

FINAL
MONTEREY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
March 17, 2004
MINUTES

The Planning Commission met at 9:05 a.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Monterey Court House, Salinas, California. Vice Chair Diehl started the meeting. *Chair Wilmot arrived at 9:07 a.m.*

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Miguel Errea, Sharon Parsons, Laurence Hawkins, Cosme Padilla, Keith Vandever, John Wilmot, Martha Diehl, Aurelio Salazar, Jr., Don Rochester, Juan Sanchez
Absent: None

B. SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT OF THE 21ST CENTURY MONTEREY COUNTY GENERAL PLAN – ECONOMY/JOBS AND HOUSING THEME

Chair Wilmot proceeded with opening remarks and addressed the meeting's theme of, "Economy/Jobs and Housing Theme" to include: Correlation between land use and circulation plans, balance between jobs and workforce housing, Affordable Housing Overlay, winery corridors, exemptions for routine agricultural activities, residential clustering in rural and agriculture areas, Transfer of Development Rights program, and other agricultural viability proposals. He advised that comments may be either hand delivered at one of the four Planning Commission hearings or mailed to County staff on or before Friday, March 26, 2004. Comments related to the Draft Environmental Impact Report must be submitted in writing to County staff by Friday, April 2, 2004. Anyone wishing to speak at today's meeting should fill out a Speaker Request form and return it to County staff. He covered the Errata sheet that covered corrections to the text and map to the Public Review Draft General Plan.

There was discussion by the Commission regarding the Subcommittee meetings not being open to the public, the Brown Act, and a public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Wendy Strimling, County Counsel, addressed the issues.

Public Comment

1. Russ Haisley, Aguajito Oaks Homeowners
2. Ed Thompson, American Farmland Trust
3. Jeane Errea, South County Rancher
4. Tom Carvey, Common Ground
5. Douglas Fay

6. Marit Evans
7. Gary Patton, Land Watch
8. Alfred Diaz-Infante, CHISPA
9. Jay Brown, Cattleman's Association of Monterey County

Break from 10:05 – 10:20 a.m.

10. Juan Uranga, Executive Director Community Advocacy
11. Chris Bunn, Jr.
12. Rene' Boskoff, Monterey County Hospitality Organization
13. Jan Mitchell
14. Julie Engell
15. Nancy Isakson, Salinas Valley Water Collation and Independent Growers Association
16. Darlene Din
17. Brian Finegan
18. J. F. Kenney
19. Lynn Classen, FANS
20. Hans Jongens
21. Christine Kemp
22. Margaret Robbins
23. Diann Russell
24. Pete Scudder

The commission addressed issues that were of concern during the public comment period.

Lynn Burgess and Sara Hargrave clarified issues that were addressed during the hearing.

The hearing was continued to March 22, 2004.

C. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

ATTEST

Mike Novo, Acting Secretary

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