

Mr. Scott Hennessy  
Mr. Dale Ellis  
Monterey County Planning and Building  
Inspection Department  
2620 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Marina, California 93933

Re: Monterey County General Plan Update

Dear Mr. Hennessy and Mr. Ellis:

Along with this letter, the Refinement Group (RG) is delivering to you the following portions of its finished work product:

- Land Use Element
- Housing Element
- Agricultural Element
- Environmental Resource Management Element (ERME)
- Circulation Element
- Public Services Element
- Health and Safety Element
- Administration Element
- Definitions

The RG is currently working on a review of the Coastal Element policies, as well as the policies of the 1982 General Plan. The results of these reviews will also be provided to you when they are complete.

The base document for this work product is GPU3 (January 2004). We have provided clean copies of each element, along with an executive summary of the element reflecting underlying principles that guided the RG's deliberations on that element. In many cases, comments are provided reflecting the RG's reasoning for its revision of a policy. We have also provided a CD ROM containing all of this work product in Word format.

Whenever the RG's work refers to another policy in the GPU, the reference is intended to apply to the other policy as revised by the RG. Similarly, terms used in the RG work are to be given the meaning provided in the RG's definitions section.

The scope of GPU3 is immense, and the RG has been working on the plan for over fourteen months. Consequently, in spite of the RG's considerable efforts to avoid or resolve them, it is inevitable that there will be some errors or inconsistencies in the text. The RG reserves the right to correct them when and if such errors or inconsistencies are discovered.

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The RG's work represents the task originally assigned by the Board of Supervisors, i.e., to refine GPU3. It does not necessarily reflect what the RG would consider an ideal plan or what the RG might have come up with if the group had developed a plan from scratch. The work reflects a great deal of compromise by the diverse members of the RG who might well advocate for different policy language if speaking strictly for their own organization rather than working as a part of a compromise group.

The RG has included in the introduction to each element the Guiding Objectives as incorporated in GPU3. Inclusion of the Guiding Objectives is in furtherance of the direction given by the Board of Supervisors in the resolution establishing the Refinement Group. The RG made every reasonable effort to conform its work to the twelve Guiding Objectives, as directed by the Board. However, there are a number of glaring inconsistencies among the twelve Guiding Objectives. At some point in the GPU process, the Guiding Objectives will need to be harmonized in order to eliminate these inconsistencies. We did not believe that this was the role of the Refinement Group.

Attached to this letter is a list of the organizations that have continued to participate in the work of the RG since the Board of Supervisors suspended its official support of the RG. I think that you will agree that the RG represents a broad cross-section of interests from the diverse population of the County.

Every meeting of the RG has been publicly noticed and open to the public. Notices of the time and place of all meetings, along with copies of meeting agendas and minutes, have been regularly posted on the RG's web site ([www.refinegpu.org](http://www.refinegpu.org)) and circulated to the local media. You or your staff are always welcome to attend RG meetings should you desire.

The RG's work product represents well over 5,000 person-hours of meetings, not including numerous hours of work by sub-committees on individual elements or sub-elements. We hope that this work product will be of value in leading to a General Plan Update that will serve the people of Monterey County well for the next 20 years.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Carvey, Secretary

cc: Charles McKee, Esq., County Counsel

## General Plan Update Refinement Group Membership List August 2004

Organization	Primary	Alternate	Name
CHISPA		x	Wendy Elliott
CHISPA	x		Alfred Diaz-Infante
Coast Property Owners Association		x	Jennifer Mahoney
Coast Property Owners Association		x	Lisa Kleissner
Coast Property Owners Association	x		Mike Caplin
Common Ground Monterey County		x	John S. Bridges
Common Ground Monterey County	x		Tom Carvey
Grower-Shipper Association of Central California	x		Kurt Gollnick
Grower-Shipper Association of Central California		x	Mike Antle
Independent Growers Association	x		Nancy Isakson
Independent Growers Association		x	Ralph Riva
Latino Coalition	x		Juan Uranga
Latino Coalition		x	Richard Ortiz
Latino Coalition		x	Maria Orozco
Monterey Bay Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO	x		Mike Johnston
Monterey Bay Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO		x	Harry Gamotan
Monterey County Association of Realtors	x		Sheryl McKenzie
Monterey County Association of Realtors		x	Tom Rowley
Monterey County Association of Realtors		x	John Kenny
Monterey County Cattlemen's/Women's		x	Scott Violini
Monterey County Cattlemen's/Women's	x		Jay Brown
Monterey County Cattlemen's/Women's		x	Mike Bernal
Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau		x	Robert DeVoe
Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau		x	Nick Lombardo
Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau	x		John Narigi
Monterey County Convention & Visitors Bureau		x	Jim Cecil
Monterey County Farm Bureau	x		Bob Perkins
Monterey County Farm Bureau		x	Roger Moitoso
Monterey County Farm Bureau		x	Chris Bunn
Monterey County Hospitality Association		x	Nick Lombardo
Monterey County Hospitality Association		x	Aaron Johnson
Monterey County Hospitality Association	x		Rene Boskoff
Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association		x	Rich Smith
Monterey County Vintners & Growers Association	x		LuAnn Meador
Monterey/Santa Cruz Building & Trades Council		x	Jose Mendez
Monterey/Santa Cruz Building & Trades Council	x		Ron Chesshire
Salinas Chamber of Commerce	x		Chris Steinbruner
Salinas Chamber of Commerce		x	Ernie Mill
Salinas Valley Builders Exchange		x	Gwen Miller
Salinas Valley Builders Exchange		x	Pete Scudder
Salinas Valley Builders Exchange	x		William Silva
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