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Minutes

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – REFINEMENT GROUP

Thursday, November 6, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

Leadership Institute

Brian Finegan called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Perkins, Brian Finegan, Tom Rowley, Alfred Diaz-Infante, Kurt Gollnick, Nancy Isakson, Mike Johnston, Gwen Miller, Mike Caplin and Tom Carvey.

Membership: Several groups were removed from the roster at the Oct. 30, 2003 meeting. AFT and TNC were deleted. The UFW is still engaged. There are 21 groups, so that eleven is a quorum.

- I) Public Comment Period (Public Comment for issues not on the agenda): none
- II) Approval of agenda for November 6, 2003
Public comment: none
Additions to the agenda:
 - 1. Comment on the Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting Tuesday. Alfred Diaz-Infante reported that he and Tom Carvey went to the BOS meeting Tuesday. The BOS went ahead with Housing Element, but included language saying they may include the RG 100% Affordable Housing Overlay Policy.
 - 2. Bob Perkins said that we need to keep as many members at the table as possible. Mike Johnston said that the Teamsters have put a lot of time into the RG. The effect is not clear, but they decided to stay with it.
 - 3. Luann Meador asked if the Ag Viability Element had been sent to all PC members. Tom Carvey said he would do so.
- III) Approval of minutes from October 28 and October 30, 2003
Public comment: none
The minutes were adopted without changes.
- IV) Environmental Resource Management Element (ERME)
Public comment: none
Brian Finegan handed out copies of policy ER-1.3, "Exemptions to agriculture."

Brian passed out copies of the ERME intro which was approved last week. The disclaimer was added on p. 121. The group looked over each page and Brian noted the corrections.

There was discussion over the description of "critical habitat."

Motion: Mike Caplin moved that we add the definition of what it is not as well as what it is. Include in the box and glossary the definition on the handout page and "c" from the federal definition.

Discussion: Mike J: so that people don't tinker with it, use a numerical description of the law. Kurt G. recommended putting the entire definition in the glossary. The motion is to pick out parts and put them in the box.

The motion failed .

Motion: Christine Gianascol moved that we include the entire congressional definition, including “c” one sentence in box, and put the entire definition in glossary.

The motion failed.

Motion: Nancy Isakson moved that we table this issue.

Motion carried.

[Jim Colangelo arrived 1:45 p.m.]

ER-1.3:

The Ag subcommittee worked on ER-1.3. The entire group compared Brian’s handout from today with the redline version. Nancy read the items that were added and Brian Finegan noted the changes.

Motion: change name of goal to “Conserve Open Space for Wildlife and Natural Resources’

Motion carried

Motion: Christine moved that we change ER-2.1 to read: “The County shall protect environmentally sensitive areas by directing future urban growth into incorporated cities and Community Areas.” **Discussion:** Mike C. said that the ESHA glossary definition is wrong and should be changed to ESA.

Motion carried

ER-2.3:

Motion: Brian moved that we use his version, but take out the 2nd “where feasible.” Nancy would like to add that “Routine and ongoing ag activities should be excluded.” Brian amends his motion to so read.

Motion carried

ER-2.4:

There was discussion about whether to use Brian’s version or Mike Caplin’s.

Motion: strike 2.4.

Motion carried

ER-2.5:

Bob Perkins suggested using Brian’s version, but strike “special status species.” There was discussion over the distinction between “environmentally sensitive area” and “critical habitat.”

Motion: Brian moves 2.5 as per his version.

Motion carried

ER-2.6:

Motion: Brian: adopt Mike’s version, changing term “best practice” to “best management practice.”

Motion carried

ER-2.7 “Biological Surveys”

Motion: Use Mike Caplin’s language. The “special status species” should be removed from the ERME element.

Motion carried.

Brian Finegan noted the changes to ERME and will send a clean copy to RG members prior to the next meeting.

- V) Reports from sub-committees
 - A) Environmental Resource Management Element (ERME): done
 - B) Water: The subcommittee met and made good progress, but are not finished.
 - C) Transportation: No one from this subcommittee was present. Tom Rowley was appointed to the subcommittee.
 - D) Land Use: The subcommittee has a redline version ready but didn't meet during the previous week.
 - E) City/County Agreements: There was a meeting with city representatives. Our position should not be that of attempting to broker, but rather to modify policies that will facilitate negotiation between the cities and the County.
 - F) Public Service: Subcommittee has not met. Lisa Kleissner and Tom Rowley are part of this subcommittee. The subcommittee will have a 'brown bag' meeting at 11:30 on Thursday, November 13, 2003.

- VI) Agenda building for next meeting:
ERME, Land Use, Subcommittee reports.

- VII) Adjournment to meeting of Thursday, November 13, 2003 at the Leadership Institute Board Room.

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 Bay Central Labor Council – Mike Johnston

Monterey County Association of Realtors – Sheryl McKenzie/Tom Rowley

Monterey County Farm Bureau – Bob Perkins/Chris Bunn

Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association – Luann Meador

Salinas Valley Builders Exchange – Gwen Miller