

RESOLUTION NO. 34 - 2023

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POPULATION PROJECTION FOR 2025 UPDATE OF
THE SAN JUAN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act (GMA) was passed by the State Legislature in April, 1990;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners voted to plan under the GMA in November, 1990;

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.130(5)(b) establishes June 30, 2025, as the completion date for the review and update of San Juan County's Comprehensive Plan (Plan), and development regulations;

WHEREAS, RCW 43.62.035 authorizes the Washington Office of Financial Management (OFM) to prepare twenty-year GMA population projections for all counties in Washington every five years;

WHEREAS, the twenty-year GMA population projections are developed within the framework of expected population growth in Washington. They provide a range of low, medium, and high growth projections for each county;

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.110 and RCW 36.70A.115 require the County's land use planning policies and regulations to be within the range of the OFM's twenty-year GMA population projections;

WHEREAS, identifying the growth of the County's permanent population over the next twenty-year is the first step in the Plan update;

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the OFM projections and United States' Census Bureau data;

WHEREAS, in December, 2022, the OFM published the Growth Management Act Population Projections for Counties: 2020-2050, which updated low, medium, and high population projections for the Washington State and its counties;

WHEREAS, a Resident Population Forecast of 23,014 people in 2045 for San Juan County is the OFM's medium forecast;

WHEREAS, staff briefed the County Council on November 7, 2023, and the Planning Commission on November 17, 2023, on a technical population projection memorandum dated November 7, 2023;

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, the County Council deliberated and directed staff to develop a resolution adopting a 2045 Resident Population Forecast of 23,014 for the Plan update.

WHEREAS, on November 17, the Planning Commission was briefed regarding the recommended Resident Population Forecast;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of San Juan County, state of Washington, as follows:

1. That a 2045 Resident Population Forecast of 23,014 permanent residents is adopted as the basis of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan update; and
2. That a county population of 23,014 in 2045 is consistent with the December 2022 medium population projection figures provided by the OFM and is consistent with the requirements of RCW 36.70A.110 and 36.70A.115.

ADOPTED this 12th day of December 2023.

ATTEST: Clerk of the Council


Sally Rogers 12/12/23
Sally Rogers, Clerk Date

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