AMENDMENT 97-06

WOODLAKE URBAN BOUNDARIES

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AMENDMENT TO THE
TULARE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN
URBAN BOUNDARIES AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENTS
TULARE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN
GPA 97-06

I. INTRODUCTION

This document amends the Urban Boundaries and Open Space elements of the Tulare County General Plan by expanding the Urban Development Boundary, expanding the Urban Area Boundary, and amending the "Urban Expansion Area" for Woodlake to reflect the expanded Urban Area Boundary.

II. BACKGROUND

The Urban Boundaries Element, adopted in 1974, established an Urban Improvement Area (1770 acres) and Urban Area Boundary (2710 acres) around the City. The UAB was expanded by approximately 958 acres in 1978 by GPA 78-3B. GPA 85-05 eliminated the UIA for Woodlake, established an approximately 2121-acre UDB, and increased the UAB to approximately 4424 acres. GPA 80-04 and GPA 86-07 amended land use designations within the plan area but did not affect urban boundaries. The Tulare County Planning Commission initiated GPA 97-06 in July 23, 1997 by Resolution No. 7614, as part of an ongoing program to update area plans around incorporated cities.

III. SUPERSEDURE

This amendment supersedes the Urban Boundaries Element for Woodlake as adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 15, 1986 by Resolution No. 86-498 (GPA 85-05) and amends the Open Space Element's Urban Expansion Area for Woodlake to conform to the revised Urban Area Boundary (refer to Exhibit A map).

IV. URBAN BOUNDARIES ELEMENT

The modifications expand the Urban Development Boundary by approximately 431 acres for a total of approximately 2552 acres (refer to Exhibit A map). The Urban Development Boundary for the City of Woodlake is revised to reflect community growth projections through 2020.
The modifications add approximately 539 acres to the Urban Area Boundary of the city of Woodlake for a total of approximately 4963 acres. Additions generally expand the UAB west to Road 222 and to the southwest along the Friant-Kern Canal (refer to Exhibit A map).

V. OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

The "Urban Expansion Area" for Woodlake in the Open Space Element of the Tulare County General Plan is hereby modified to reflect the amended Urban Area Boundary.

VI. REVIEW AND REVISION

Urban boundaries are subject to a five-year review cycle as provided by the Urban Boundaries Element. Review of the boundaries adopted by GPA 97-06 will occur as the City revises its own general plan in response to community growth and changing local conditions.

The Woodlake Urban Development Boundary and Urban Area Boundary were adopted by the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission subject to the following Statement of Intent:

A. With the amendment of the Urban Area Boundary, area which is added to the Urban Area Boundary no longer falls under the jurisdiction of the Rural Valley Lands Plan, but will instead fall under the jurisdiction of the County-adopted Land Use and Circulation Plan for the Woodlake Area. Until such time as newly added areas are designated through the land use planning process, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission that areas designated for agricultural use under the Rural Valley Lands Plan retain that designation; however, the option to rezone property to nonagricultural classifications under the point system would no longer be appropriate.

B. It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission that any urban uses which are existing, or for which prior approvals have been granted by the County, which would now be located in the area between the Urban Development Boundary and the Urban Area Boundary, be allowed to retain appropriate zoning in recognition of these existing and approved urban uses.
VII. IMPLEMENTATION

To implement the above changes to the Woodlake urban boundaries, certain changes in the land use and zoning will be necessary. Any such changes in land use necessitated by this amendment will be incorporated into an amendment to the Land Use Element of the Tulare County General Plan for the Woodlake area. Recommended zoning reclassifications for this amendment will be processed concurrently with the amendment to the Land Use Element.