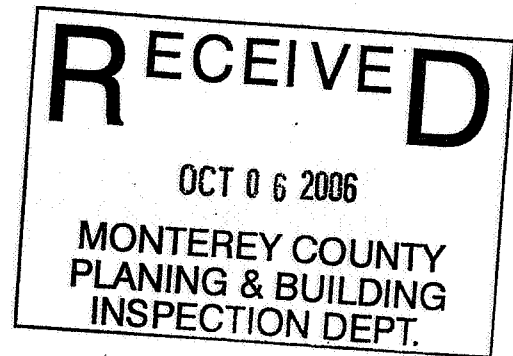


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RE: DEIR for the 2006 General Plan

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Dear Mr. Novo:

I find the Plan itself inconsistent and therefore there are more problems with the DEIR than can be addressed in this letter. The main difficulty seems to stem from the combination of various plans and the studies, criteria and plans not presented in this document, but deferred until a later time.

First, the requirements of CEQA are not closely followed in the preparation of this DEIR. While GPU4 (2006) is a General Plan for a large county, it should be consistent as a WHOLE PROJECT. There is slippage in between the Project Description and the "facts" presented to properly analyze the Project impacts. One wonders what will fall through the cracks when the implementation process is started.

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I do not understand where the Growth Management Policy is to be placed in the 2006 GP. Since I served on the committee who wrote this policy, I would hope it will be in the body of the new Plan and implemented.

24-2

There appears to be no traffic charts or figures that can be used to determine noise impacts, air quality impacts, infrastructure effects, etc. There is a large deficit when it comes to final buildout under this General Plan. Please address these deficiencies in the final EIR.

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In general, too many important impacts are left to future EIRs which may or may not be required by the county government at the proper time. Reliance on this DEIR will certainly not lead to correct application of CEQA.

There is a definite and positive need for water budgets for all watersheds in the county. How do we balance these? Water is the main problem for any future growth and some kind of realistic approach should at least be presented for analysis. Seawater intrusion is a problem which has been known about for at least seventy years. How should that alone be stopped? Water is not a "surface" problem here, except for the pollution that that exists in our rivers. There is a chart in the 1982 Plan that shows some of that pollution in various rivers...it certainly has not changed for the better with the many discharges that are going into these waters alone. Further, it appears that the impacts of the "flexible" development permitted all over the county will be put off into the future.

24-4

There is difficulty not finding inconsistency between the new General Plan and the current Housing Element. Please address this in all aspects, including the creation of Community Areas and Rural Centers which came from GPU3.

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New housing units appear to number more than four times the number presented in the 2006 GP and some adjustment should be presented to clarify this. The subsequent figure must be well over the Ambag forecast and should cause a significant adverse impact. Please explain.

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The noise section does not appear to be sufficient in the plan. A proper noise study is expensive but considering what has already been spent in taxpayers dollars and time, we are entitled to a proper scientific noise analysis.

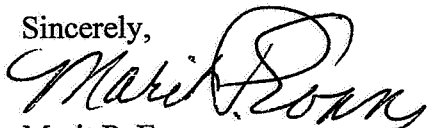
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Finally, a brief comment on the Alternatives Section as presented in this DEIR. Information is not provided that would be useful for the citizen to evaluate and analyze. Real projections about growth is lacking for comparison of the various alternatives. Also the lack of details about each alternative makes judgment of each impossible. CEQA requires more than is presented here, especially as regards the impacts of each.

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I look forward to real answers to real concerns.

Sincerely,



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