

**BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE TULARE )**  
**COUNTY PROPOSED GENERAL PLAN )**  
**2030 UPDATE ) RESOLUTION NO. 8637**  
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Resolution of the Planning Commission of the County of Tulare recommending the adoption of the proposed General Plan 2030 Update, with modifications described in greater detail below.

**WHEREAS**, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors has initiated action to amend the Tulare County General Plan pursuant to title 7, Chapter 3, Articles 5 and 6 of the Government Code of the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, Tulare County ("County") is a political subdivision of the State of California, and is located in California's central valley bounded by Fresno County to the north, Kern County to the south, Inyo County to the east, and Kings County to the west; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has given notice of the proposed amendment to the General Plan as provided in Sections 65353, 65090, and 65091 of the Government Code of the State of California and as provided for in the County's California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, staff has made such investigation of fact bearing upon the proposed General Plan 2030 Update to assure action consistent with the procedures and purposes set forth in the California Government Code, the State General Plan Guidelines, and the Tulare County General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a public notice was printed in the Dinuba Sentinel on October 6, 2011, the Visalia Times Delta, Porterville Recorder, and the Tulare Advance Register on October 7, 2011 at least ten days prior to the public hearing and that hearing was held at which public testimony was received at a public hearing before the Planning Commission on October 19, 2011 and November 16, 2011;

**WHEREAS**, the General 2030 Plan Update document consists of:

**Part I**, called the "Goals and Policies Report," includes fourteen elements that apply countywide. Those adopted in 2012 as new or revised elements join three existing elements, the Housing Element (adopted in 2003), Flood Control Master Plan (1972) and the Animal Confinement Facilities Plan (ACFP)-Phase I (adopted in 2000). The Housing

Element, the Flood Control Master Plan, and Animal Confinement Facilities Plan (ACFP)-Phase I, were not revised or readopted as part of the Update but are included in Part I. The Goals and Policies Report is organized into four components and includes:

Component A. General Plan Framework:

- Planning Framework Element (adopted 2012)

Component B. Prosperity:

- Agriculture Element (adopted 2012)
- Land Use Element (adopted 2012)
- Economic Development Element (adopted 2012)
- Housing Element (adopted 2010)

Component C. Environment:

- Scenic Landscapes Element (adopted 2012)
- Environmental Resource Management Element (adopted 2012)
- Air Quality Element (adopted 2012)
- Health and Safety Element (adopted 2012)
- Water Resources Element (adopted 2012)
- Animal Confinement Facilities Plan (ACPF)-Phase I (adopted 2000)

Component D. Infrastructure:

- Transportation and Circulation Element (adopted 2012)
- Public Facilities and Services Element (adopted 2012)
- The Flood Control Master Plan (adopted 1972)

The structure and organization of the Goals and Policies Report is described in greater detail later in this Introduction under “Goals and Policies Report Framework.”

**Part II** includes three “Area Plans,” one for each of the three major geographic areas of the County. They are:

- Rural Valley Lands Plan (adopted in revised form 2012)
- Foothill Growth Management Plan (adopted in revised form 2012)
- Mountain Framework Plan (adopted 2012)

Part II also includes a new Corridor Framework Plan (adopted 2010), which establishes policies that will guide the potential adoption of Corridor Plans within the County. Any such adopted Corridor Plan will be included in Part III.

**Part III** of the General Plan 2030 Update consists of a number of existing planning documents: Sub-Area Plans, County Adopted City General Plans, and Community Plans. Each of these plans, described in the following pages, applies tailored policies to specified portions of the County. These existing plans were not revised or readopted in 2010 as part of the General Plan Update with two exceptions: the Urban Development Boundary for the Pixley Community Plan was modified to include the Harmon Field Airport and the County Adopted City General Plan for Dinuba was modified to reflect that the Dinuba Golf Course, residential and wastewater treatment area were annexed to the City of Dinuba.

Furthermore, the General Plan 2030 Update anticipates adopting additional Sub-Area Plans, County Adopted City General Plans, and Community Plans, as well as Mountain Service Center Plans, Hamlet Plans, and Corridor Plans. These anticipated plans are discussed below. Each will become components of Part III of the General Plan when adopted:

Thus, Part III includes:

- Five existing Sub-Area plans:
  - Great Western Divide North Half Plan (a Sub-Area plan located within the boundaries of the Mountain Framework Plan) (adopted 1990)
  - Kennedy Meadows Plan (a Sub-Area plan located within the boundaries of the Mountain Framework Plan) (adopted 1986)
  - Kings River Plan (a Sub-Area plan located within the boundaries of the Rural Valley Lands Plan) (adopted 1975)
  - Sequoia Field Land Use and Public Buildings Element (adopted 1981) amended to Juvenile Detention Facility-Sequoia Field Land Use and Public Buildings Elements (adopted 1995)

The Goals and Policies Report also identifies five additional Sub-Areas, all within the Mountain Framework Plan area, for which Sub-Area plans have not been adopted to date. These Sub-Areas will become components of Part III of the General Plan when adopted:

- Great Western Divide South Half Plan
- Posey Plan
- Redwood Mountain Plan
- South Sierra Plan
- Upper Balch Park Plan
- Eight existing County Adopted City General Plans, including two neighborhood plans, that cover the areas between the city limit lines of the eight incorporated

cities in Tulare County and the County-adopted Urban Area Boundaries and Urban Development Boundaries for those cities (note that Tulare County does not have the authority to regulate land use within the city limits of those cities):

- Dinuba (adopted 1964, revised 2012 by this update to include the Dinuba Golf Course)
  - Exeter (adopted 1976)
  - Farmersville (adopted 1976)
  - Lindsay (adopted 1981)
  - Porterville (adopted 1990)
    - East Porterville Neighborhood Plan (adopted 1990)
  - Tulare (adopted 1980)
  - Visalia (adopted 1992)
    - Patterson Tract Neighborhood Plan (adopted 1992)
  - Woodlake (adopted 1986)
- In addition, the Goals and Policies Report calls for adopting two additional County Adopted City General Plans. Both of these areas have established Urban Development Boundaries. These County Adopted City General Plans will become components of Part III of the General Plan when adopted:
- Delano
  - Kingsburg
- Twelve Existing Community Plans:
- Cutler/Orosi Community Plan (adopted 1988)
  - Earlimart Community Plan (adopted 1988)
  - Goshen Community Plan (adopted 1978)
  - Ivanhoe Community Plan (adopted 1990)
  - Pixley Community Plan (adopted 1997, revised 2010 by this update to include Harmon Field)
  - Poplar/Cotton Center Community Plan (adopted 1996)
  - Richgrove Community Plan (adopted 1987)
  - Springville Community Plan (adopted 1985)
  - Strathmore Community Plan (adopted 1989)
  - Terra Bella/Ducor Community Plan (adopted 2004)
  - Three Rivers Community Plan (adopted 1980)
  - Traver Community Plan (adopted 1989)
- In addition, the Goals and Policies Report designates eight additional communities and calls for adopting a Community Plan for each. Each of these Communities has an existing Urban Development Boundary except Sultana.

These Community Plans will become components of Part III of the General Plan when adopted:

- Alpaugh
  - East Orosi
  - Lemon Cove
  - London
  - Plainview
  - Sultana
  - Tipton
  - Woodville
- Mountain Service Center Plans: The Goals and Policies Report designates certain existing developed areas within the boundaries of the Mountain Framework Plan as Mountain Service Centers and calls for adopting Mountain Service Center Plans (as a part of the Mountain Sub Area Plan) for these locations. These Mountain Service Center Plans will become components of Part III of the General Plan when adopted:
- Balance Rock
  - Balch Park
  - Blue Ridge
  - California Hot Springs/Pine Flat
  - Fairview
  - Hartland
  - Johnsondale
  - McClenney Tract
  - Panorama Heights
  - Posey/Idlewild
  - Poso Park
  - Silver City
  - Sugarloaf Mountain Park
  - Sugarloaf Park
  - Sugarloaf Village
  - Wilsonia
- Hamlet Development Plans: The Goals and Policies Report also designates certain locations as Hamlets and calls for the adoption of a Hamlet Development Plan for each of these. These Hamlet Development Plans will become components of Part III of the General Plan when adopted:
- Allensworth
  - Delft Colony

- East Tulare Villa
  - Lindcove
  - Monson
  - Seville
  - Teviston
  - Tonyville
  - Waukena
  - West Goshen
  - Yettem
- Corridor Plans: The Corridor Framework Plan in Part II establishes policies that would guide the potential adoption of “Corridor Plans” within the County. When adopted the Corridor Plans will become part of Part III of the General Plan. This may include:
- The Mooney Corridor Concepts Plan (suspended by Tulare County Board of Supervisors, General Plan Amendment 04-001 and Resolution No. 04-0651 pending adoption of the Corridor Framework Plan)
  - Additional Corridor Plans to be determined

#### **Updated or Deleted Sections and Elements**

The following provisions of the County’s prior General Plan are deleted with the 2010 adoption of General Plan 2030 Update. State-mandated content formerly addressed in these elements is now covered in new provisions of the General Plan, as described in Table 1.1 (page 1-12):

- Civic Center Master Plan
- Environmental Resource Management Element (Open Space/Recreation/Conservation Element)
- Land Use Element
- Library Master Plan
- Noise Element
- Public Buildings Plan
- Safety Element
- Scenic Highways Element
- Seismic Safety Element
- Transportation/Circulation Element
- Urban Boundaries Element
- Water and Liquid Waste Management Element

; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Plan is the County's principal policy document to guide growth, development, and conservation, and is the foundation for all planning decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tulare County Ordinance Code and Tulare County Zoning Ordinance implements the broad policies of the General Plan by specifying the uses permitted on each parcel of land, the intensity of development, and standards for development; and

**WHEREAS**, at said public hearing the Planning Commission considered the staff report contained which is maintained by the County and incorporated herein by reference along with evidence and testimony at said hearing; and the recommended action to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report; and

**WHEREAS**, Planning Commission has considered (A) the "proposed project" draft of the General Plan also known as the "February 2010 General Plan 2030 Update Document", (B) revisions to the General Plan based upon mitigation measures and alternatives identified in the Recirculated Draft EIR, and the proposed Final EIR, (C) revisions to the General Plan suggested in comment letters, the Correctory Table and Matrices (Attachment 3 A) titled "Public Policy Comment Matrix"), Attachment 3B is titled "Tulare County 2030 General Plan Update Summary of Changes", Attachment 3 C is titled the "General Plan 2030 Update Correctory Table", response to comments, and additional public comments made and submitted at public meetings up to the time of adoption of this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to said hearing, the County sought out and incorporated public input throughout the preparation of the General Plan Update. As part of the public outreach and participation efforts, the County held a total of 87 public workshops, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors working sessions, community meetings, technical committee meetings, and other public engagement events at different locations throughout the County, in addition to public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, letters in compliance with SB 18 as Enacted March 1, 2005 were sent with offer for consultation, to the California American Native Tribes on October 3, 2006. Consultation was only requested by Lawrence Bill (SNNAC) within the 90-day consultation period. Staff met with Lawrence Bill and SNNAC members on February 11, 2007. Discussion emphasized burial issues and not specific General Plan issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Recirculated Draft EIR" refers to the Recirculated Draft EIR released for review in March 2010.

**WHEREAS**, the “Final Recirculated Draft EIR”, also referred to as the “Final EIR” or “Final Environmental Impact Report” for the Tulare County General Plan 2030 Update and the Climate Action Plan (SCH#2006041162), includes the following documents (consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15132): the Recirculated Draft EIR, Table of Contents, Executive Summary, Chapter 1 “Introduction and Readers Guide”, Chapter 2 “Minor Revisions to the RDEIR”, Chapter 3 “Comments on the RDEIR” as provided in Volume II , Chapter 4 “Master Responses”, Chapter 5 “Response to Comments on the RDEIR”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission recognizes the need and desirability to conduct reviews of, and consider amendments to, the General Plan to accommodate the changing needs of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, staff has made such investigation of fact bearing upon the proposed General Plan 2030 Update to assure action consistent with the procedures and purposes set forth in the California Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, this action is taken to all applicable procedures required by state law and the County of Tulare; and

**WHEREAS**, the action recited herein is found to be essential for the preservation of public health, safety, and general welfare; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

- A. The Planning Commission hereby finds that the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full,
- B. The Planning Commission opened the Public hearing and Received a Staff Presentation on the General Plan 2030 Update Proposed Climate Action Plan and Proposed Final Environmental Impact Report,
- C. The Planning Commission has received public comment and testimony regarding adoption of the Proposed General Plan 2030 Update,
- D. The Planning Commission Closed the Public Hearing,
- E. Planning Commission hereby recommends adoption of the “February 2010 General Plan 2030 Update Document” (attached as Appendix C to the Recirculated Draft EIR) also known as the “proposed project” in the Final Recirculated Draft EIR, as modified by (A) the mitigation measures suggested by the preparers of the Final Recirculated Draft EIR (i.e. those mitigation measures and policies identified in the sections of the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report labeled “Required Additional Mitigating Policies and



Implementation Measures”) as modified in the Final Recirculated Draft EIR, (B) the revisions recommended by Staff in the Correctory Table ((Attachment 3 A) titled “Public Policy Comment Matrix”), revisions recommended by Staff in Attachment 3B titled “Tulare County 2030 General Plan Update Summary of Changes”, revisions recommended by Staff in Attachment 3 C titled the “General Plan 2030 Update Correctory Table”, and (3) those revisions suggested by Staff in the Addendum to Attachment 3C titled “ Addendum to Attachment 3C General Plan City Section PF – 4 Comment Matrix.

The foregoing resolution was adopted upon motion of Commissioner Gong, seconded by Commissioner Pitigliano, at a meeting of the Planning Commission on the 7th day of December, by the following roll call vote.

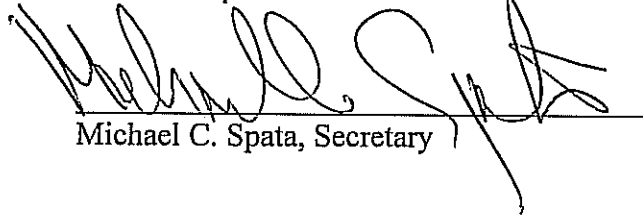
AYES: Dias, Elliot, Gong, Millies, Norman, Pitigliano, Whitlatch

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

TULARE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION



Michael C. Spata, Secretary