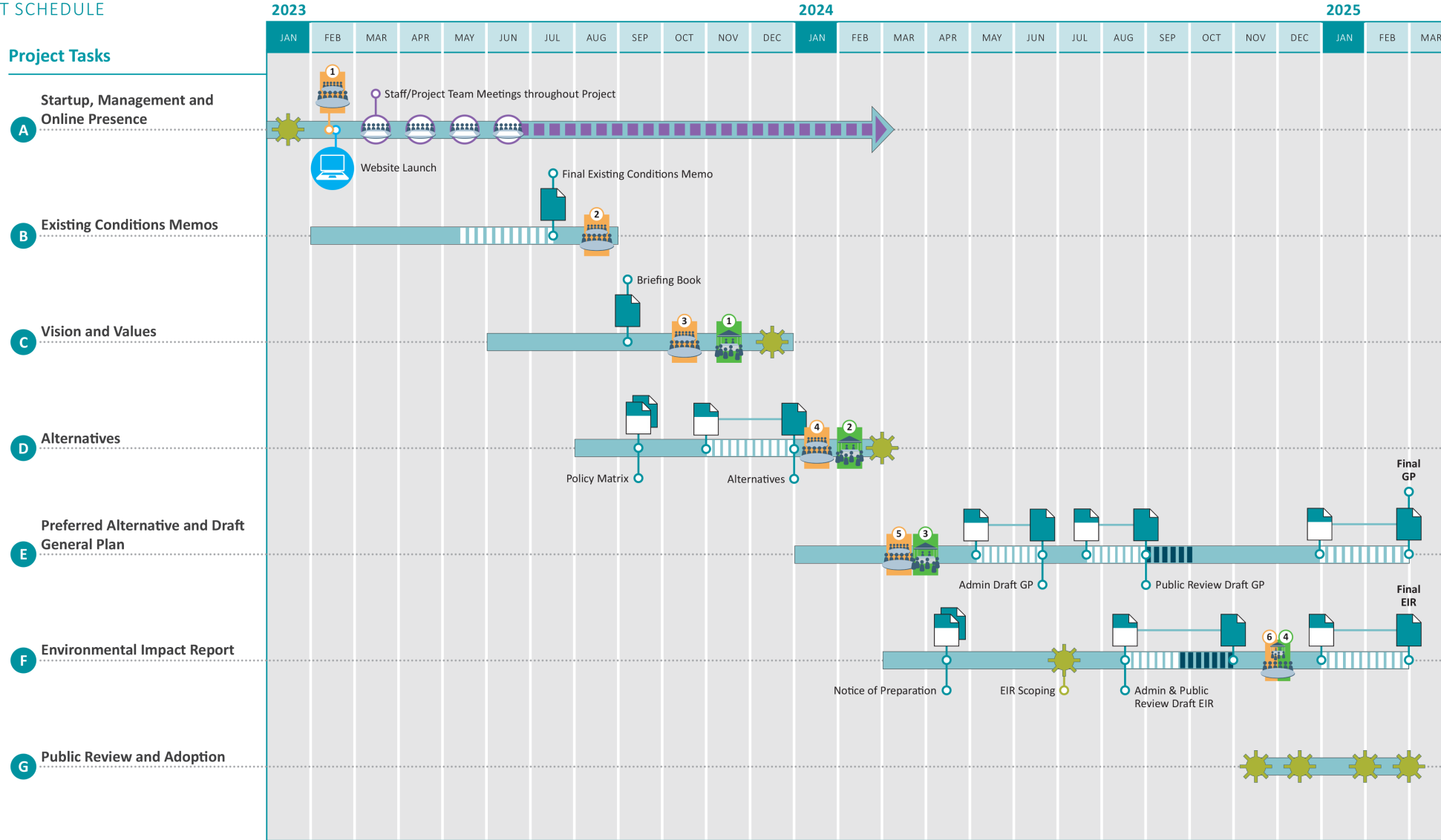
Project Components

- **Community Outreach**
- **Existing conditions memos and briefing book**
- **Vision and Values Statement**
- **Policy development**
- **Draft alternatives**
- **Draft General Plan document**
- **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**
- **Final General Plan and adoption**



SOLEDAD GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

PROJECT SCHEDULE



- Work Period
- Staff Review Period
- Public Review Period
- Draft Document
- Public Review Document
- Final Document
- Community Event
- GPAC Meeting
- Commission and Council Meeting/Hearing



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Opportunities for Public Involvement

- **Communitywide Events (4)**
- **General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) (6 meetings)**
- **Planning Commission and City Council Meetings (8)**
- **Economic Development Stakeholder Interviews & Focus Group**
- **Online Activities/Project Website**



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GPAC Role

- Act as project liaisons and encouraging Soledad's community members to participate in community events
- Provide feedback on the General Plan update products and helping refine materials before they are presented to the Planning Commission and City Council for adoption
- Attend six meetings during the General Plan update process



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Planning Commission Discussion

- Questions about the General Plan Update Process
- Important Soledad Land Use issues
- Other important issues in Soledad
- Desired outcomes for the General Plan Update?
- Other thoughts or suggestions?



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Next Steps

- Close of GPAC application process – March 3
- Receive City Council direction about the GPAC on – March 15
- Publish project website – late March
- Hold first GPAC meeting – Spring 2023
- Prepare existing condition reports – Spring/Summer 2023

