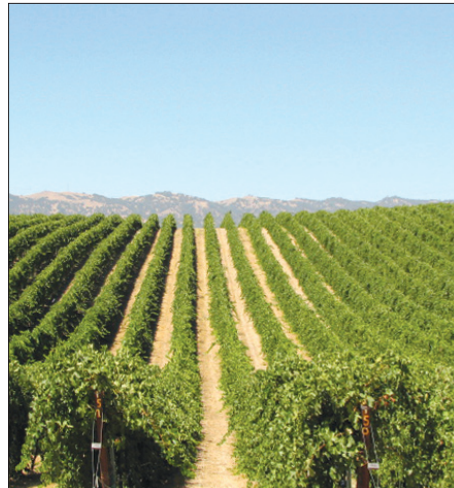


2030 COUNTYWIDE GENERAL PLAN



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The County of Yolo would like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of those involved in the formation of the Yolo County 2030 General Plan.

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The contribution of each person who attended the dozens of public workshops and hearings throughout the General Plan update process is appreciated. The thousands of comments and hours of testimony contributed by the public were crucial to creating the vision of this General Plan.

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Notice of Determination



To: Yolo County Clerk
625 Court Street
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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Subject: Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 and 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Yolo County 2030 General Plan State Clearinghouse Number: 2008102034

Applicant: County of Yolo
Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department
Woodland, CA. 95695
(530) 666-8041

Project Location: The General Plan applies to the unincorporated areas of the County..

Project Description: The proposed project is the adoption of a new General Plan for the County of Yolo (2030 Countywide General Plan). The proposed General Plan has a planning horizon of 2030. It establishes County policy, and identifies planned land uses and infrastructure. California State law requires each jurisdiction to adopt a General Plan to guide physical growth within its jurisdictional boundaries.

The Draft General Plan is organized into nine chapters as follows: Introduction and Administration, Vision and Principles, Land Use and Community Character Element, Circulation Element, Public Facilities and Services Element, Agriculture and Economic Development Element, Conservation and Open Space Element, Health and Safety Element, Housing Element. Within each chapter the following information is generally provided: introduction and background information, regulatory framework, policy framework (consisting of goals and policies), and an implementation program with specific actions, responsible parties, and timing.

The General Plan incorporates growth that would be allowed under build-out of the 1983 General Plan, plus a modest amount of additional "new" growth. In total, most of the urban growth allowed under the General Plan would occur in the communities of Dunnigan, Elkhorn, Esparto, Knights Landing, and Madison. Agricultural processing and tourism-related activities would be encouraged throughout much of the unincorporated area.

The project included the following approvals: 1) Adoption of Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations; 2) Certification of the EIR; 3) Adoption of the Yolo County 2030 Countywide General Plan; 4) Rescission of the prior Elements from the existing 1983 General Plan that are no longer required; 5) Renaming of the Area Plans being retained to Community Plans; and 6) Amendment of the 2006 Bicycle Transportation Plan; 7) Acceptance of the Final General Plan Economic Evaluation; and 8) direction to staff to coordinate with the State Housing and

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Community Development Department to obtain their determination that the Housing Element is in compliance with state housing law.

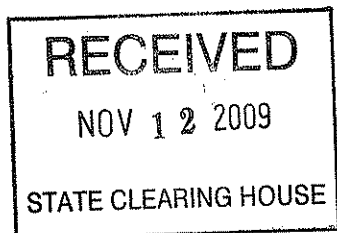
This is to advise that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors has approved/adopted the above described project on November 10, 2009, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made conditions of approval of the project.
4. A mitigation monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at the Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department located at 292 West Beamer Street, Woodland, California.

Signature (Public Agency)  Title: Assistant Director Date: November 12, 2009 Phone: (530) 666-8043

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Resolution No. 09-189

ANA MORALES, CLERK OF THE BOARD
BY Julia Pachter
DEPUTY

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF YOLO
CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE 2030
COUNTYWIDE GENERAL PLAN, ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT AND A
STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, AND
ADOPTING THE FINAL 2030 COUNTYWIDE GENERAL PLAN**

WHEREAS, the County of Yolo is adopting a new General Plan pursuant to Government Code Section 65300 et. seq;

WHEREAS, the General Plan establishes County policy, and identifies planned land uses and infrastructure, for physical development in the unincorporated areas of Yolo County;

WHEREAS, the Yolo County General Plan update process began in May of 2003;

WHEREAS, this is only the third comprehensive General Plan ever prepared for Yolo County;

WHEREAS, over 65 public meetings, workshops, and hearings have been held regarding the General Plan over the past six years;

WHEREAS, the during the update process, the County has undertaken the following key steps:

- Identification of key issues and stakeholders
- Development of various technical reports including:
 - Agricultural Preservation Techniques
 - Market Review
 - County Infrastructure Conditions
 - Market and Fiscal Considerations
- Adoption of guiding principles and vision statements
- Development of Background Report
- Joint Land Use Summit with the four city councils
- Identification/consideration of ten land use alternatives:
 - No Project (Existing Conditions)
 - No Project (1983 General Plan)
 - City-Focused Growth Alternative
 - Town-Focused Growth Alternative
 - New Town Alternative
 - Rural Sustainability Alternative
 - Speculative Development Alternative
 - Market Demand Alternative
 - Planning Commission Alternative
 - Preferred Land Use Alternative

- Publication of three public drafts of the General Plan
Public Review Draft (September 10, 2008)
Revised Public Review Draft (January 20, 2009)
Final Draft (June 10, 2009)
- Release of the CEQA Notice of Preparation (September 22, 2008)
- Release of the Draft EIR (April 29, 2009)
- Release of the Response to Comments on the Draft EIR (October 30, 2009)
- Consideration of hundreds of hours of testimony
- Consideration of hundreds of pages of written comments
- Planning Commission final action June 10, 2009
- Board of Supervisors intent motion July 20, 2009
- Release of the Adoption Hearing Version of the General Plan (October 30, 2009)
- General Plan adoption (November 10, 2009)

WHEREAS, during this process oral and documentary evidence was received by the Board of Supervisors for use in their deliberations;

WHEREAS, a Final Environmental Impact Report on the 2030 Countywide General Plan (State Clearinghouse No. 2008102034) (the "EIR") has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) to analyze the environmental impacts of the new General Plan;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors independently reviewed the EIR, related staff reports, the record of the Planning Commission, and all evidence including testimony and correspondence received at the Planning Commission and Board hearings, all of which documents and evidence are hereby incorporated by reference into this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Final EIR identified certain significant adverse effects on the environment caused by the Project;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires, in accordance with CEQA, to declare that, despite the occurrence of significant environmental effects that can not be substantially lessened or avoided through the adoption of feasible mitigation measures or feasible alternatives, there exist certain overriding economic, social, and other considerations for approving the project that the Council believes justify the occurrence of those impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors specifically finds that where more than one reason for approving the Project and rejecting alternatives, modifying mitigation measures, or adopting the Statement of Overriding Considerations is given in its findings or in the record, the Board of Supervisors would have made its decision on the basis of any one of those reasons.

WHEREAS, the final General Plan remains true to the county's historic vision of conserving active and productive farmland and open space, and it continues the tradition of directing most growth to the incorporated cities;

WHEREAS, the final General Plan identifies a modest amount of growth in several existing rural communities, primarily in the town of Dunnigan, with the requirement that this growth will improve the existing quality of life and bring new opportunities for existing residents and the county;

WHEREAS, great care has been taken by the Board of Supervisors to ensure that allowed growth is consistent with emerging trends in community design and "green" building, and to be responsive to concerns about climate change and emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs);

WHEREAS, this General Plan is one of the more forward-thinking and cutting edge long-range local planning documents in the state at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo as follows:

1. Pursuant to Section 15090 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that: a) the Final EIR (Exhibit A) has been completed in compliance with CEQA; b) the Final EIR was presented to the Board of Supervisors, and the Board reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR prior to taking action on the General Plan; and c) the Final EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County of Yolo.
2. Exhibit B of this Resolution provides the findings required under Section 15093 of the CEQA Guidelines relating to accepting adverse impacts of the project due to overriding considerations. The Board of Supervisors has balanced the economic, legal, social, technological, and other benefits of the project against the unavoidable environmental risks that may result, and finds that the specific economic, legal, social, technological, and other benefits outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental effects. The Board of Supervisors, therefore, finds the adverse environmental effects of the project to be acceptable. The Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Statement of Overriding Considerations attached hereto.
3. Exhibit B of this Resolution provides findings required under Section 15091 of the CEQA Guidelines for significant effects of the project, feasibility of mitigation measures, and feasibility of alternatives. The Board of Supervisors hereby adopts these various findings of fact attached hereto.
4. After considering the EIR and in conjunction with making these findings, the Board of Supervisors hereby finds that pursuant to Section 15092 of the CEQA Guidelines that approval of the final General Plan will result in significant effects on the environment, however, the County has eliminated or substantially lessened these significant effects where feasible, and has determined that the remaining significant effects are found to be unavoidable under Section 15091 and acceptable under Section 15093.
5. The Board of Supervisors has considered ten General Plan alternatives (including the proposed project), and concluded based on substantial evidence in the record that the final General Plan (Exhibit C) will best achieve the objectives of the County and embody the values of the community, at the least environmental cost.
6. Because the final General Plan contains modifications that were made after the Draft EIR was released, an analysis pursuant to Section 15088.5 of the CEQA Guidelines was prepared by the County (Attachment B of Exhibit A) verifying the applicability of the EIR to the final General Plan and demonstrating that additional CEQA analysis is not triggered by any of the changes. The analysis substantiates that none of the conditions described in Section 15088.5 of the CEQA Guidelines calling for recirculation of the EIR have occurred.

7. These findings made by the Board of Supervisors are supported by substantial evidence in the record.
8. The Board of Supervisors finds that adoption of the final General Plan is in the public interest and is necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of Yolo County, and hereby adopts the 2030 Countywide General Plan.
9. The Board of Supervisors finds that the final General Plan is consistent with the Land Use and Resource Management Plan of the Delta Protection Commission and the Delta Protection Act (Public Resources Code Section 29700 *et seq.*) with respect to lands located in the primary zone.
10. The Board of Supervisors hereby rescinds the following documents: 1958 Winters Area Plan; 1976 Davis Area Plan; 1976 East Yolo Area Plan; 1980 Woodland Area Plan; 1982 Southport Specific Plan; 1982 Central East Yolo Specific Plan; 1983 General Plan, 2002 Open Space and Recreation Element, 2002 Agricultural Element, and 2003 Housing Element.
11. The Board of Supervisors hereby retains and renames the following documents: the 1974 Madison General Plan shall be re-titled the 1974 Madison Community Plan; 1982 Energy Plan shall be re-titled the 1982 Climate Action Plan; 1983 Capay Valley General Plan shall be re-titled the 1983 Capay Valley Area Plan; the 1984 Monument Hills Specific Plan shall be re-titled the 1984 Monument Hills Community Plan; the 1996 Dunnigan General Plan shall be re-titled the 1996 Dunnigan Community Plan; the 1999 Knights Landing General Plan shall be re-titled the 1999 Knights Landing Community Plan; the 2001 Clarksburg General Plan shall be re-titled the 2001 Clarksburg Area Plan; and the 2007 Esparto General Plan shall be re-titled the 2007 Esparto Community Plan.
12. The Board of Supervisors hereby retains the following documents: 1996 Cache Creek Area Plan; and the 1998 Delta Land Use and Resource Management Plan.
13. Regarding the 2006 Bicycle Transportation Plan, Figure CI-3B of the Circulation Element hereby amends the 2006 Bicycle Transportation Plan to eliminate the planned Class I facility along the ship channel and South River Road levee and adds a Class III route along Willow Point Road and Z Line Road.
14. The Board of Supervisors hereby directs staff to: a) immediately (within five working days) file of a Notice of Determination documenting these decisions (Guidelines Section 15094); b) retain a copy of the certified final EIR as a public record and provide a copy to each responsible agency identified in the EIR and to the counties of Colusa, Sutter, Sacramento, Solano, Napa, and Lake and all cities in those counties (Guidelines Section 15095); c) coordinate with the State Department of Housing and Community Development to obtain final certification of the Housing Element as soon as possible; and d) implement the General Plan pursuant to the identified actions, responsibilities, and timeframes.
15. The Board of Supervisors hereby accepts the Final General Plan Economic Evaluation.
16. The Board of Supervisors hereby accepts the Draft General Plan update schedule.

The Director of the Planning and Public Works Department, located at 292 West Beamer Street in Woodland, California, shall serve as the custodian of the administrative record.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 10th day of November 2009, by the following vote of said Board:

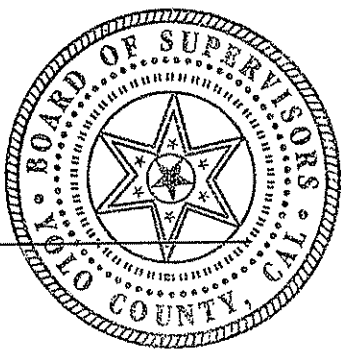
AYES: Thomson, Rexroad, Provenza, Chamberlain, McGowan.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Ana Morales
Clerk of the Board



Mike McGowan
Chair of the Board

[Signature]
County Counsel

Exhibits:

- Exhibit A – Final EIR on the 2030 Countywide General Plan (three volumes – two Draft EIR volumes and one Response to Comments volume)
- Exhibit B – CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations
- Exhibit C – Final 2030 Countywide General Plan

