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Minutes

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – REFINEMENT GROUP

Thursday, November 20, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

East Wing Conference Room, County Courthouse, Salinas

Those present:

Sheryl McKenzie, Luann Meador, Christine Gianascol, Kurt Gollnick, Mike Johnston, Nancy Isakson, Tom Rowley, Mike Caplin, Chris Bunn, Ralph Riva, Bob Perkins, Roger Moitoso, Will Silva, Aaron Johnson, Wendy Elliot.

- I) Public Comment Period (Public Comment for issues not on the agenda)
None
- II) Approval of agenda for November 20, 2003
Public comment: none
Agenda was approved unanimously
- III) Approval of minutes from November 13, 2003
Public comment: none
Minutes were approved unanimously
- IV) Environmental Resource Management Element (ERME)
Public comment: none
 - 1) Mike Caplin distributed copies of ERME policies ER 2.8 thru 2.19 as revised at the November 13, 2003 Refinement Group meeting and revised by Mike on November 17, 2003. Mike's revisions tried to incorporate the suggestions made at the November 13th meeting.
 - a) Kurt reported that there is no State law or other State regulations regarding Landmark Trees.
 - b) The Group reviewed each of the 'revised' ERME policies 2.8 thru 2.19, including the 'comment' text. Please see attached for ERME policies 2.8 thru 2.19 as agreed to by the Refinement Group pursuant to review and discussion of November 20th.
 - c) Mike Caplin suggested that the ERME subcommittee meet to finalize their recommendations for the remaining ERME policies before the Refinement Group reviews the policies further.
- V) Land Use Element
 - 1) Review and discussion began on the Land Use Element recommendations prepared by the Land Use subcommittee.
 - a) It was agreed that the 'disclaimer' previously approved by the Refinement Committee would be added under the title before the 'introduction'.
 - b) The first sentence under 'Guiding Objectives' would be changed to read: "This Land Use Element is consistent with the twelve overall Guiding Objectives of the Plan.

The Objectives that are ~~most directly in part~~ achieved through this Element are the following:"

- c) It was agreed that the first three paragraphs under "Organization of Element" would be moved to be part of the "Introduction" with the following changes:

1. First paragraph, third sentence: "This Element defines the rules for how development is to take place ~~and resources are to be protected~~ with the mapped boundary of each major Land Group (see Maps LU-1A-G at the end of this Element.)
2. Delete the fourth paragraph along with the fifth.

- d) Began discussion of Part 2: Goals and Policies.

1. It was agreed that "Goal LU-1- Land Supply Needed for Growth" statement would be changed as follows: "Maintain long range (20 years) and short range (5 year) population growth targets for Monterey County that ~~limit accommodate~~ the County's growth rate ~~to which includes~~ its fair share of State and regional population growth, ~~and ensure that future growth and development do not exceed the carrying capacity of the infrastructure and environment."~~

VI) Reports from sub-committees

Public comment: none

- A) Environmental Resource Management Element (ERME): covered during today's meeting.
- B) Water: The subcommittee met 11/17/03. They will be prepared after the Land Use Element is discussed.
- C) Transportation: The subcommittee met. Kurt Gollnick said they would be meeting again.
- D) Land Use: covered during today's meeting.
- E) City/County Agreements: The subcommittee is waiting to hear back on some key issues from the Cities – primarily having to do with ag industrial, ag processing – they need to develop some language.
- F) Public Service: No report.
- G) Update on GPU process: Mike Johnston asked Christine to summarize how the GPU EIR would be going forward. Christine explained that any significant change to GPU2 would require the EIR to be revised and be recirculated. The question was asked if the LCP would need to be adopted before the final adoption of the GPU. It was agreed to ask Jim Coangelo at the next meeting.

VII) Agenda building for next meeting

Public comment: none

ERME, Land Use, subcommittee reports, update of GPU process—to include discussion of approach to formalize process for presenting to Planning Commission the Refinement Group's recommendation.

VIII) Adjournment to meeting of Thursday, December 4, 2003 at the Leadership Institute, Monterey