

MONTEREY COUNTY

Resource Management Agency

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August 18, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) for the 2006 MONTEREY COUNTY GENERAL PLAN

- **County File # PLN050045.**
- ✓ **State Clearinghouse Number: 2006021054**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Monterey is seeking written comment on the 2006 Monterey County General Plan Program 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 accuracy and adequacy of the Draft Program EIR together with other information relative to the issues analyzed in the environmental document and their potential impacts.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said comments will be received from Friday, August 18, 2006, until 4:30 PM on Friday, October 6, 2006. The Final Program EIR will include all comments received and responses to those issues which are significant pertaining to 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

Project Location: All inland unincorporated areas of Monterey County.

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. 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 2008 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.

The 2006 General Plan would largely maintain existing land use patterns and concepts established by the existing General Plan, which was last updated in 1982. The table below provides a summary of key components of the 2006 General Plan.

Component	2006 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
Agricultural Winery Corridor Plan	Establishes guidelines for development of wineries and related uses along three segments: River Road/Central Avenue, Metz Road, and Jolon Road
Land Use Groups (includes existing and proposed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52,187 acres of residential uses • 1,671 acres of commercial uses • 8,833 acres of industrial land uses • 1,201,202 acres of agricultural uses • 151,193 acres of resource conservation uses • 458,246 acres of public/quasi-public uses
Growth Potential in Unincorporated County (includes existing and proposed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 145,984 residents • 53,947 dwelling units • 80,665 jobs
Community Areas	Boronda, Castroville, Chualar, Fort Ord, Pajaro, Rancho San Juan, and San Lucas
Rural Centers	Bradley, Lockwood, Lower Carmel Valley, Pine Canyon (King City), Pleyto, Prunedale, River Road, San Ardo, San Benancio - Corral de Tierra, and Toro Park Estates
Routine and Ongoing Agriculture	Exempts a number of “routine and ongoing” agricultural activities from the policies of the 2006 General Plan
Property Owner Requests	Includes the re-designation of approximately 27 properties totaling 4,107 acres to different land uses

Available for Public Review at these Locations: Copies of the Draft Program EIR and the technical appendices referenced in the environmental document 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

National Steinbeck Center
1 Main Street
Salinas CA 93901

831.796.3833

Open to the Public:

Seven Days a Week, 10 AM to 5 PM

- A copy of the entire document and technical appendices are available for review on the County of Monterey Planning & Building Inspection Department Web Site (Home Page).
Link is: <http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/pbi/> and click on the "2005-2006 General Plan Update" link
 - A copy of the Draft Program EIR and the technical appendices may be purchased at the Planning and Building Inspection Department for \$225. The document is also available on CD for \$15. 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 to the above address by 4:30 PM on Friday, October 6, 2006.