



COUNTY OF SOLANO

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

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MEMORANDUM:

TO: Solano County Planning Commission

FROM: Mike Yankovich, Harry Englebright & Jim Louie

DATE: May 15, 2008

RE: Public Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Draft 2008 Solano County General Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission hold a public hearing to accept public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the 2008 Draft Solano County General Plan

I. General Plan Update Overview

2008 Solano County Draft General Plan

A comprehensive update of Solano County's General Plan was initiated in 2006. Over the past two years, the General Plan Citizens Advisory Committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors held thirty-four meetings in preparation of the 2008 Draft Solano County General Plan. Thirty-one community workshops were also conducted in four special study areas and six agriculture regions. During this period, the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission held several workshops to review various topics in preparation of the Draft General Plan. On March 31, 2008, the Draft 2008 Solano County General Plan was released for the public review.

Draft Environmental Impact Report

The General Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) was released for public review on April 18, 2008. This initiated the formal 45 day public review period for review of the Draft EIR. The review period will conclude at 5:00p.m. on June 2, 2008. During the 45 day review period, the Planning Commission will hold

a public hearing on May 15, 2008 to accept comments on the Draft EIR for the General Plan.

Public Notice and Outreach

Prior to the release of the 2008 Draft Solano County General Plan, a General Plan Newsletter was mailed to every household and property owner in Solano County. The newsletter informed the public on the availability of the 2008 Draft General Plan and scheduled release of the Draft EIR for the General Plan. The newsletter provided an overview of the next phase of the General Plan update, the schedule for community open houses to introduce the 2008 Draft General Plan to the public, and a brief summary of the Draft General Plan.

Five informational Open Houses on the 2008 Draft Solano County General Plan were held in Rio Vista, Fairfield/Suisun, Dixon, Vacaville and Vallejo/Benicia between April 9, 2008 and April 28, 2008.

The Draft 2008 General Plan and Draft EIR were posted on the general plan web site along with other related information and meeting schedules. Copies of both documents provided to all of the city and county libraries for public review.

II. Public Hearing – Draft EIR for Draft 2008 Solano County General Plan

The Planning Commission is requested to hold a public hearing to accept public comments on the Draft EIR for the Draft 2008 Solano County General Plan. After the close of the public hearing by the Planning Commission, the public may continue to submit written comments on the Draft EIR until the close of the 45 review period at 5:00 p.m., June 2, 2008. Comments received by the Planning Commission during the public hearing along with written comments received during the 45 day review period will be responded to as part of the Final EIR for the 2008 Draft Solano County General Plan.

III. Next Steps

After the public hearing on the Draft EIR, the Planning Commission will initiate public hearings on the 2008 Draft Solano County General Plan starting on Thursday, May 22, 2008.

The Planning Commission is schedule to conclude their review of the 2008 Draft Solano County General Plan and make their recommendations on the General Plan to the Board of Supervisors by June 12, 2008. The Board of Supervisors will follow with public hearings scheduled to begin in July 2008.