

# **POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW: CONSIDERATIONS**

- **Degree of Specificity:**
  - Does the statement prescribe a single approach for implementation?
    - If so, is such specificity appropriate or should the statement be revised to allow for the benefits derived from additional review and consideration during processes such as code development?
  - If the statement is so specific as to operate as a standard of approval, does/should the statement contemplate a variance from such standard in appropriate situations?
- **Consequences:** If the statement establishes a specific commitment, are all consequences of the specific commitment fully understood?
- **Law:** Does the statement align with federal, state and local law?
- **Authority / Jurisdiction:** Does the central concern of the statement fall within the purview of the County's Planning Program or is another agency (within or outside of the County) the lead agency?
  - If another agency is the lead agency, are the County commitments established through the policy appropriate?
    - Does the County have authority to implement the commitments?
    - Is it appropriate to expand the Planning Program in the manner provided in the statement?
- **Efficiency:** If the statement concerns a subject matter that is also addressed to some degree by another agency, does the statement require the County to "reinvent the wheel" or does it allow the County to collaborate with and leverage the other agencies resources?
- **Feasibility:** If the statement commits the county to further action, are sufficient County resources (time, money, etc.) available?
  - Can the County meet the timeframe for the commitment?
- **Fiscal Impact:** Does the statement establish a policy of fiscal commitment on the part of the County and, if so, is such commitment appropriate?