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April 23, 2008

TO: Tulare County Planning Commission

FROM: Dave Bryant, Special Projects Division Manager

SUBJECT: **Continued Public Hearing on the General Plan 2030 Update and Draft Environmental Impact Report**

1. At the time set for Public Hearing:
 - a. Receive comments for the General Plan 2030 Update (GPU) Goals and Policies Report (GPR) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).
 - b. Receive public comment regarding the GPR.
 - c. Direct staff to prepare recommendations regarding the comments received on the GPR and DEIR.
 - d. Continue the Public Hearing to July 23, 2008 to receive and discuss staff recommendations regarding comments received on the GPR and DEIR.

BACKGROUND: Work Phase 1 integrated all General Plan Amendments (GPA's) since 1964 into a comprehensive and current General Plan Background Report/Policy Manual. Work Phase 2 and 3 of the General Plan 2030 Update Amendment was initiated by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors. Work Phase 2 provided direction to staff regarding the timing, content, approach, and public involvement for Work Phase 3, whereas Work Phase 3 initiated the General Plan 2030 Update documents.

The Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission held a joint public hearing on February 26, 2008 regarding the General Plan 2030 Update and Draft Environmental Impact Report. The Planning Commission then continued the public hearing to a regular meeting of the Planning Commission on April 23, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. The comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report ended on April 15, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

GENERAL PLAN 2030 UPDATE: Comments were initially received by the County regarding the GPR in response to the November 2006 GPR public review draft. These comments were collected and responded to within the Public Comment Policy Matrix of July 2007. Comments received from July 2007 to January 14, 2008 were presented to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors at their joint Public Hearing on February 26, 2008. Comments received between January 14, 2008 and April 15, 2008 will be presented in Exhibit B as a handout at the April 23, 2008 meeting. Staff will review the GPR comments received between January 14, 2008 and April 15, 2008 and provide recommendations to the Planning Commission on July 23, 2008.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND BACKGROUND REPORT:

The comment period on the DEIR ended on April 15, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. Comments were received by the County regarding the DEIR. Staff will review the comments received during the formal DEIR comment period of January 14, 2008 to April 15, 2008 and provide recommendations to the Planning Commission on July 23, 2008.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND: In the summer of 2003, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved a work program to prepare an update of the County's General Plan. A series of 19 workshops, 11 public Board of Supervisors study sessions, 12 technical advisory committee meetings and four joint Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings were held to discuss, review, recommend and provide public comment to the GPU. The Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission held a joint public hearing on the GPU and EIR on February 26, 2008. All comments received by the County between January 14, 2008 and April 15, 2008 will be provided as a handout as Exhibit B.

SUBSEQUENT ACTION: Action by the Planning Commission to a General Plan Amendment is advisory. The Planning Commission may recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the proposed amendment be approved, approved with modifications, or disapproved. The Planning Commission will hold at least two more public hearings, one on July 23, 2008, and one when the proposed Final Environmental Impact Report is ready for consideration. The Planning Commission may consider additional public hearings before making its final recommendation to the Board. The Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission may decide to hold another continued joint Public Hearing to discuss the GPR and the DEIR. Upon the recommendation from the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors may then continue the public hearing on the Final GPR and Final EIR and render a final decision.

CORRESPONDENCE: An inventory of comments received between January 14, 2008 and April 15, 2008 is included as handout material in Exhibit A. Please refer to handout material in Exhibit B to review GPR and DEIR comments received between January 14, 2008 and April 15, 2008.

RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended that the Planning Commission take the following actions:

1. At the time set for Public Hearing:

- a. Receive comments for the General Plan 2030 Update (GPU) Goals and Policies Report (GPR) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).
- b. Receive public comment regarding the GPR.
- c. Direct staff to prepare recommendations regarding the comments received on the GPR and DEIR.
- d. Continue the Public Hearing to July 23, 2008 to receive and discuss staff recommendations regarding comments received on the GPR and DEIR.

Attachments: Exhibit A: Inventory of Comments Received January 14, 2008 to April 15, 2008 (Handout)
Exhibit B: Comments Received January 14, 2008 to April 15, 2008 (Handout)

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION

COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE TULARE)
COUNTY GENERAL PLAN 2030 UPDATE)
GOALS AND POLICIES REPORT AND) RESOLUTION NO. 8338
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT)
REPORT)

Resolution of the Planning Commission of the County of Tulare continuing the public hearing on the proposed General Plan 2030 Update Goals and Policies Report and the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

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, the Planning Commission has given notice of the proposed amendment to the General Plan as provided in Sections 65353 and 65090 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 Visalia Times Delta, Porterville Recorder, and the Tulare Advance Register on January 14, 2008 at least ten days prior to the public hearing and that hearing was held at which public testimony was received at a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission on February 26, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission continued the Public Hearing to April 23, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. At the time set for Public Hearing:
 - a. Received comments for the General Plan 2030 Update (GPU) Goals and Policies Report (GPR) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).
 - b. Received public comment regarding the GPR.

- c. Directed staff to prepare recommendations regarding the comments received on the GPR and DEIR.
- d. Continued the Public Hearing to July 23, 2008 to receive and discuss staff recommendations regarding comments received on the GPR and DEIR.

The foregoing resolution was adopted upon motion of Commissioner Whitlatch, seconded by Commissioner Dias, at a meeting of the Planning Commission on the 23rd day of April 2008, by the following roll call vote.

AYES: Dias, Elliot, Kirkpatrick, Millies and Whitlatch

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gong and Pitigliano

TULARE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

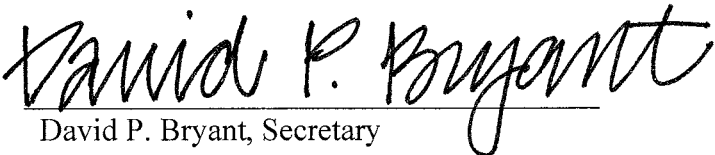

David P. Bryant, Secretary

Exhibit A
Inventory of Comments Received January 14,
2008 to April 15, 2008

Inventory of Comments Received on the General Plan Update and Draft Environmental Impact Report

Number	Name	Agency	Attachments	Date on Letter	Date Received
1	Dave Singleton	Native American Heritage Commission	N	1/28/08	2/1/08
1a	Peter Clum	Private Citizen	N	2/7/08	2/7/08
2	Alfredo Salazar	Private Citizen	N	2/7/08	2/12/08
3	Unknown	Private Citizen	N	02/7/08	2/13/08
4	Family Bautista	Private Citizen	N	2/7/08	2/14/08
5	Fidelina Gomez	Private Citizen	N	2/7/08	3/7/08
6	Ricardo Gomez	Private Citizen	N	2/7/08	3/7/08
6a	Bill DeLain	Southern California Edison	N	2/12/08	2/14/08
7	Joan Stewart	California Native Plan Society	N	2/15/08	2/13/08
8	Angie Tipton	Tulare County Health and Human Services	N	2/19/08	2/19/08
9	Brian Leahy	California Department of Conservation	N	2/20/08	2/25/08
9b		TC Water Commission	Y	2/25/08	2/25/08
10	Del Strange	Private Citizen	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
11	Carol Clum	Private Citizen	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
12	Peter Clum	Private Citizen	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
13	Peter Clum	Private Citizen	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
14	Dave Harrold	Private Citizen	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
15	Sarah Graber	Tulare County Citizens for Responsible Growth (TCCRG)	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
16	Terry Manning	TCCRG	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
17	Carol Manning	TCCRG	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
18	Delbert Davis	Michahai and Wuksachi Indian Tribes	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
19	Jesus Cabera	Private Citizen	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
20	Kathleen Seligman	Private Citizen	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
21	Mary Gorden	Southern Sierra Archeological Society	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
22	James Seligman	Private Citizen	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
23	Laurie Schwaller	TCCRG	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
24	James Gorden	Private Citizen	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
25	Phil Vandergrift	Tulare County Council of Cities	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
26	Greg Schwaller	TCCRG	N	2/26/08	2/26/08

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27	Fred Swanson	Private Citizen	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
28	Mike Darnell	American Farmland Trust	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
29	Meeting Minutes	RMA Staff	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
30	Bettina Birch	Private Citizen	N	2/26/08	2/26/08
31	Giva Brown	Private Citizen	N	2/27/08	2/27/08
32	Keith Watkins	Tulare County Farm Bureau	N	3/7/08	3/11/08
33	Al Dias	Caltrans	N	3/7/08	3/18/08
34	Kevin Boles	California Public Utility Commission	N	3/10/08	3/12/08
35	Joanne Dudley	Private Citizen	N	3/11/08	3/14/08
36	Del Strange	Private Citizen	N	3/12/08	3/12/08
36a	Peter Clum	Private Citizen	N	3/13/08	3/13/08
37	Brian Leahy	California Department of Conservation	N	3/14/08	3/17/08
38	Brian Newton	Tulare County Audubon Society	N	3/14/08	3/13/08
39	Daniel Vink	Deer Creek and Tule River Authority	N	3/19/08	3/20/08
40	Scott & Mary Barker	Private Citizen	N	3/25/08	3/27/08
41	David Warner	San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District	N	3/25/08	4/3/08
42	Jack Phillips	Private Citizen	N	4/7/08	4/10/08
43	Carol & Frank Greninger	Private Citizen	N	4/9/08	4/9/08
44	Stanley Martin	Private Citizen	Yes	4/10/08	4/14/08
45	Shute, Mihaly, & Weinberger, LLP	Tulare County Council of Cities	Yes	4/11/08	4/15/08
46	Del Strange	Private Citizen	N	4/11/08	4/14/08
47	Kenneth Bluestein	Private Citizen	N	4/13/08	4/14/08
48	Karen Bodner & Mike Olecki	Private Citizen	N	4/14/08	4/15/08
49	Laurel Firestone	Community Water Center	N	4/14/08	4/14/08
50	Melissa Thraikill	Center for Biological Diversity	Yes	4/14/08	4/15/08
51	Carole Clum	Private Citizen	Yes	4/14/08	4/14/08
52	Peter Clum	Private Citizen	Yes	4/14/08	4/14/08
53	Susan Fiering	California Attorney General	N	4/14/08	4/15/08
54	W.E. Loudermilk	California Department of Fish and Game	Yes	4/14/08	4/14/08
55	Kimball Loeb	Private Citizen	N	4/14/08	4/15/08
56	Bill & Peggy Pensar	Private Citizen	N	4/14/08	4/15/08

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57	Mary Moy	Sierra Club	N	4/14/08	4/15/08
58	Kathleen and James Seligman	Private Citizen	N	4/14/08	4/15/08
59	Greg and Laurie Schwaller	Private Citizen	N	4/14/08	4/15/08
60	Jennifer Mccoun	Tulare Chamber of Commerce	N	4/14/08	4/15/08
61	Patricia Stever	Tulare County Farm Bureau	N	4/14/08	4/15/08
62	Eunice Martinez	Unidos Para Camiade Tooleville	N	4/14/08	4/14/08
63	Mike Darnell	American Farmland Trust	N	4/15/08	4/15/08
64	Carolyn Farrell	Center for Race, Poverty and the Environment	N	4/15/08	4/15/08
65	Annie Esperanza	Private Citizen	N	4/15/08	4/15/08
66	Sylvia Houltain	Private Citizen	N	4/15/08	4/15/08
67	Dorothy Osak	Private Citizen	N	4/15/08	4/10/08
68	Sarah Graber	TCCRG	N	4/15/08	4/15/08
69	Tina Terrell	Sequoia National Forest	N	4/15/08	4/15/08
70	Gabriella De Gange	Southern California Edison	N	11/19/07	11/23/07

Map Changes

Number	Name	Agency	Within Public Comment Policy Matrix 7/2007	Date on Letter	Date Received
71	Soto Family	Private Citizen	Y*	2/16/07	2/16/07
72	Collins and Shoettler	Strathmore Union Elementary School District	Y*	1/17/08	1/17/08
73	Keller & Wegley	Poplar Community Service District	N	2/26/07	
74	Keller & Wegley	Strathmore Improvement District	Y*	1/17/07	1/17/08
75	Machado Family	Private Citizen	Y*	2/16/07	2/16/07
76	Storm Family	Private Citizen	Y*	2/16/07	2/16/07
77		Allensworth Community Service District	Y*	1/19/07	1/19/07
78	Antione Bechara	Private Citizen	N		4/14/08
79	Barbera and James Gibbs	Private Citizen	N	12/18/06	12/19/06
80	Fred & Megan Hohenfeld	Private Citizen	N	12/18/06	12/19/06

Comments Received at the Planning Commission Meeting of April 23, 2008

Number	Name	Agency	Attachments	Date on Letter	Date Received
81	Del Strange	Private Citizen	N	4/22/08	4/23/08
82	Sarah Graber	TCCRG	N	4/23/08	4/23/08

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83	Carole Clum	Private Citizen	N	4/23/08	4/23/08
84	Peter Clum	Private Citizen	N	4/23/08	4/23/08
85	Meeting Minutes	RMA Staff	N	4/23/08	4/23/08
Letters Received After April 15, 2008					
86	Betsy Tunnell	Private Citizen	N	4/28/08	4/30/08
87	James Winton	James Winton & Associates	Y	5/7/08	5/8/08
88	Veva Islas-Hooker	Private Citizen	N	5/17/08	5/17/08

*Letters are not included in Exhibit B, but comments are within the Public Comment Matrix July, 2007.

Exhibit B
Comments Received January 14, 2008 to April
15, 2008 (Handout)