

# DRAFT

## Minutes

### GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – REFINEMENT GROUP

Thursday, January 8, 2004, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

At the Monterey County Leadership Institute, Garden Road, Monterey

The meeting was called to order by Brian Finegan at 1:15 PM.

Those present: Sheryl McKenzie, Christine Gianascol, Juan Uranga, Wendy Elliot, Gwen Miller, Brian Finegan, Kurt Gollnick, Tom Carvey, Nancy Isakson, Mike Caplin, Bob Perkins (1:50), John Bridges (2:00), Aaron Johnson (2:10), Luann Meador (2:35).

Visitors: Mary Mecartney, Christopher Bunn, Jr.

Since there was not a quorum at 1:15, Mr. Finegan asked for subcommittee reports (item VI on the agenda).

Subcommittee reports:

- 1) Water: Hasn't met since the last Refinement Group meeting, but will plan a meeting soon.
- 2) Transportation: Kurt Gollnick reported that they have worked on approximately one third of this element.
- 3) Land Use: on the agenda for later in the meeting.
- 4) City/County agreements: Brian Finegan said that he and Mike Johnston attended the South Valley Mayors' meeting recently and described the policies that the RG subcommittee had completed. The mayors suggested some changes which were sent to the subcommittee on 12-26-03. The mayors asked that these policies be circulated to the Peninsula cities as well, because policies such as providing adequate housing include all Monterey County cities.
- 5) Public Service: Mike Caplin reported that this group hasn't met since the last Refinement Group meeting. Mr. Caplin will call the other members and arrange a meeting.
- 6) Update of GPU process: Brian Finegan said that the draft of GPU3 will be out at the end of next week and should be on the website. The County staff will present the GPU3 on January 28, 2004. On 1/14/04, the Planning Commission will receive a report on the recommended scheduling for their GPU hearings. They will have 3 meetings, covering a separate "theme" at each meeting. On Wednesday, January 14, 2004, they will present the dates for these hearings. Christine Gianascol said that the Board of Supervisors had instructed the Planning Commission to review the GPU3 element by element, policy by policy, and the process now appears to be time-driven.
  - a) The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is to be released at the same time as the GPU3, but the PC won't have hearings or have testimony on the DEIR. The PC won't see the comments or responses to comments on the DEIR. There was discussion as to whether it is a legal requirement for the PC make a recommendation to the BOS without seeing the DEIR. Mr. Finegan said that the PC will pass the GPU on to the board without seeing the DEIR.
    - i) The DEIR has to be before the public for 45 days, and would therefore close on March 1, 2004.
    - ii) Nancy Isakson said that there will be no input from the PC on the DEIR.
    - iii) Mike Caplin asked what happened to the written comments to the original EIR.
    - iv) There was discussion as to the how the RG should present its work to the PC and the BOS. It was decided that the RG should produce its own, clean version of the GPU.

- I) Public Comment Period (Public Comment for issues not on the agenda)  
Christopher Bunn Jr. said that his musical group will play at Rollick's Coffee House at 210 Main Street, Salinas on Friday, February 6, 2004 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

With the arrival of Bob Perkins at 1:45 PM, there was a quorum and the group proceeded through the agenda.

- II) Approval of agenda for January 8, 2004  
Public comment: none  
Approved as written.  
Tom Carvey read the resignation letters of Sherwood Darington and Mary Ann Leffel to the group.
- III) Approval of minutes from December 18, 2003  
Public comment: none  
Approved with the corrections below:  
1. From Mike Caplin: Under IV: ERME, in the first sentence of add, "proposed new" before "version of ER-1.3," to indicate that this is a proposed new version.  
2. In the second sentence of the same paragraph, strike "policy" and insert "police," to read "police power of the County."
- IV) Environmental Resource Management Element (ERME)  
Public comment: none  
i) ERME-5.1 and 5.3: There was discussion as to include Ag exemptions. Referred to the subcommittee for language refinement.  
ii) ERME-6.2 and 6.3 Deferred.  
iii) CPOA's new ER-1.3. The group discussed a handout with both Juan Uranga's and CPOA's language. There were suggestions as to how to combine Juan's and Mike's documents.  
iv) The group decided to approve the language in concept and come back with a written version for final approval. Move, second and carried to move this item back to subcommittee.
- V) Land use Element  
Public comment: none  
The members of this subcommittee are Bob Perkins, Sheryl McKenzie and Christine Gianascol. The group used the Land Use Element red line version of 12-4-03.

The group agreed to add the "introductory caveat" to the front page.

There was discussion as to whether the special "area" sections should supersede the Land Use Element itself. The Coastal and Inland sections of the plan were written by LUAC's. There are instances where there are definite conflicts between the general and area section plans. It was pointed out that this could be discussed during the administrative element. Aaron Johnson moved to table this issue until the end of the Land Use Element. As with ERME-1.3, the current issue might better be discussed in the Administrative element.  
Move, second, carried.

Land Use Policies: (Christine Gianascol tracked today's changes to the red line version).  
Goal LU-1: Land Supply needed for Growth: adopt as per subcommittee recommendation

- LU-1.1: adopt as per subcommittee recommendation
- LU-1.2: strike all of the new 1.2.
- LU-1.3: "in the implementation of these policies." Move to accept with today's changes, second, carried.
- LU2.1: adopt as per subcommittee recommendation
- LU-2.2: adopt as per subcommittee recommendation, but eliminate everything in parenthesis having to do with maps.
- LU-2.3: adopt as per today's modifications. Strike 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence.
- LU-2.4: 2a: as per subcommittee recommendation
  - 2b: as per subcommittee recommendation, but include "clustered development" Use the word "include" instead of "are."
  - 2c: ag lands: include "ag processing"
  - 2d: delete "publicly owned"
- LU-3: adopt as per subcommittee recommendation
- LU-3.1: delete the last sentence, otherwise adopt as per subcommittee recommendation
- LU-3.2: eliminate "see maps" to be consistent. Otherwise, adopt as per subcommittee recommendation
- LU-3.3: Delete the entire policy.

The group stopped at LU-3.3

- VI) Reports from Subcommittees (see above)
- VII) Agenda building for next meeting  
The group decided to meet from 12:00 to 5:00 PM on January 15, 2004 at the Leadership Institute.
- VIII) Adjournment to meeting of Thursday, January 15, 2004, at the Monterey County Leadership Institute.