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DATE: October 13, 2009

SUBJECT: Continuance of the public hearing for adoption of the 2030 Countywide General Plan and certification of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (no additional general fund impact)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Continue the public hearing to November 10, 2009, at 1:30 p.m., for final action.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Adoption of the new General Plan is consistent with and will fully achieve several areas of the strategic plan, particularly regarding land use. In addition, the implementation plan will provide a key bridge between the strategic plan, the General Plan, and the annual budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

The recommended action would not impact the general fund.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

The requested continuance is needed to allow staff and the consultant team time to complete the Response to Comments document, Findings, Resolutions, and Ordinances needed to allow for final adoption of the 2030 General Plan and certification of the EIR.

BACKGROUND

Final adoption of the 2030 Countywide General Plan is currently scheduled for October 13. However, due to several unanticipated delays, staff is requesting that this matter be continued to November 10, 2009. There are three primary reasons, as follows:

- Staff continues to coordinate with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to obtain certification of the Housing Element. The Housing Element is required under state law to have HCD approval, before it can be adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Certification of the Housing Element is also required before the County can qualify to compete for needed Community Development Block Grant Funds. Although staff has been working with the state diligently and have resolved the majority of concerns raised by HCD, two points of difference remain. Staff and the consultant team are redoubling our efforts to constructively address these issues.
- Staff will be recommending a fourth alternative for an Agricultural Industrial (AGI) site within the Clarksburg region. The alternative is to address a new application concerning the proposed expansion of the Bogle Winery. This does not involve any change to the Land Use map of the General Plan, nor does it change any of the existing Policies or Actions. However, it does require a change to Figure LU-2, minor revisions to the EIR, and supplemental findings. Additional time is needed to prepare these documents.
- Fiscal constraints within the current budget have required that the use of consultants be significantly scaled back from what had been previously expected. Instead, staff is preparing many of the documents needed for final adoption, at a time when there are fewer people available within the Development Services Division. As a result, the pace of work has been slower than anticipated.

Staff regrets any frustration and/or inconvenience that this may create for the public. We are working to bring the completed General Plan and EIR to the Board of Supervisors for consideration as soon as possible, while continuing to ensure a quality product.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

None

ATTACHMENTS

None