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<i>Land Use Element</i>	
<p><b>Policy LU 1.1.4:</b> Preserve community character by maintaining natural features that act as natural boundaries between developed areas, including significant ridgelines, canyons, rivers and drainage courses, riparian areas, topographical features, habitat preserves, or other similar features, where appropriate.</p>	<p><b>Consistent.</b> The Specific Plan does not allow for any development within the setback areas, which provide natural buffers between the Specific Plan area and the adjacent residential uses.</p>
<p><b>Policy LU 1.1.5:</b> Increase infill development and re-use of underutilized sites within and adjacent to developed urban areas to achieve maximum benefit from existing infrastructure and minimize loss of open space, through redesignation of vacant sites for higher density and mixed use, where appropriate.</p>	<p><b>Consistent.</b> The HMNH Specific Plan allows for the expansion of hospital and medical office uses within the existing hospital campus thereby maximizing the land's utilization for these types of functions and includes structured parking to accommodate additional development within surface parking lots, thereby maximizing benefit from existing infrastructure.</p>
<p><b>Goal LU 6:</b> A scenic and beautiful urban environment that builds on the community's history and natural setting.</p>	<p><b>Consistent.</b> The HMNH Specific Plan includes development regulations and design guidelines for new development that focus on consistency and compatibility with the existing development on the site and in the surrounding area. All future development will be subject to approval by the City to ensure consistency with the Specific Plan.</p>
<p><b>Policy LU 6.3.1:</b> Promote planting of street trees throughout urban areas in the Santa Clarita Valley.</p>	<p><b>Consistent.</b> The HMNH Specific Plan provides for the preservation of existing street trees, as well as the planting of new and replacement street trees. The Specific Plan will continue to implement the approved Landscape Plan from the 2008 Master Plan, which provides a conceptual overview of future landscaping and street trees within the Specific Plan area.</p>
<p><b>Policy LU 6.5.1:</b> Require use of high quality, durable, and natural-appearing building materials pursuant to applicable ordinances.</p> <p><b>Policy LU 6.5.2:</b> Encourage the use of designs and architectural styles that incorporate classic and timeless architectural features.</p> <p><b>Policy LU 6.5.3:</b> Require architectural enhancement and articulation on all sides of buildings (360 degree architecture), with special consideration at building entrances and corners, and along facades adjacent to major arterial streets.</p> <p><b>Policy LU 6.5.4:</b> Evaluate new development in consideration of its context, to ensure that buildings create a coherent living environment, a cohesive urban fabric, and contribute to a sense of place consistent with the surrounding neighborhoods.</p>	<p><b>Consistent.</b> The HMNH Specific Plan is characterized by a consistent design theme and building materials that complement on- and off-site development. The Specific Plan includes required building setbacks and step-backs from adjacent residential neighborhoods, architectural features on the building facades, landscaping design guidelines, and building height zones that soften the appearance of the campus from surrounding areas.</p>

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<b>Goal LU 7:</b> Environmentally responsible development through site planning, building design, waste reduction, and responsible stewardship of resources.	<b>Consistent.</b> The Specific Plan provides for environmentally responsible development that is sensitive to the environment, maximizes use of existing infrastructure, and meets City standards for site planning, architectural design, parking, and pedestrian access. Expanding healthcare services at this location increases the significance of this site to the region.
<b>Policy LU 7.1.1:</b> Require shade trees within parking lots and adjacent to buildings to reduce the heat island effect, in consideration of Fire Department fuel modification restrictions.	<b>Consistent.</b> The HMNH Specific Plan provides for the preservation of existing trees, as well as the planting of new and replacement trees. The Specific Plan will continue to implement the approved 2008 Master Plan Landscape Plan, which provides a conceptual overview of future landscaping and trees within the Specific Plan area, including retention of existing trees within the remaining parking lots and adjacent to buildings.
<b>Policy LU 7.1.3:</b> Encourage development of energy-efficient buildings, and discourage construction of new buildings for which energy efficiency cannot be demonstrated.	<b>Consistent.</b> The HMNH Specific Plan requires all buildings to be compliant with the California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) and California Building Standards Code energy efficiency standards. Southern California Edison is granting HMNH tax credits for successfully participating in their Savings by Design program by reducing its electrical demands in the new Inpatient Building.
<b>Policy LU 7.2.3:</b> Require that all new development proposals demonstrate a sufficient and sustainable water supply prior to approval.	<b>Consistent.</b> Section 5.17, Water Supply, of the HMNH Master Plan EIR and Addendum determined that adequate water supplies are available to serve buildout of the Specific Plan.
<b>Policy LU 7.3.2:</b> Maintain stormwater runoff onsite by directing drainage into rain gardens, natural landscaped swales, rain barrels, permeable areas, and use of drainage areas as design elements, where feasible and reasonable.	<b>Consistent.</b> Implementation of the Specific Plan would not result in increased local runoff. As part of the Inpatient Building approved under the 2008 Master Plan, a new catch basin will be installed for stormwater runoff per Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) requirements.
<b>Policy LU 7.4.1:</b> Require the use of drought tolerant landscaping, native California plant materials, and evapotranspiration (smart) irrigation systems.	<b>Consistent.</b> The Specific Plan Landscape Plan focuses primarily on the use of native and drought-tolerant tree and plant species. Plants listed that are non-native or not drought-tolerant will be used sparingly and only in areas that require their unique properties. The use of grass turf will be limited. New irrigation systems will be designed, installed, operated, and maintained in conformance with the State Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.
<b>Policy LU 7.4.2:</b> Require the use of low-flow fixtures in all non-residential development and residential development with five or more dwelling units, which may include but are not limited to water conserving shower heads, toilets, waterless urinals and motion-sensor faucets, and encourage use of such fixtures in building retrofits as appropriate.	<b>Consistent.</b> New development within the Specific Plan will be required to comply with OSHPD and the State Building Standards Code, which requires the use of low-flow fixtures and other water-conserving features.
<b>Policy LU 7.5.1:</b> Ensure that all new development provides adequate space for recycling receptacles and bins on site.	<b>Consistent.</b> New development within the Specific Plan will be required to comply with City standards for recycling

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	receptacles and bins on site.
<b>Policy LU 7.6.1:</b> Limit outdoor lighting levels to the minimum needed for safety and security, and encourage lower lighting levels when businesses are closed.	<b>Consistent.</b> All lighting must comply with Chapter 17.51.050, Outdoor Lighting Standards, of the City’s Unified Development Code, as well as State and local safety and illumination requirements. Although the campus is a 24-hour operation, the Specific Plan’s outdoor lighting will be designed to ensure that minimum lighting levels are provided for safety and security needs. Light pollution will be minimized as much as programmatically feasible.
<b>Policy LU 7.6.4:</b> Encourage site designs that protect oak trees, hillsides, and biological resources through creative solutions.	<b>Consistent.</b> The HMNH Specific Plan preserves the hillside between the hospital campus and the adjacent residential uses to serve as a natural buffer between the uses. The Specific Plan does not allow for any development within the buffer around the hospital campus, which is identified as Zone 1 in Figure 4-1, Building Height Zones, in the Specific Plan.
<b>Goal LU 8:</b> Equitable and convenient access to social, cultural, educational, civic, medical, and recreational facilities and opportunities for all residents.  <b>Policy LU 8.1.7:</b> Work with medical service providers to facilitate preservation and enhancement of health services, including the Santa Clarita Valley’s trauma center, provided applications are in conformance with applicable General Plan policies and environmental requirements.	<b>Consistent.</b> The HMNH Specific Plan provides for the preservation and expansion of the existing hospital and medical services to help meet the healthcare needs of all segments of the population. The HMNH medical campus currently includes the Santa Clarita Valley’s only trauma center.
<b>Goal LU 9:</b> Adequate public facilities and services, provided in a timely manner and in appropriate locations to serve existing and future residents and businesses.	<b>Consistent.</b> The Specific Plan seeks to provide adequate medical facilities and services to the public in a timely manner. The Specific Plan area is an appropriate location because the Specific Plan facilitates infill development on an existing campus to enhance medical services.
<b>Policy LU 9.1.1:</b> Ensure construction of adequate infrastructure to meet the needs of new development prior to occupancy.	<b>Consistent.</b> Sufficient existing infrastructure supports the campus and surrounding area. The Specific Plan does not require the extension of infrastructure systems to meet project-related demands and will contribute to future public infrastructure improvements through payment of any applicable development fees.
<b>Policy LU 9.2.1:</b> Ensure that the cost of extending new sewer infrastructure is fully borne by the new development that is served, and is not passed on to the existing community.  <b>Policy LU 9.2.2:</b> Require that all new development mitigates its impact on existing sewer capacity by upgrading facilities when warranted or payment of a fee to allow construction of new facilities when needed.  <b>Policy LU 9.2.5:</b> Cooperate with the development community to allow reimbursement for the cost of constructed sewer	<b>Consistent.</b> Existing sewer infrastructure is sufficient to support buildout of the Specific Plan. The Specific Plan does not require the expansion of the existing sewer system to meet project-related demands and will contribute to future public infrastructure improvements through payment of any applicable development fees.

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facilities with a capacity that exceeds what would be required to mitigate a project's own sewer impact.	
<i>Circulation Element</i>	
<b>Goal C 1:</b> An inter-connected network of circulation facilities that integrates all travel modes, provides viable alternatives to automobile use, and conforms with regional plans.	<b>Consistent.</b> Multiple modes of transit that meet the requirements of the American Disabilities Act (ADA) are currently provided on-site, and will continue as such.
<b>Policy C 1.1.1:</b> Reduce dependence on the automobile, particularly single-occupancy vehicle use, by providing safe and convenient access to transit, bikeways, and walkways.	<b>Consistent.</b> The Specific Plan includes a system of pedestrian linkages to promote non-vehicular mobility and access to and throughout the project site. Access to the Specific Plan is available via various alternative transportation facilities, including sidewalks and public transit facilities. There are two proposed bus stops to be located along the McBean Parkway frontage of the hospital campus.
<b>Policy C 2.5.2:</b> Ensure that new development is provided with adequate emergency and/or secondary access for purposes of evacuation and emergency response; require two points of ingress and egress for every subdivision or phase thereof, except as otherwise approved for small subdivisions where physical constraints preclude a second access point.	<b>Consistent.</b> The Specific Plan provides three access points to ensure adequate ingress and egress including ambulances and other emergency vehicles.
<i>Noise Element</i>	
<b>Policy N 1.1.4:</b> Control noise sources adjacent to residential, recreational, and community facilities, and those land uses classified as noise sensitive.	<b>Consistent.</b> The Specific Plan would not cause an increase in noise sources adjacent to noise sensitive land uses.
<i>Open Space and Conservation Element</i>	
<b>Goal CO.1:</b> A balance between the social and economic needs of Santa Clarita Valley residents and protection of the natural environment, so that these needs can be met in the present and in the future.	<b>Consistent.</b> The Specific Plan requires incorporation of conservation measures and technologies into the design of the buildings that meet State standards for building energy efficiency and water usage.
<b>Policy CO 1.5.5:</b> Promote concentration of urban uses within the center of the Santa Clarita Valley through incentives for infill development and rebuilding, in order to limit impacts to open space, habitats, watersheds, hillsides, and other components of the Valley's natural ecosystems.	<b>Consistent.</b> The Specific Plan facilitates infill development within the currently developed Specific Plan area and will not impact the undeveloped hillside.
<b>Policy CO 3.1.5:</b> Promote the use of site-appropriate native or adapted plant materials, and prohibit use of invasive or noxious plant species in landscape designs.	<b>Consistent.</b> The Specific Plan Landscape Plan builds upon the existing landscaping within the Specific Plan area and focuses primarily on the use of native and drought-tolerant tree and plant species. Plants listed that are non-native or not drought-tolerant will be used sparingly and only in areas that require their unique properties. The use of grass turf will be limited. New irrigation systems will be designed, installed, operated, and maintained in conformance with the State Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.
<b>Policy CO 3.1.7:</b> Limit the use of turf-grass on development sites and promote the use of native or adapted plantings to promote biodiversity and natural habitat.	
<b>Policy CO 3.1.8:</b> On development sites, require tree planting to provide habitat and shade to reduce the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings.	

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<b>Policy CO 3.6.1:</b> Minimize light trespass, sky-glow, glare, and other adverse impacts on the nocturnal ecosystem by limiting exterior lighting to the level needed for safety and comfort; reduce unnecessary lighting for landscaping and architectural purposes, and encourage reduction of lighting levels during non-business nighttime hours.	<b>Consistent.</b> All lighting must comply with Chapter 17.51.050, Outdoor Lighting Standards, of the City's Unified Development Code, as well as State and local safety and illumination requirements. The Specific Plan's outdoor lighting will be designed to ensure that lighting does not interfere with on-site or surrounding uses.
<b>Policy CO 4.1.3:</b> Require low water use landscaping in new residential subdivisions and other private development projects, including a reduction in the amount of turf-grass.	<b>Consistent.</b> The Specific Plan Landscape Plan builds upon the existing landscaping within the Specific Plan area and focuses primarily on the use of native and drought-tolerant tree and plant species. Plants listed that are non-native or not drought-tolerant will be used sparingly and only in areas that require their unique properties. The use of grass turf will be limited. New irrigation systems will be designed, installed, operated, and maintained in conformance with the State Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.
<b>Policy CO 4.1.5:</b> Promote the use of low-flow and/or waterless plumbing fixtures and appliances in all new non-residential development and residential development of five or more dwelling units.	<b>Consistent.</b> The Specific Plan requires incorporation of conservation measures and technologies into the design of the buildings that meet State standards for building water usage.
<b>Policy CO 4.3.2:</b> On previously developed sites proposed for major alteration, provide stormwater management improvements to restore natural infiltration, as required by the reviewing authority.  <b>Policy CO 4.3.7:</b> Reduce the amount of pollutants entering the Santa Clara River and its tributaries by capturing and treating stormwater runoff at the source, to the extent possible.	<b>Consistent.</b> Implementation of the Specific Plan would not result in increased local runoff. As part of the Inpatient Building approved under the 2008 Master Plan, a new catch basin will be installed for stormwater runoff per Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) requirements.
<i>Safety Element</i>	
<b>Goal S 1:</b> Protection of public safety and property from hazardous geological conditions, including seismic rupture and ground shaking, soil instability, and related hazards.	<b>Consistent.</b> Development under the Specific Plan is required to meet or exceed all applicable state and local seismic safety design standards including OSHPD requirements.
<b>Policy S 3.1.3:</b> Require adequate fire flow as a condition of approval for all new development, which may include installation of additional reservoir capacity and/or distribution facilities.	<b>Consistent.</b> The Specific Plan's water system is designed to meet the fire flow requirements of OSHPD and LACFD.
<b>Goal S 4:</b> Protection of public safety and property from hazardous materials.	<b>Consistent.</b> Procedures for handling hospital and medical office hazardous waste; and the transport, use, storage, and disposal of all Specific Plan-related hazardous wastes are subject to all local, state, and federal regulations.

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