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Minutes

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – REFINEMENT GROUP

Thursday, June 3, 2004

12:00 – 5:00 PM

At the Salinas Valley Builders' Exchange
590-A Brunken Ave., Salinas

Those present: Gwen Miller, Nancy Isakson, Mike Caplin, Bob Perkins, Chris Bunn, Jay Brown, Brian Finegan, Rick Smith, Tom Carvey, Luann Meador, Sheri Damon, Kurt Gollnick, Alfred Diaz-Infante, Chris Steinbruner, Juan Uranga, and Aaron Johnson

Visitors: Lisa Kleissner

- I) Public Comment Period (Public Comment for issues not on the agenda)
Public comment: Lisa Kleissner expressed concern about the proposed Monterey Park District assessment and its relationship with the Park District acquiring more land.
- II) Approval of agenda for June 3, 2004
Public comment: none
Agenda was approved as e-mailed.
- III) Approval of minutes from May 27, 2004
Public comment: none
Minutes were approved as e-mailed.
- IV) Publishing Refinement Group work elements as finished products
 - A) Finished elements that need to be put into their final language and uploaded to web site
- V) Definitions section
Nancy Isakson handed out a set of definitions, beginning with the letter “n.” Brian Finegan led the group through a discussion of each of the definitions. Brian Finegan tracked changes to this section.

“N”
Natural ~~Plant~~ Communities: discussion over whether to include “plant” or not. Discussion about using “ecologically” interrelated. The definition was compared with RG ERME, which says that natural plant communities should be removed from the plan.
Natural Resource Conservation Service: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Negative Declaration: from CEQA guidelines. As per subcommittee recommendation.
Nitrate Contamination: strike “nitrate contamination is.” Discussion of nitrate levels. This expression does not appear in the GPU3. Delete.

No Net Loss: RG Erme 2.5 uses this definition.
Noise: As per subcommittee recommendation. Moved and 2nd to delete failed.
Noise contours: similar to state OPR guidelines. As per subcommittee recommendation.
Noise generator: This expression is a new to the GPU, being added by the RG.
Deferred until the next meeting.
Noise receptor: This expression is a new to the GPU, being added by the RG.
Deferred until the next meeting.
Non-conforming use: As per subcommittee recommendation. Discussion about splitting the definition into “legal non-conforming” and “non-conforming.”
Decided to include a definition for “legal non-conforming use.”
Non-native species: Mike Caplin will work on a definition for this expression.
Noxious weed rating: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Noxious weed species: As per subcommittee recommendation.
NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service): As per subcommittee recommendation.
Nuisance: As per subcommittee recommendation.

“O”

Open space: As per subcommittee recommendation. Used 222 times in GPU3.
Suggestion to continue studying this definition. There are pros and cons to having farm lands included in “open space.” Include in the last sentence, does not preclude the building of appropriate structures. Sheri will bring back an analysis next week.
Organic farming: Delete this expression, with a comment as to why it was deleted.
Overcrowding: Juan Uranga commented that this definition is important in working with families in overcrowded conditions. Gwen Miller read the definition of “overcrowding” from the City of Salinas General Plan. Decided to use this language.
Overdraft: discussion of what overdraft means over time. Nancy Isakson suggested deleting the word and definition. Discussion. Add to the end of the first sentence, “Trending over a statutory period of time.” Compare with RG PS-3.15.
Overlay designation: As per subcommittee recommendation.

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Paratransit: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Parcel: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Parking, Shared: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Performance standards: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Persons and Families of low income: not in GPU3, delete as per subcommittee recommendation.
Planning Area: Take out “see maps.” Mike Caplin suggested keeping the language in context with the 1982 plan. Deferred until next meeting.
Planning Commission: Juan Uranga suggested deleting “review” from 2nd sentence.
As per subcommittee recommendation with today’s changes.
Policy: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Pollution, Non-point: As per subcommittee recommendation.

Pollution, point: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Preservation: add the word “significant” before “injury, harm or destruction.”
Otherwise, as per subcommittee recommendation.
Prime Farmland: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Professional Office: As per subcommittee recommendation from Title 21.
Projected water demand: not used in GPU3. Delete as per subcommittee recommendation.
Protected tree: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Proven long-term water supply: As per subcommittee recommendation, taken from Title 19.
Public agency: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Public entity: strike as per subcommittee recommendation.
Public facilities: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Public lands: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Public utility: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Public utilities: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Public viewshed: delete, as per subcommittee recommendation.
Public water system: As per subcommittee recommendation.
Purchase of development rights (PDR’s): Strike, as per subcommittee recommendation.

Work ended at this point in the definitions.

VI) Health and Safety Element

VII) Reports from sub-committees

A) Finished Elements:

- i) Land Use
- ii) Ag
 - (1) Discussion of RG Ag Commission recommendations
- iii) ERME
- iv) Circulation

B) Elements in process:

- i) Public Service:
Luann Meador handed out the entire Public Service element, including Nancy Isakson’s and Mike Caplin’s latest additions.

Text boxes:

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Page 13: Strike both text boxes.

Page 14, Strike both text boxes.

Page 15: The text box language is not consistent with definitions. Strike the text box.

Discussion about whether to leave definitions in the body of the text or in the definitions section in the Appendix. In the interests of simplicity, it was decided to keep the definitions in the Appendix.

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Page 25: Strike all text boxes.

Page 27: Strike all 3 text boxes. Leave the “comment.”

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This completes work on the Public Service Element. Luann Meador will put this in final form and deliver to Tom Carvey for uploading to website.

ii) Definitions (see above, V)

iii) Health and Safety

(1) Noise: Tom Carvey and Brian Finegan

(2) Air quality: Jay Brown, Pete Scudder, Gwen Miller, and Brad Sullivan.

(3) Emergency Management and Response to Man-made Hazards: Jay Brown, Christine Kemp and Chris Bunn

(4) Fire safety: Mike Caplin and Kurt Gollnick

(5) Water hazards: Sheryl McKenzie, Nancy Isakson, Pete Scudder and Brad Sullivan

(6) Geologic hazards: Aaron Johnson and Bob Perkins

C) Other items:

i) Update of GPU process:

Jay Brown suggested that we “back out” a matrix of the policy statements from the RG work and make a summary of each element. The Executive Summaries are summaries of principle, but Jay’s idea is to be able to compare the actual policies.

Jay Brown will develop a format for a matrix to be used for comparing the 1982 General Plan, Title 21 and the new plan. Jay will e-mail the matrix to each subcommittee.

Discussion of staff report.

Area and Coastal plans: Mike Caplin suggested that he is willing to develop language for the Coastal plan.

ii) Economic Impact Analysis

VIII) Agenda building for next meeting:

IX) Adjournment to meeting of Thursday, June 10, 2004, 12:00 to 5:00 PM, at the former Leadership Institute, 2354 Garden Road, Monterey