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Board Report

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Continue to April 18, 2017, the public hearing regarding:

- a. Addendum No 3 to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the 2010 Monterey County General Plan (#7-01, SCH #20071212001)(“FEIR”); and
- b. Amendments to the 2010 Monterey County General Plan to implement litigation settlement agreements with Land Watch Monterey County and The Open Monterey Project. (REF150010/General Plan Amendment No. 3)

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Planning File Numbers: REF150010

Applicant: County of Monterey

Project Location: County-wide (non-coastal)

CEQA Action: Addendum No. 3 to EIR#07-01, SCH#2007121001

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

Continue to April 18, 2017, the public hearing on the proposed amendments to the 2010 Monterey County General Plan (“General Plan”) that would implement a settlement of litigation regarding the General Plan.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On May 12, 2015 the Board of Supervisors considered proposed amendments to the 2010 General Plan, the adoption of which would implement settlement agreements concerning the two remaining lawsuits challenging the 2010 General Plan. At that time the Board opened the public hearing and received public testimony, but took no action and continued the hearing on the item to September 29, 2015, with the direction that staff attempt to resolve objections that interested parties and stakeholders expressed regarding the proposed amendments. The hearing on the matter has been continued several times to allow for further discussions; most recently it was continued to December 14, 2016; however, the scheduled meeting that day will be cancelled.

The parties are considering whether further progress on a settlement is possible, and representatives of the agricultural industry and the litigants are continuing to meet. A new settlement proposal could be considered on April 18, 2017; if not, the Board could finalize its action from spring of 2015. It is therefore recommended that the public hearing be continued to April 18, 2017, for further Board consideration.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County Counsel’s Office and the Resource Management Agency concur in the recommendation.

FINANCING:

There is no financing action associated with the continuance.

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