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Minutes

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – REFINEMENT GROUP

Thursday, October 30, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

Leadership Institute

Jim Colangelo called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. with the following members present:

Alfred Diaz-Infante, Nick Lombardo, Pete Scudder, Nancy Isakson, Mike Caplin, Tom Carvey, Juan Uranga, Christine Gianascol, Brian Finegan and Sheryl McKenzie. Because there was not a quorum, Jim suggested we move to subcommittee reports (item IX, below).

IX) Reports from sub-committees

A) Environmental Resource Management Element (ERME)

Since the Environmental Resource Management Element (ERME) element was on the agenda, this subcommittee decided to wait until then for their report.

B) Water

Since the Water element was on the agenda, this subcommittee decided to wait until item VII for their report.

C) Transportation

There were no members of the Transportation subcommittee present.

D) City/County Agreements

Reporting for the City/County Agreements subcommittee, Brian Finegan said that this subcommittee has scheduled a meeting for Monday, November 03, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at Brian Finegan's office. City representatives will also be present.

E) Land Use subcommittee

This subcommittee met for most of the day Monday, October 27, 2003. They have not established a second meeting date. They have a draft, red-line version of the Land Use element that was handed out to RG members on Tuesday, October 28, 2003.

There was discussion about communication and the method of sending meeting notices. It was agreed that each subcommittee would be responsible for its own interior communication, and informing subcommittee members of meeting dates.

Christine Gianascol suggested that all the finished documents that the RG produces should be nicely bound and delivered to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission.

With the arrival of Luann Meador, Will Silva, Kurt Gollnick and Aaron Johnson, there was a quorum at 2:30 p.m.

- I) Public Comment Period: there was no public comment
- II) Approval of agenda for October 30, 2003
Public comment: none

The group approved the addition of City/County and Land Use subcommittee reports to the subcommittee reports. The group approved the addition of an agenda item concerning communication and subcommittee communication.

The group approved the addition of an agenda item concerning the current composition of the Refinement Group.

- III) Approval of minutes from October 23, 2003
Public comment: none
- IV) Public Services subcommittee
Public comment: none
The Public Services subcommittee consists of Chris Steinbruner, Lisa Kleissner, Mike Caplin, and Luann Meador
- V) Ag Viability
Public comment: none
There was discussion about the Ag Viability policy. Christine Gianascol said 2 words on the final policy are ambiguous and need to be taken out in AG-1.3. Take out the “must go,” and say, “go.”
- VI) Environmental Resource Management Element (ERME)
Brian Finegan handed out 3 documents last week. (1) The policies themselves as a discussion piece, with the Coast Property Owners’ Association suggestions highlighted in yellow, (2) The Coast Property Owners’ Association suggested ERME policy and (3) A markup of the introduction.

Brian said we have a 4th document: the ERME policy as published by the county earlier this week.

Brian referred to the red-line version that he generated, using material from Jay Brown, Mike Caplin and some of his own. This is intended as a discussion tool.

Brian led a group discussion of the red-line version page by page, beginning with the introduction. The layout is in the same format that we used for the Ag Element: a brief statement, the guiding objectives and the remainder of the introduction was stricken. The disclaimer paragraph adopted by the group last week was not included in Brian’s version, but will be.

ERME Introduction:

Brian suggested the wording: “It should be noted that these policies apply only to new development.”

The map page of critical habitats shows those areas designated by the by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife. There was discussion about how this map was developed. Since there’s only one map in the ERME element, the narrative should say, *the* map, not *maps*.

Mike Caplin explained the issue of natural plant community database that looks at groupings of plants, e.g. black oak, poison oak and wild iris grow together. They then try to decide whether these are rare *groupings* of plants. Mike thinks this would create a artificial rarity. Mike suggested to eliminate the wording about natural plant communities.

Concerning the ER-8 map of scenic districts, Brian suggested striking the map because of concern about misunderstanding scenic areas. Mike Caplin suggested that we add a sentence such as: "In general the policies in this element are for prevention of significant harm to resources that need protection."

Tom Carvey suggested that for the minutes, a member of the subcommittee track the changes in the document and send it out to the committee.

ERME policies:

The group reviewed the ERME subcommittee's red-line version policy by policy.

The RG struck ER-1.1 in its entirety last week.

There was discussion over the definition of critical habitat. There is a definition on page 21 of the CPOA ERME document, and also in the glossary section of GPU2. Mike Caplin read his description of critical habitat.

Luann Meador said that in the Board of Supervisors handout of ERME 1.1 from their October 28, 2003 meeting, there is a reference that the Board of Supervisors will develop policies for implementing state and federal law.

ER-1.2: leave in, as is.

- VII) Water
Not addressed for lack of time
- VIII) Land Use
Not addressed for lack of time
- IX) Reports from sub-committees
 - A) Environmental Resource Management Element (ERME)
 - B) Water
 - C) TransportationSee top of page 1 for these subcommittee reports.
- X) Letter to Board of Supervisors regarding Ag Viability policy
There was discussion about when this letter reached the Board of Supervisors. Tom Carvey said the letter was faxed and e-mailed to them on Wednesday, October 29, 2003.
- XI) Agenda building for next meeting
Tom Carvey said that the most recent meeting schedule lists the last meeting date as November 6, 2003. The group approved that the meeting continue at least through the end of the year. The dates and places follow:
 - November 6, 2003 at the Leadership Institute
 - November 13, 2003 at the Leadership Institute (Jim Colangelo will not attend this meeting due to a previous commitment.
 - November 20, 2003 at the East Conference room near the Board of Supervisors' Chambers in Salinas
 - November 27, 2003: no meeting
 - December 4, 2003 Board Room at the Leadership Institute
 - December 11, 2003 at the Leadership Institute

December 18, 2003 at Laguna Seca Golf Club conference room

XII) Additions to agenda:

Composition of RG: It was suggested that those groups who have not been attending the meetings should be removed from the roster, as their inclusion makes attaining a quorum more difficult. A motion was made that groups who have not been attending will be contacted and if they do not attend the next meeting will be removed. Approved without objection.

XIII) Adjournment to meeting of Thursday, November 6, 2003 at the Leadership Institute

Members Present and Alternates who signed in:

21st Century Solution Group – Brian Finegan/Christine Gianascol (alternate)

CHISPA – Alfred Diaz-Infante

Coast Property Owners' Association – Mike Caplin

Common Group Monterey County – Tom Carvey

Grower-Shipper Association of Central California – Kurt Gollnick

Independent Growers' Association – Nancy Isakson

Latino Coalition – Juan Uranga

Monterey County Association of Realtors – Sheryl McKenzie

Monterey County Convention and Visitor's Bureau – Nick Lombardo

Monterey County Hospitality Association – Aaron Johnson

Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association – Luann Meador

Salinas Valley Builders Exchange – Pete Scudder/Will Silva