

MONTEREY COUNTY

Resource Management Agency

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
(AMENDED 9-11-08)

DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR THE 2007 MONTEREY COUNTY GENERAL PLAN.

- County File # PLN070525
- ✓ State Clearinghouse Number: 2007121001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Monterey is seeking written comment on the 2007 Monterey County General Plan Environmental Impact Report in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15087 for public review of a Draft Program EIR prior to certification. This public review period is established for the purpose of receiving written comments on the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR has been amended to include Appendix C that was omitted in the draft released on September 5, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said comments will be received from Saturday, September 13, 2008 until Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Please submit comments to Carl Holm at the address listed on the last page of this notice. The Final Program EIR will include all comments received and responses to those issues which relate to significant environmental points of the Program Draft EIR.

The DEIR addresses and analyzes the following issues:

Land Use	Agriculture Resources
Water Resources	Geology, Soils, and Seismicity
Mineral Resources	Transportation
Air Quality	Noise
Biological Resources	Cultural Resources
Public Services and Utilities	Parks and Recreation
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Aesthetics, Light, and Glare
Population and Housing	Project Alternatives
Cumulative Impacts	Significant Irreversible Impacts
Growth Inducing Impacts	Mitigation Measures

Significant environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated are identified in the EIR related to the following topics: aesthetics/light/glare, agricultural resources, global climate change, transportation, and water resources.

Project Location: All inland unincorporated areas of Monterey County. Monterey County is located on California’s central coast and is bounded by the Pacific Ocean to the west, Santa Cruz County to the north, San Benito, Fresno, and Kings Counties to the east, and San Luis Obispo County to the south.

Project Description: A comprehensive update of the Monterey County General Plan and its related area plans. Land Use Plans for the coastal areas will not be amended through this process. The General Plan is the long-term, comprehensive guide that addresses all aspects of future growth, development, and conservation within the county. The County’s General Plan was last updated in 1982. Efforts to update the 1982 General plan began in 1999 with a Background Report to identify existing conditions. There have been five versions of the General Plan, including a ballot initiative, and two prior draft EIR documents. The current update (2007 General Plan) includes goals and polices addressing; Land Use, Circulation, Conservation and Open Space, Safety (hazards, flooding, noise), Public Services (water, sewer), Agriculture (optional) and Economic Development (optional). The Housing Element, adopted October 2003, addresses a 5-year planning period through 2009 and is not part of this update. This update also includes the area specific policies for the following planning areas: Cachagua Area Plan, Central Salinas Valley Area Plan, Greater Monterey Peninsula Area Plan, Carmel Valley Master Plan, Greater Salinas Area Plan, North County Area Plan, South County Area Plan, Toro Area Plan, and Fort Ord Master Plan. A new Agricultural and Winery Corridor Plan is included that affects three planning areas.

The 2007 General Plan would largely maintain existing land use patterns and concepts established by the 1982 General Plan. The table below provides a summary of key components of the 2007 General Plan.

Component	2007 General Plan
Elements	Land Use, Circulation, Conservation and Open Space, Safety, Public Services, Agricultural, and Economic Development
Area Plans	North County, Greater Salinas, Central Salinas Valley, Greater Monterey Peninsula, Toro, Cachagua, and South County,
Master Plans	Carmel Valley and Fort Ord
Special Treatment Areas	17 areas within Area Plans are identified for further planning study. 7 are new from the 1982 General Plan
Affordable Housing Overlay	Three areas where development of high-density, affordable housing is promoted: Mid-Carmel Valley; Highway 68/Monterey Peninsula Airport; and Reservation Road/ Highway 68. Community Areas prior to adoption of a Community Plan and Rural Centers prior to the adoption of an Infrastructure and Financing Study are designated as affordable housing overlay districts (AHOs).
Agricultural Winery Corridor Plan	Establish guidelines for development of wineries and related uses along three segments: River Road/Central Avenue, Metz Road, and Jolon Road
Community Areas	Boronda, Castroville, Chualar, Fort Ord, Pajaro
Rural Centers	Bradley, Lockwood, Pine Canyon (King City), Pleyto, River Road/Pine Canyon (Salinas), San Ardo, San Lucas

Routine and Ongoing Agriculture	Exempts routine agricultural activities from the policies of the 2007 General Plan
2030 horizon (Unincorporated County only)	135,375 residents 48,670 dwelling units
2092 buildout (Unincorporated County only)	207,424 residents 74,573 dwelling units

Available for Public Review at these Locations: Copies of the Draft Program EIR, technical appendices referenced in the environmental document, and the draft General Plan are available for public review at the following locations:

- County of Monterey
Resource Management Agency
Planning Department
Permit Center, Salinas Office
168 W. Alisal, 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

831.755.5025 (Main Office Number)

Open to the Public:

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 to 4:30

Friday, 7:30 – 12:30

Closed Saturday & Sunday

- County of Monterey
Resource Management Agency
Planning Department
Permit Center, Marina Office
2620 First Avenue
Marina, CA 93933

831.883-7500 (Main Office Number)

Open to the Public:

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 to 4:30

Friday, 7:30 – 12:30

Closed Saturday & Sunday

Big Sur Branch Library
Highway 1 at Ripplewood Resort
Big Sur CA 93920

831.667.2537

Open to the Public:

Monday & Wednesday, 12 PM to 6 PM

Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM

Closed Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday

Bradley Branch Library
Dixie Street
Bradley CA 93426

805.472.9407

Open to the Public:

Wednesday, 8 AM to 3 PM

Friday, 8 AM to 12 PM

Closed Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday

Carmel Valley Branch Library
65 West Carmel Valley Road
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

831.659.2377

Open to the Public:

Tuesday & Thursday, 11 AM to 7 PM

Wednesday & Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM

Saturday, 11 AM to 5 PM

Closed Sunday & Monday

Castroville Branch Library
11266 Merritt Street
Castroville CA 95012

831.633.2829

Open to the Public:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 11 AM to 7 PM

Friday & Saturday, 11 AM to 5 PM

Closed Monday & Sunday

King City Branch Library
402 Broadway Avenue
King City CA 93930

831.385.3677

Open to the Public:

Monday through Thursday, 10 AM to 8 PM

Friday & Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM

Closed Sunday

Pajaro Branch Library
29 Bishop Street
Pajaro CA 95076

831.761.2545

Open to the Public:

Tuesday & Thursday, 10 AM to 1:30 PM and 2:30 to 6 PM

Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM

Closed Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Prunedale Branch Library

17822 Moro Road

Salinas CA 93907

831.663.2292

Open to the Public:

Monday through Thursday, 10 AM to 8 PM

Friday & Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM

Closed Sunday

Seaside Branch Library

550 Harcourt Avenue

Seaside CA 93955

831.899.2055

Open to the Public:

Monday through Thursday, 10 AM to 8 PM

Friday & Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM

Closed Sunday

Soledad Branch Library

401 Gabilan Drive

Soledad CA 93960

831.678.2430

Open to the Public:

Monday & Wednesday, 10 AM to 8 PM

Tuesday & Thursday, 10 AM to 6 PM

Friday & Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM

Closed Sunday

Salinas Public (Steinbeck) Library

350 Lincoln Avenue

Salinas CA 93901

831.758.7311

Open to the Public:

Tuesday – Thursday, 11 AM to 7 PM

Friday, 11 AM to 6 PM

Saturday, 10 AM to 6 PM

Closed Sunday and Monday

A copy of all general plan related documents including the entire environmental impact report, technical appendices, and general plan are available for review on the County of Monterey Planning Department Web Site “General Plan Update” link: <http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/planning/>

- A copy of the Draft Program EIR and the technical appendices may be purchased at the Planning and Building Inspection Department for \$200. The document is also available on CD for \$6. Checks should be made payable to the County of Monterey.
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Final Action & Public Notice: Public hearings for action on the final EIR and to determine if it is complete and adequate will be held subsequent to this review at a time and place to be specified by public notice including: 1) legal advertisement in a local newspaper of general circulation; and 2) direct mailing to those who have requested notification. The Board of Supervisors is the final decision-making body for action on the environmental documents and the project.

For additional information contact:

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Written comments should be sent or faxed to the above address by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 28, 2008. Alternatively, comments may be sent via email to ceqacomment@co.monterey.ca.us.