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AGENDA

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE

**NAPA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
2121 IMOLA AVENUE, NAPA, CA**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2007 – 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order/Roll Call (Secretary)

2. Public Comment

(In this time period, anyone may address the Steering Committee regarding any subject over which they have jurisdiction, but which is not on today's posted agenda. In order to provide all interested parties an opportunity to speak, time limitations shall be at the discretion of the chair. As required by Government Code, no action or discussion will be undertaken on any item raised during this Public Comment period).

3. Updates

- a) City Representative – *Carol Poole*

Information

4. Action Items:

- a) Approval of minutes from July 25, 2007 and August 8, 2007 meetings

Action

**5. Discussion of Draft Conservation Element and Comments Received
and possible direction to staff regarding changes to the Draft Conservation
Element Policies and Action Items**

Action

Please note: Public comment on this item will be limited to only new information or evidence that has not previously been submitted to the Steering Committee either verbally or in writing. Each speaker will be limited to a maximum of 2 minutes.

6. Future Agenda Items

- a) September 26, 2007 – Recreation & Open Space Element
b) October 10, 2007 Meeting – Community Character and Safety Elements

7. Adjourn

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TO: General Plan Steering Committee

FROM: Hillary Gitelman, Director

DATE: August 22, 2007

RE: Attached Revisions to the Conservation Element (Provided in Four Pieces)

At its August 29 meeting, the Steering Committee will consider revisions to the February 2007 Draft Conservation Element in response to public and agency comments and mitigation measures developed to address impacts identified in the Draft EIR. To facilitate the Committee's review and discussion, staff has prepared and attached a revised version of the element divided into four pieces: (1) the introduction; (2) goals and policies related to open space conservation & natural resources; (3) goals and policies related to water resources; and (4) goals and policies related to a group of topics including climate change, energy, air quality, solid waste, and etc.

The Conservation Element received more comments than any other draft element, and most of the comments received were very insightful. As a result, we have worked hard to incorporate most of the commenter's suggestions, although not always in the exact way they suggested. We are preparing a comment matrix, or table, summarizing where/how comments have been addressed, although it is not yet complete and will have to be forwarded to you under separate cover. Detailed, formal responses to the comments will be included in the Final EIR and available for dissemination around Thanksgiving.

Organizational Changes in the Attached Documents

We received comments requesting that water and energy issues be dealt with in separate elements, and many suggestions regarding additional policies that could be included about these topics and about climate change. While we didn't want to make any drastic organizational changes without input from the Steering Committee, the Planning Commission, and the Board, we did reorganize the revised elements into the four pieces you see. We hope this structure allows the Committee, Commission and Board to consider splitting the Conservation Element into two or three pieces, even late in the planning process, without seriously disrupting our collective work.

One downside of the reorganization effort, and of our duty to be responsive to the many comments we received about energy conservation and climate change, is that changes to the final section of the revised Element could not be shown in redline/strikeout. (There were simply too many changes – organizational and otherwise.) Also, we were not able to move policies around the way we wanted to in the Open Space Conservation & Natural Resources section, because it would have turned into a tangle of redline changes.

Please set aside ample time between now and our meeting next week to review what we've been able to do, and think about ways we could improve on the organization of policies and action items. Note that we have tried to include new action items where they make the most sense based on the revised policies now incorporated into the Element. These action items may not be precisely the ones suggested by commenters, but they are intended to be broad enough (e.g. watershed planning, watershed monitoring, integrated water planning) to encompass many smaller individual

suggestions. In total, the range of action items presented constitute a substantial commitment to conservation issues that will ultimately have to be prioritized for funding by the Board of Supervisors.

Conventions Used in the Attached Documents

Please be aware of the following conventions used in the revised element and the matrix:

- All changes are shown in redline/strikeout except in sections where this approach was noted to be infeasible due to the extent of the changes.
- All figures and much of the formatting have been temporarily omitted in the draft to facilitate review of the text.
- Many of the changes originate from public and agency comments received on the February 2007 draft, although often the suggested wording is not necessarily identical to that of the comments received. The comment matrix we're working on includes brief annotations about how each comment has been addressed; full responses to the each commenter explaining how their comments have been incorporated or why they haven't will be provided in a formal Response to Comments in the Final EIR.
- A number of important changes in the Conservation Element were required to address specific mitigation measures that were identified in the Draft EIR and are so noted in the margin. We expect County Counsel will weigh in if there are mitigation measures they feel have not been adequately addressed.
- Many changes resulting in the deletion of old policies or addition of new ones have not been incorporated into the policy numbering system, so the numbering remains similar to the February draft. In many locations new policies are suggested by saying something like "Suggested new policy after Policy 38."
- In some cases, comments noted in the margin seek the Committee's guidance regarding changes/edits if staff was uncertain how or if they should be incorporated.

Please don't hesitate to call me 253-4805 if you have questions.

cc. Howard Siegel
Patrick Lowe/Brian Bordona/Jeff Sharp
Laura Anderson