



AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

<u>ITEM TITLE</u>		BOARD MEETING DATE	AGENDA NUMBER
Conduct a continued Public Hearing on 2008 Draft General Plan and review staff's recommended changes to the 2008 Draft General Plan		July 8, 2008	
Dept:	Resource Management	Supervisorial District Number	
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Published Notice Required?		Yes _____	No <u>X</u> _____
Public Hearing Required?		Yes <u>X</u> _____	No _____

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Resource Management recommends that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Conduct a continued Public Hearing on 2008 Draft General Plan, and
2. Review staff's recommended changes to the 2008 Draft General Plan

SUMMARY:

On July 1, 2008 the Board of Supervisors received a presentation of the 2008 Draft General Plan. The presentation was followed by a noticed Public Hearing on the 2008 Draft General Plan. The Public Hearing on the Draft General Plan was continued by the Board of Supervisors to July 8, 2008.

Staff has prepared recommended changes to the 2008 Draft General Plan. The recommendations include changes in response to comments received on the Draft General Plan and Board direction along with changes that further mitigate impacts as identified in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

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 through FY2007/08. During FY2005/06, the Department spent \$194,830 and for FY2006/07, the Department spent \$537,910. There is \$1,489,130 budgeted for the current fiscal year. The current estimate for the project is a total of \$2,221,870 over the three years for staff and consultant assistance.

DISCUSSION:

1. Continued Public Hearing

The Board is requested to conduct a continued Public Hearing on the 2008 Draft General Plan. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Board is requested to continue the Public Hearing to July 18, 2008.

2. Staff Recommendations

As part of the July 1, 2008 Board of Supervisors Agenda Submittal, staff presented recommended changes to the Draft General Plan for consideration by the Board. These include staff recommendations considered by the Planning Commission and recommendations to address climate change based on comments received on the Draft EIR.

Staff prepared additional recommendations based on public comments and Board direction on July 1, 2008 along with recommendations prepared in responding to comments on the Draft EIR in preparation of the Final EIR.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to conduct the continued Public Hearing. Staff does not recommend this alternative. It is important at this time to receive public comment on the Draft General Plan and Board direction to complete the General Plan within the established General Plan project schedule so that relevant sections of the Draft General Plan can be placed before the voters on the November 2008 ballot for approval under provisions of the Orderly Growth Initiative.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The 2008 Draft General Plan was prepared under the direction of the General Plan Update Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). A Technical Advisory Committee comprised of over 100 local and regional agencies in Solano County were provided an opportunity to review and comment on the draft background reports and preliminary draft goals, policies and implementation program for the Draft General Plan. The CAC received presentations from each city on their respective general plans and briefing sessions were held with each of the cities. The County has also consulted with local Native American tribes. The Draft General Plan was submitted for review to regional and state agencies for consistency with their respective plans and policies as required by state law including the Solano County Airport Land Use Commission, the Delta Protection Commission, Bay Conservation and Development Commission and State Resources Board.

On May 22 and May 29, 2008, the Planning Commission conducted Public Hearings on the 2008 Draft General Plan and on June 5, 2008 made recommendations on the Draft General Plan to the Board. On June 11, 2008, The Agricultural Advisory Committee reviewed the Draft General Plan on June 11, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:

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