



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

March 2, 2023

**GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 046 – 23**

To: Directors and Agency Heads  
From: Governor of American Samoa  
Subject: Territorial General Plan Working Group

I hereby designate the Territorial General Plan Working group to commence the work necessary to update the American Samoa Territorial General Plan.

The Territorial General Plan is an indicative policy agenda for the economic and social development of the territory. It aims to promote a better quality of life for our residents, protect the natural environment, and preserve resources for the sustainable development of our Territory.

The Territorial General Plan serves several critical purposes:

- To create a vision for the future of American Samoa;
- To focus on primary issues and concerns faced by the Territory;
- To create a permanent system of cooperation, coordination, planning and management among government and non-government organizations;
- To identify a rational and strategic path for development that makes the best use of available funding and resources;
- To create the needed capacity to implement programs efficiently and effectively; and,
- To make known policies and plans of the government administration and demonstrated to Federal oversight agencies and funding sources that the government has put in place a means to direct its progress and gauge its performance


In addition, the Territorial General Plan should aim to consolidate and not replace other existing plans such as the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Port Masterplan, Territorial Emergency Operations Plan, Tourism Masterplan, and others. These plans should be acknowledged in the Territorial General Plan and referenced where needed.

The Department of Commerce, as our government's economic planning agency, will lead and coordinate this effort. However, I expect full participation from all ASG departments, agencies, and offices. The following departments, agencies, and offices below are requested to cooperate as they are vital to this collaboration:

- Agriculture
- Commerce
- Community College
- Criminal Justice
- Disaster Assistance and Petroleum Management
- Education
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary
- Feleti Barstow Library
- Health
- Historic Preservation Office
- Homeland Security
- Human & Social Services
- Human Resources
- Legal Affairs
- Marine & Wildlife Resources
- Medicaid Office
- Medical Center Authority
- Office of the Governor- Special Program
- Parks & Recreation
- Port Administration
- Power Authority
- Protection & Advocacy
- Public Safety
- Public Works
- Telecommunications Authority
- Territorial Administration on Aging
- Territorial Energy Office
- Treasury
- University Center for Excellence in Development Disabilities
- Visitors Bureau
- Youth & Women's Affairs

A meeting with Directors and Finance Officers is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Governor's Office Conference Room.

Sincerely,



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Governor