

# **GLENN COUNTY GENERAL PLAN**

## **VOLUME I - POLICIES**

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PSI-44 Amend County ordinances to prohibit onsite sewage disposal systems on parcels smaller than two acres in size, within areas designated as septic limitations overlay, subject to final review and decision by the Glenn County Health Department.

Implements policy PSP-46

Priority: 1

Lead Agency: Glenn County Planning Department

Coordinating Agencies: Glenn County Health Department, Glenn County Board of Supervisors, Glenn County Planning Commission

### **5.2.7 Noise.**

#### **Background:**

State General Plan law requires that noise sources be identified and problems appraised in a noise element. The noise element must recognize the guidelines adopted by the State Department of Health Services, Office of Noise Control, and analyze and quantify, to the extent practicable, current and projected noise levels for the following sources:

- Highways and freeways.
- Primary arterials and major local streets.
- Railroad operations and ground rapid transit systems.
- Commercial and general aviation operations.
- Industrial plants.
- Other ground stationary sources which contribute to the community noise environment.

Noise contours must be used as a guide for establishing a pattern of land uses in the land use element that minimizes the exposure of community residents to excessive noise. The adopted noise element must also serve as a guideline for compliance with the state's noise insulation standards. These contours are described in Section 6.11 of this document. Noise is discussed in Section 3.6 of the Environmental Setting Technical Paper and Section 8.0 of the Public Safety Issue Paper.

Major noise sources identified in Glenn County include vehicular traffic on major roadways, railroad operations, Orland Haigh Field Airport, Willows Glenn County Airport, industrial sources, agricultural processing facilities, and miscellaneous farming operations. Control of noise and its sources is most effectively implemented through the adoption of a local Noise Control Ordinance. Such an ordinance requires support from the general plan-established noise exposure standards and land use compatibility guidelines. The following goals, policies, implementation strategies and programs support the adoption of such an ordinance. A Draft Noise Control Ordinance is included in the Public Safety Issue Paper.

#### **Goal:**

**PSG-7 Protection of county residents from the harmful and annoying effects of exposure to excessive noise and preservation of the rural noise environment in Glenn County.**