

This document is a brief summary of the long range planning documents relevant to the City of Alamosa. Included in this summary are documents from the City of Alamosa and from local and regional groups such as the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group and San Luis Valley Great Outdoors. Each summary includes a short description of the plan and how it is relevant to the Comprehensive Plan. Many of the long range plans in this document cover the entire San Luis Valley and allow for a solid grasp of how the valley wants to grow, where city and valley-wide goals align, and what role the City of Alamosa can play as the regional center. In addition to long range plans, we have received other smaller documents and resources from the city that are too numerous to be fully listed here.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### **Economic Development Plan, 2015 –City of Alamosa Grant Application “Plan”**

Although this document is brief and not a full-fledged economic development plan, it does outline the intent of the city to play an active role in economic development and details some of the current efforts by the city. This useful reference will help inform the economic element of the comprehensive plan. The city defines economic development as business retention, expansion, attraction (BREA). This document also lists ways the city is currently working towards economic development include staff trainings, the Façade Improvement Program, retail attraction using Buxton software and targeted marketing, and key partnerships with the San Luis Valley Development Resource Group, Alamosa County Economic Development Corp and the Chamber of Commerce.

### **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, 2013 –San Luis Valley Development Resources Group**

This Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) covers the San Luis Valley District and includes six counties: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache. Funded by the EDA, the CEDS report outlines the regional economic development priorities for the five year period of 2014-2018. The CEDS will be used to understand where regional priorities align with the priorities of the City of Alamosa. Additionally the CEDS will help identify where it will be advantageous to coordinate with both Alamosa County and neighboring counties on bigger projects or efforts in order to reduce duplication and save resources. The CEDS is also useful for identifying potential project partners and funding. The City of Alamosa can receive EDA grants for projects that align with the priorities outlined in the CEDS.

### **URA Preliminary Boundary Area Study, 2009-City of Alamosa**

This study identified areas in the City of Alamosa’s commercial core and adjacent lands that meet the qualifications for Urban Renewal Area designation and outlined which areas in Alamosa are “blighted”. In other words, areas that retard growth and housing provision or are an economic liability or menace to public health or safety. This document laid the



foundation for identifying areas that are affecting the ability of Alamosa to grow economically.

### **San Luis Valley Targeted Industry Study, 2008-San Luis Valley Development Resources Group**

This is a great economic development resource for the region, even though it is a bit dated much of the study is still relevant. This report lists five primary development targets and five secondary development targets for the San Luis Valley. The report outlines opportunity areas and the requirements and considerations for each opportunity area, such as tourism. This study identified areas of growth and industries that: have potential to work in the valley, use local assets and resources, and fit the culture and atmosphere of the valley. There is support for growing the City of Alamosa as the regional center for the valley, growing tourism, bringing in new businesses and supporting the growth of current businesses.

### **Other documents**

In addition to the formal plans, reports and studies listed above, we have a wealth of maps detailing economic development opportunity areas in the city, market research data from Buxton, annexation maps, and smaller documents such as the Alamosa flyer, business attraction materials, and the city's capital improvements plan. These documents are smaller, more focused, and speak to the work that has been done and is underway currently, in regards to economic development. These smaller documents will be utilized as part of the Comprehensive Planning process.

### **Alamosa County Comprehensive Plan, 2008**

## RECREATION

### **Ranch Management Plan, 2012-City of Alamosa & Alamosa Community Trails and Cross Country Site Master Plan, 2012-City of Alamosa**

The ranch is a major asset to the City of Alamosa. The Ranch Management Plan as well as the Alamosa Community Trails and Cross Country Site Master Plan can be used as references for understanding the current status of the ranch, what has been implemented and what is planned for the future. The Ranch Management Plan is focused on the areas of the ranch where cattle ranching is permitted and includes policies for leasing the land, grazing, reseeding, maintenance, irrigation and more. The Community Trails Plan is focused on the recreation portion of the ranch and includes plans for trail development and an assessment of environmental constraints such as wildlife habitat and wetlands that affect recreation opportunities. Both documents will be used when incorporating the ranch into the Comprehensive Plan.

### **San Luis Valley Trails and Recreation Plan, 2014 -San Luis Valley Great Outdoors**



This plan is focused on regional recreation in the San Luis Valley (SLV). It covers current recreation assets and identifies where there are recreation gaps. With a list of regional recreation priorities, this plan can be used to identify where there are opportunities for the city to work with regional partners and ensure that recreation development in Alamosa aligns with regional goals.

### **Ice Rink and Multi-Use Facility PowerPoint, 2015-City of Alamosa**

This new ice rink and multi-use facility is an ongoing project which the city is working to fund. The city has put money aside and is also seeking grants. The new ice rink is slated to be built next to the recreation center. Projected to cost \$1.3 million, with the city agreeing to contribute \$500,000 contingent upon the remaining \$800,000 coming from outside sources.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

We have received a series of useful documents pertaining to public works including: maps outlining road types and conditions, traffic counts, water and sewer systems maps, and data and information for the rate study that is currently underway. These resources will be referenced throughout the comprehensive planning process.

## **HOUSING**

This is an area with a void of prior studies, assessments, and plans. We have collected data about the current housing conditions in Alamosa and found that generally housing is affordable in the city with rental and owner costs lower than the state average, but there is a limited supply of rental units. This is an area with a gap in long term planning documents where further research will be required.

