

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## ***NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY 2007 General Plan Draft EIR (New Comment Period)***

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Monterey is commencing a new public review period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the 2007 Monterey County General Plan Update project (State Clearinghouse Number 2007121001/County file # PLN070525) and the County is seeking written comment on the DEIR in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The new public comment period begins on December 16, 2008 and ends on February 2, 2009 to allow for public review of the DEIR. The DEIR now includes 1) a revised Section 11 (Citation/References); 2) errata to reference citations in the text of the DEIR; 3) a revised reference list to Appendix B of the DEIR; and 4) correction of typographical errors in three maps from the General Plan. With the exception of these four (4) items, the DEIR is unchanged, and its conclusions and recommendations remain the same. **Comments will be received until Monday, February 2, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Comments received to date on the DEIR for the 2007 Monterey County General Plan Update project will be addressed and do not need to be re-submitted.**

The project consists of the following:

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 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. The County's General Plan was last updated in 1982. This update 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: 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.

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.

Printed copies of the DEIR are available for review at the Salinas and Coastal offices of Monterey County Planning Department at the following addresses:

Salinas Office: 168 West Alisal St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Salinas CA 93901  
Coastal Office 2620 First Ave., Marina, CA 93933

Copies (printed or CD ROM) are also available at County libraries, and City libraries. To review the DEIR on the County website, go to <http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/planning/> and click on the “General Plan Update” link. A detailed list of the public review locations, addresses, and hours of operation are provided on this website as well.

The public may purchase a hard copy of the DEIR or a compact disk at the Monterey County Resource Management Agency- Planning Department (Salinas office). Reference materials can be accessed in one or more of the following ways depending on the specific document as noted on the reference list: hard copy, CD ROM, or on the Internet at the specific internet address noted for the citation. One citation is available at the California State University-Monterey Bay Library. The hard copy and CD ROM references are available for review at the Monterey County Resource Management Agency-Planning Department in Salinas.

Public hearings before the Planning Commission and then the Board of Supervisors on the 2007 Monterey County General Plan Update will be held subsequent to this review period at a time and place that will be noticed in a local newspaper of general circulation. Notice will also be sent by direct mailing to those who have made a written request for notification of General Plan update hearings.

To request a copy of the DEIR or for additional information contact: Carl P. Holm, AICP at 168 W. Alisal Street, Second Floor, Salinas, CA, 93901 (Salinas office). Phone: (831)755-5103. Email: [holmcp@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:holmcp@co.monterey.ca.us).

Written comments concerning the DEIR should be sent to Mr. Holm at the above address, via fax (831-757-9516), or via email at [ceqacomments@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:ceqacomments@co.monterey.ca.us).