



AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM TITLE Review and comment on the Preliminary Recommendations on: <u>1</u> , Preferred Agriculture Preliminary Goals, Policies and Programs <u>and 2</u> , Preferred Circulation Preliminary Goals, Policies and Programs, <u>which were recommended</u> by the General Plan Citizens Advisory Committee and County Planning Commission.		BOARD MEETING DATE January 15, 2008	AGENDA NUMBER
Dept:	Resource Management	Supervisorial District Number	
Contact:	Michael Yankovich	All	
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DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Resource Management recommends that the Board of Supervisors review and comment on the preliminary recommendations on:

- Preferred Agriculture goals, policies and programs
- Preferred Circulation goals, policies and programs

as recommended by the General Plan Citizens Advisory Committee and County Planning Commission.

SUMMARY:

Staff is requesting comments and direction from the Board of Supervisors on the January 15, 2008 Board of Supervisors Workbooks:

- Agriculture: Preliminary Goals, Policies and Programs (Attachment A)
- Circulation: Preliminary Goals, Policies and Programs (Attachment B)

The documents have been prepared by the County's consultants and staff which reflect the preliminary recommendations of the General Plan Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and the County Planning Commission.

FINANCING:

The General Plan Update is part of the approved budget of the Department of Resource Management and is funded by the County General Fund. The approved budget was for three years FY2005/06 thru FY2007/08. During Fiscal Year 2005/06, the Department spent \$194,830 and Fiscal Year 2006/07, the Department spent \$537,910. There is \$1,297,640 budgeted for the current fiscal year. The current estimate for the project is a total of \$2,030,380 over the three years for staff and consultant assistance.

DISCUSSION:

I. REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY AGRICULTURE: GOALS, POLICIES AND PRGORAMS:

The Board of Supervisors is requested to review and comment on the recommended Agricultural goals policies, and potential implementation programs related to the General Plan Agricultural Chapter. To assist the Board of Supervisors in their review, a Workbook on Agriculture: Preliminary Goals, Policies, and Programs, is enclosed. The workbook presents the preliminary goals, policies and programs to address the various issues and objectives for Solano County agriculture. The CAC and Planning Commission comments are noted with underline (additions) and strikethrough (deletions) followed by CAC or Planning Commission in parentheses. The following support documents for the General Plan's Agricultural Chapter were provided to the Board of Supervisors in advanced for your reference:

- UC Davis Agricultural Futures Project, reviewed by the Board of Supervisors on January 8, 2008, consisting of the following reports:
 - Report 1: What farmers and ranchers say about the future of Solano County Agriculture
 - UC Davis Agriculture Report II: The economic root of Solano County agriculture
 - UC Davis Report III: Regulating, Protecting and Promoting Local Agriculture: Lessons for Solano from other counties
 - UC Davis Final Report: The future of Solano County Agriculture: What County government can do
- House Agricultural/EDAW Report: Solano GP Background Report for Agriculture
- Citizens Advisory Committee Agricultural Subcommittee Report: Findings, Report and Recommendation of the Agricultural Subcommittee
- American Farmland Trust Report: Agricultural Vision and Economic Innovation for Suisun Valley

Copies of these documents are available for review at the Clerk of the Board's Office and on the General Plan Website at www.solanocountygeneralplan.net.

Citizens Advisory Committee and Planning Commission Review

The following is a summary of the process that was utilized by the CAC and Planning Commission in developing the preliminary agricultural goals and policies.

The CAC's review, evaluation and recommendation on agriculture and agricultural economy span three meetings on October 29, November 26 and December 10, 2007. The reports from UC Davis studies and CAC Agricultural Subcommittee reviewed and examine the agricultural concerns and issues in all the major agricultural regions in Solano County:

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- Winters
- Elmira and Maine Prairie

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- Montezuma Hills
- Pleasants, Vaca and Lagoon Valleys
- Suisun and Green Valleys
- Ryer Island
- Western Hills

The CAC Agricultural Subcommittee held 12 listening sessions between June and September, 2007, in various production areas. The summary documents of those meetings are on the General Plan Update website at www.solanocountygeneralplan.net.

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With direction from the CAC at the December 10, 2007 meeting - EDAW and County staff then prepared the Planning Commission Workbook on Agriculture: Goals, Policies and Programs reflecting the CAC recommendations. The Planning Commission reviewed the updated Agriculture Workbook at their January 3, 2008 meeting. Following the January 3, 2008 Planning Commission review of the Agriculture preliminary goals, polices and programs, EDAW and County staff, based on directions from the Planning Commission prepared the updated Board of Supervisors Agriculture: Preliminary Goals, Policies and Programs Workbook.

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II. REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY CIRCULATION: GOALS, POLICIES AND PROGRAMS: Programs

The Board of Supervisors is requested to review and comment on the recommended Circulation goals policies, and potential implementation programs related to the General Plan Circulation component. To assist the Board of Supervisors in their review, a Board of Supervisors workbook on Circulation: Preliminary Goals, Policies, and Programs, is enclosed. The workbook presents the preliminary goals, policies and programs to address the various issues and objectives for Solano County circulation needs.

Citizens Advisory Committee and Planning Commission Review

The CAC on October 22, 2007 reviewed the General Plan Circulation Background Report and provided recommendation for circulation goals, policies and programs. With direction from the CAC, EDAW and County staff then prepared the Planning Commission Workbook on Circulation: Preliminary Goals, Policies and Programs reflecting the CAC recommendations. The CAC will review the Preliminary Goals, Policies and Programs at their January 28, 2008 meeting.

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The Planning Commission Circulation Workbook was reviewed by the Commission at their January 3, 2008 meeting. EDAW and County staff then prepared the Board of Supervisors Circulation Workbook reflecting the Planning Commission's comments and recommendations.

NEXT STEPS:

The Board's comments along with the comments received from the CAC, TAC and Planning Commission will be incorporated and highlighted in revised draft goals, policies, and proposed implementation plans for review by the CAC as part of the initial draft General Plan. Any additional revisions from the CAC will then be incorporated into the Draft General Plan for public review, scheduled to be released in March 2008.

The current General Plan Update Schedule (December 14, 2007) is attached for additional reference.

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ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to provide comments and staff direction on the preliminary draft Agriculture and Circulation goals, policies and potential implementation programs. Staff does not recommend this alternative. It is important at this time to receive Board comments and direction for consideration by the CAC, staff and the consultants in preparing the Environmental Impact Report and initial draft General Plan.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Preferred Agriculture and Circulation preliminary goals, policies and potential implementation programs have been reviewed by the Citizens Advisory Committee and Planning Commission. The preliminary goals, policies and programs have been submitted to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for review and comment. The County Administrator's Office and County Counsel have reviewed this report and concur with the Department's recommendations.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:

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Resource Management

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Attachments:

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- A. January 15 Supervisors Workbook, Agriculture: Preliminary Goals, Policies, and Programs
- B. January 15 Supervisors Workbook, Circulation: Preliminary Goals, Policies, and Programs
- C. General Plan Update Schedule

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CAC Minutes:

October 22, 2007
October 29, 2007
November 26, 2007
December 10, 2007

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