

MONTEREY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting: April 29, 2009 Time: 9:00 AM		Agenda Item No.: 82
Project Description: Continued from 3/25/09. Receive status report and accept staff recommendation for process for public hearings on the draft general plan update.		
Project Location: Unincorporated County (non-coastal)	APN: Countywide	
Planning File Number: PLN070525	Name: County of Monterey	
Plan Area: Cachagua, Carmel Valley, 'Central Salinas Valley, Greater Monterey Peninsula, Fort Ord, Greater Salinas, North County(Inland), South County, Toro, Agricultural Winery Corridor	Flagged and staked: N/A	
Zoning Designation: : Multiple		
CEQA Action: Environmental Impact Report prepared (EIR #07-01, SCH#: 2007121001)		
Department: RMA - Planning Department		

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission receive a status report and accept staff recommendation for process for public hearings on the draft general plan update.

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

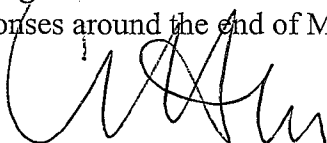
The Commission has discussed procedural options that include address issues through a sub-committee or with the full commission. Both methods that have been used in past processing:

Full Commission: For GPU4, the DEIR and draft GPU was presented to the full Commission over multiple (18) public hearings. Staff and the EIR consultant responded to comments on the DEIR based on PC input and then processed the GPU with the FEIR to the Board.

Sub-Committee: After the vote on GPU4, the Board requested the PC create a sub-committee in order to develop recommendations for addressing a limited set of issues from GPU4 that would become part of GPU5. Those recommendations were forwarded to the Board who made additional changes to create GPU5.

The current direction for processing GPU5 has been to bring the FEIR to the full Commission for consideration. The standard process for processing an EIR is for the EIR consultant to prepare responses to comments and prepare a FEIR. Staff then would bring the draft EIR, draft FEIR and project forward for consideration.

At this point in our review, staff would not recommend forming a subcommittee. Until/Unless staff receives direction for some other process, we are proceeding with responding to the comments we received on the DEIR and then would bring a draft FEIR forward at public hearings for consideration. Based on the number of comments, we would anticipate having draft responses around the end of May, beginning of June.



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