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Final Environmental Impact Report
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facilitate the development of wineries along a corridor in the central and southern Salinas Valley to achieve a balance between the wine-grape production and wine processing capacity within the County.” The suggested alternative that would delete the winery corridor would not meet this objective. As explained on page 3-4, “[t]he complexity of the general plan, with its interacting goals and policies, requires that it meet all of the following objectives to be effective.” Those objectives include the AWCP. This proposed alternative is rejected for that reason.

Revision of the draft AWCP has been proposed since publication of the DEIR. (See Chapter 5 of the FEIR.) Per the proposed revision, all permanent projects within the winery corridor will be required to undertake a biology study prior to approval. If the biology study indicates the potential to significantly affect biological resources, the project will be subject to a discretionary permit and, therefore, subject to CEQA review. This change means that artisan wineries with the potential to impact biological resources will be subject to project-level environmental review under CEQA. This is similar to the alternative suggested.

- O-21k.384 The comment suggests that the EIR consider an alternative that minimizes impacts on water resources by establishing a moratorium on all further development in all overdrafted basins until additional, sustainable, adequate supplies are provided and the basin comes into “long term sustainable balance.”

Although the 2007 General Plan policies under Goal PS-3 (addressing long term water supply) do not establish a moratorium on all development, they do require proof of “a long-term, sustainable water supply, both in quality and quantity, to serve the development” (except for the first residence on existing lots of record). The broad moratorium on development suggested by the comment could amount to a “regulatory takings” without compensation, in contravention of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. CEQA requires mitigation measures to be “consistent with all applicable constitutional requirements.” (CEQA Guidelines §15126.4(a)(4)) This is not a legally feasible alternative. See also response to comment O-21.k-168.

- O-21k.385 The comment asks for clarification of the agricultural permit process proposed under the prior version of Policy OS-3.5 of the 2007 General Plan. The revisions to Policy OS-3.5 clarify that the approval of agricultural conversion of uncultivated land on steep slopes would be subject to a discretionary permit process, except under a narrow exception delineated in the revised policy. See the response to comment O-21k.375 for the text of the revised proposal, including the standards applicable to issuance of a permit and the requirements for the related management plan.

- O-21k.386 See the response to comment O-21k.385.

- O-21k.387 The comment states that the DEIR should analyze the environmental effects of mitigation measures that require the adoption of policies and/or ordinances. The DEIR is a program EIR or “first-tier document,” which provides a broad analysis of the environmental effects of the program with the acknowledgment that site-specific environmental review will be required when future development projects are proposed under the approved regulatory program. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15168) As discussed by the California Supreme Court “it is proper for a lead agency to use its discretion to focus a first-tier EIR

on only the general plan or program, leaving project-level details to subsequent EIR's when specific projects are being considered.” (*In re Bay-Delta Programmatic Environmental Impact Report Coordinated Proceedings* (2008) 43 Cal.4th 1143; see also *Rio Vista Farm Bureau Center et al. v. County of Solano* (1992) 5 Cal.App.4th 351)

Mitigation Measures are components of the DEIR and are subject to the same requirements regarding their level of detail. (See CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4, 15143, 15146, 15151, 15204) While the County strives to provide as much detail as possible in the mitigation measures and policies, given the long-term nature of a general plan, and its geographic scope, the project should be general enough to allow a degree of flexibility in decision-making as times change. (OPR 2003, page 14) This is acceptable under CEQA. (*Koster v. County of San Joaquin* (1996) 47 Cal. App. 4th 29 [“a first-tier EIR may contain generalized mitigation criteria and policy-level alternatives”]) CEQA case law has also held that deferral of the specifics of mitigation is permissible where the lead agency commits itself to mitigation and, in the mitigation measure, either describes performance standards to be met in future mitigation or provides a menu of alternative mitigation measures to be selected from in the future. (*California Native Plant Society v. City of Rancho Cordova* (2009) 172 Cal.App.4th 603 [the details of exactly how the required mitigation and its performance standards will be achieved can be deferred pending completion of a future study])

The DEIR analyzed the impacts of the General Plan and its policies at a programmatic level of detail. If and when future ordinances and other implementation measures are under consideration for adoption, project-level CEQA review will be provided. Until that time, the environmental impacts of such ordinances is too speculative to meaningfully analyze, and thus need not be included in the DEIR. (CEQA Guidelines, §15145) Please see Master Response 10, which discusses the level of detail for the General Plan and General Plan’s EIR.

- O-21k.388 The comment states that the DEIR does not analyze the impacts resulting from the ministerial permit process under GPU steep slope policies (Policy OS-3.5). GPU Policy OS-3.5 has been revised and no longer provides a ministerial permit process for proposed development on slopes between 15-24% or on slopes between 10-15% on highly erodible soils. The policy now requires discretionary permits. Please see the revisions to Policy OS-3.5 in FEIR Chapter 5, and Master Response 3, *Agricultural Growth and General Plan Agricultural Policies*. Additionally, please see Master Response 10 which discusses the level of detail for the General Plan and General Plan’s EIR.

The comment also suggests that existing policy would be a “...significant departure from current policy.” Please see response to comment O-21k.2 which discusses the CEQA requirements for discussion of the existing General Plan.

- O-21k.389 The comment suggests that the EIR consider prohibiting development on slopes over 25% and over 30% as a mitigation measure. It is not clear from the comment whether it refers to non-agricultural or agricultural development. The 2007 General Plan Policy OS-3.5, as revised, prohibits non-agricultural development on slopes in excess of 25%, except when certain findings can be made. The findings are similar to those required under the existing 1982 General Plan for approval of development on slopes in excess of 30%. Policy OS-3.5 as revised prohibits conversion of previously uncultivated lands to

agricultural uses where the slope exceeds 25% except under a narrow exception delineated in the policy. The revisions made to Policy OS-3.5 since publication of the DEIR have effectively incorporated the recommendation of the comment. The comment that the comment's proposed mitigation would significantly reduce the impacts of GPU5 is noted.

O-21k.390 See the response to comment O-21k.345.

O-21k.391 The commenter contends that Jones & Stokes (now ICF International), the preparer of the DEIR, is biased because it has a "financial interest in multiple projects in Monterey County," and these interests create a conflict for Jones & Stokes in the preparation of the DEIR, resulting in the integrity of the DEIR being called into question.

This is not a comment on the environmental analysis in the DEIR that requires a response under CEQA; however, the fact that ICF International is under contract with other persons or entities for work in Monterey County does not create either bias or a conflict. There is no requirement in CEQA that the preparer of an EIR not have any other business interests in the jurisdiction for which the EIR is being prepared. In addition, nothing in the Political Reform Act (Government Code section 81000 et seq.), or any other provision of law, compels a conclusion that Jones & Stokes has a conflict of interest or is biased. The commenter alleges, in particular, that the fact that ICF International has a contract for particular work with the MPWMD at the same time it prepared the DEIR creates a conflict. The mere assertion does not make it so, and there are no facts presented that show a conflict or bias. In regard to the comment's assertions about the Rancho Canada Village project, ICF International has no financial interest in the approval or denial of that project, as ICF International's contract is with Monterey County to prepare the CEQA analysis. ICF International is not under contract to the project proponent and has no expectation of future work or financial interest related to the project should it be approved or denied. The comment's hearsay report of applicant's opinion of the Rancho Canada Village EIR is not evidence of a conflict of interest or bias on the part of ICF International.

Whether or not future work related to implementation of the General Plan or mitigation might be done by ICF International or another consultant firm or other parties is not evidence of bias in the preparation of this EIR. All future awards of work for consulting firms, including ICF International, must follow the County's contracting procedures.

The County went through a very thorough review process to select the preparer for the EIR on this draft General Plan, and ICF International met the County's needs and was therefore selected. ICF International's professional involvement with the DEIR is to prepare the analysis and identify mitigations in accordance with CEQA requirements and based on the evidence identified. Under CEQA, the County as lead agency is "ultimately responsible for the adequacy and objectivity of the DEIR." (CEQA Guidelines § 15084) Additionally, if the County certifies the FEIR, the County will have to certify that the FEIR reflects the County's independent judgment and analysis. (Public Resources Code Section 21082.1; CEQA Guidelines § 15090)

O-21k.392 CEQA only requires recirculation of an EIR when significant new information is added to the EIR after public notice, which changes the EIR "in a way the deprives the public of

a meaningful opportunity to comment upon a substantial adverse environmental effect of the project or a feasible way to mitigate or avoid such an effect (including a feasible project alternative).” (CEQA Guidelines, §15088.5(a)) Revisions that have been made to the DEIR merely clarify or amplify the analysis and do not make significant modifications. (See FEIR Chapter 4 for a list of all revisions to the DEIR.) See also Master Response 12, *Recirculation*. Therefore, recirculation is not required under CEQA. (CEQA Guidelines, §15088.5(b)) Please see responses O-21k.2 through O-21k.391 regarding commenter’s specific remarks on the adequacy of the DEIR.

Individuals

I-1 Brennan, Janet

- I-1.1 The commenter raises questions about data pertaining to 2030 “buildout” (development to the planning horizon) and 2092 (full buildout of the General Plan)

Table 3.9 on page 3-20 of the DEIR indicates that there could be 1,481 units developed in the Affordable Housing Opportunity areas (AHOs) by 2030. Full buildout of the AHOs could equal 3,870. The discussion on page 4.15-15 of the DEIR relates to population growth through 2030.

Table 3.9 has been revised (see Chapter 4 of this FEIR) to estimate that the AHOs will have the potential to house up to 1,269 units by 2030. This is less than the number calculated in the DEIR, but does not result in a conflict with any significance determinations. Full buildout is discussed on Page 4.15-17, but does not distinguish the number for the AHOs. It provides total dwelling units, since the ability to forecast that far into the future is limited. The DEIR number is unchanged in the revised Table 3.9.

I-2 California Water Service Company

- I-2.1 The commenter has indicated that the DEIR should provide more information on nitrate contamination. There are several sections in Section 4.3 of the DEIR that address groundwater contamination including pages 4.3-22 -4.3-25; Section 4.33.2, and pages 4.3-90-4.3-99. In addition, the DEIR addresses nitrate contamination from septic systems. Tables 4.3-2, 4.3-3, 4.3-8 and Exhibit 4.3-8 all contain detailed information on the extent and degree of nitrate contamination.

The County concurs that the excerpts regarding nitrate contamination levels on Page 4.3-22 should be clarified. Please refer to Chapter 4 for the pertinent text changes.

- I-2.2 The commenter has suggested changes to the text on page 4.3-23 of the DEIR (mistakenly referenced in the comment as page 4.3-22) regarding BMPs to reduce existing nitrate contamination in the Salinas Valley. The proposed General Plan Update already contains several policies that are consistent with this comment. OS-3.1 requires that BMPs be established and enforced; OS-3.2 encourages support of the projects between landholders and state and federal soil conservation and restoration program; OS-3.3 requires establishment of criteria that would be used to establish design parameters and BMPs to address soil stability, slope and water quality issues. AG-5.2 promotes policies and program to protect and enhance surface water and groundwater resources. The General Plan also includes strict provisions with respect to the reduction of nitrate contamination from septic systems including requirements for adequate infrastructure financing for new development and connections to public systems (Policy PS-4.12). Therefore, it is not necessary to make the textual change requested in the comment, and

no additional policies are proposed at this time. The comment will be forwarded to the decision makers for their consideration.

- I-2.3 In order to address the ongoing issue of high nitrate contamination in wells, the draft General Plan includes new infrastructure and service standards (Policy PS-1.1 and Table PS-1) for new development. Policies PS-2.2 and PS-2.5 address water and water quality testing of wells. In addition, Policy PS-3.4 requires that specific water quality and quantity criteria be developed to evaluate the adequacy of new wells. Policies PS-4.1 through PS-4.12 include measures to address wastewater management. PS-4.12 requires the development of On-site Wastewater Management Plans for areas with high concentrations of development served by individual sewage systems. The DEIR evaluates the impact of the 2007 General Plan Update on the availability of water supply to serve existing and future demands in Impact WR-4 (Section 4.3, p. 4.3-113 – 4.3-135.)
- I-2.4 Please refer to responses I-2.2 and I-2.3 above. In addition Policy PS-3.1-3.15 provides measures for water conservation and enhancement of long term water supplies. Policies PS-3.12 and PS-3.14 specifically address agricultural water conservation.
- I-2.5 The text in the DEIR has been revised to address this comment. Please refer to Chapter 4.
- I-2.6 The commenter has requested additional evidence beyond statements on Page 4.3-1 regarding how the SVWP will meet water demands in the basin to 2030. The DEIR, on Pages 4.3-32 through 4.3-35 provides additional information on the SVWP. The text (see Page 4.3-33) refers to information in the EIR/EIS for the SVWP that contains the background information, demand estimates and modeling data to support the information provided in the General Plan DEIR with respect to supply and reversal of seawater intrusion. This document was included in Section 11, *Documents, Plans, and Reports Cited*, of the DEIR.

To address some of the comment provided on the DEIR with respect to water supply/demand through 2030 and post-2030 strategies, the FEIR includes changes to Mitigation Measure WR-2 that provide a review of actual growth against projections every five years and links this review to the development of future supply alternatives. See Chapter 4 for the revised Measure WR-2.

Please also refer to Master Response 4, *Water Supply*, for additional information on water supply demand and water supply projects in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin.

The commenter questioned the inconsistency between statements in the DEIR that there will be a sufficient water supply in the Salinas Valley with Impact WR-4 which states that capacity will exceed supply. WR-4 addresses Monterey County as a whole and distinguishes between the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin and other groundwater basins (i.e., El Toro, Pajaro, Carmel Valley, Seaside). Based on an analysis of these other areas of the County, the DEIR concludes that the impact will be significant and unavoidable. WR-4 also addresses the post-2030 timeframe and for 2030 to 2092 Buildout concludes that there will not be sufficient supply. The mitigation proposed is to develop additional alternative projects and sources.

- I-2.7 The commenter is correct that the CSIP project delivers water to agricultural customers only. However, the intent is to thereby to free up water for urban customers. In addition, the CSIP will provide benefits with respect to the halting of seawater intrusion.
- I-2.8 Please refer to Master Response 4, *Water Supply*, for a discussion of the MCWRA modeling with respect to seawater intrusion. With respect to the comments regarding the second phase of the SWVP, the FEIR includes proposed revisions to Mitigation Measure WR-2 as mitigation for impacts beyond 2030. This measure includes requirements for initiating planning for Phase 2 by 2020 in order to have a new project on-line by 2030. In response to comments, WR-2 has been revised to track, at 5-year intervals, actual growth with projected growth against the SVWP modeling projections. The timeframe for planning phase 2 would be coordinated with information gained in the periodic review. Please refer to Chapter 4 of this FEIR.
- I-2.9 Based upon all the modeling completed to date, there does not appear to be an issue with the spread of the plume. As stated on p. 4.3-130 of the DEIR, the SVWP will provide sufficient supply to reverse existing overdraft and seawater intrusion problems and to provide water for new development. The DEIR relies upon the information provided in the EIS/EIR prepared for the SVWP to support this statement, as discussed in response to comment I-13.6. The SVWP EIS/EIR reflects the results of the SVIGSIM model in its conclusions. The SVIGSIM model is well accepted as a locally-calibrated simulation of the Salinas Valley's groundwater and has been used extensively in water supply planning within the Salinas Valley. The SVIGSIM runs for the SVWP conclude that that project will reverse overdraft conditions within all basins within the Salinas Valley. To clarify a statement in the DEIR regarding the "reversal" of seawater intrusion: while existing seawater intrusion cannot be reversed to the extent that the existing line of seawater intrusion is pushed westward, the DEIR intends to say that the existing *trend* of eastward movement of that line will be halted. As noted in the SVWP EIS/EIR, additional delivery systems will be needed in order to deliver water to some parts of the Zone 2C zone of benefit. The MCWRA shall continue monitoring over time to determine success and adapt as necessary. Please refer also to Master Response 4, *Water Supply*.
- I-2.10 Please refer to response I-2.6 above. The information requested is in the SVWP EIR/EIS.
- I-2.11 The comment regarding overestimation of demand is noted. The 181 gallon per day (gpd) rate assumed for purposes of the general analysis provided in this EIR, as contrasted with the actual data from CWSC of 146 gpd, will become a factor in the five-year review process of actual growth against projections that will be required by Mitigation Measure WR-2 (revising Policy PS-3.18), as revised in the FEIR. This factor, in addition to the conservative growth projections utilized in the DEIR analysis may therefore suggest that the SVWP estimates regarding the ability to provide water up to 2030 are likewise conservative. The issue of the SVWP's estimates is discussed in Master Response 4, *Water Supply*, which addresses a number of the comments raised with respect to water supply.

I-3 Clark, David and Madeline

- I-3.1 These comments pertain to policies included in the Draft General Plan. These comments reflect the opinions of the commenter regarding these policies and are not comments on the adequacy or content of the EIR. The decision-makers will consider these comments during their deliberations on the Draft General Plan. No further response is necessary.

I-4 Del Piero, Marc

- I-4.1 Commenter has indicated that he affirms the comments provided by the Agricultural and Historical Lands Conservancy and Land Watch Monterey County. Commenter should refer to the responses to comment letters O-1a, O-1b, and O-11a through O-11g for responses to the comments submitted by these organizations. In addition, please refer to Master Response 3 on General Plan Agricultural Policies for further discussion of the proposed project's impact on farmland.

I-5 Doering, John

- I-5.1 The commenter has suggested that cultivation on slopes greater than 25% should be prohibited. Based upon comments received on the issues of erosion and water quality, proposed Policy OS-3.5 has been modified to include provisions that further restrict cultivation on slopes over 25%. Please refer to the discussion in Master Response 3 on General Plan Agricultural Policies for a discussion of the proposed changes to Policy OS-3.5. These can also be found in Chapter 5 of the FEIR.
- I-5.2 The commenter is suggesting that circulation policies in the General Plan be modified regarding levels of service. These comments reflect the opinions of the commenter regarding policies of the Draft General Plan and are not substantive comments on adequacy or content of the EIR. All comments will be forwarded to the decision-makers for their consideration prior to a final decision on the proposed project.

I-6 General Farm Investment Company (C. Bunn)

- I-6.1 This comment asserts that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) evaluations of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change are based on "faulty premises" and "fake data". The comment in specific claims that the IPCC's evaluation is based on data generated by Dr. James Hanson of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) and alleges that Dr. Hansen's data is questionable due to questions about prior temperature data for October 2008, arctic ice levels, and whether the 1990s were the hottest decade in the 20th century (compared to the 1930s). Based on these concerns, the commenter questions the reliance of the EIR on data from the IPCC.

The commenter disagrees with the scientific evidence on climate change presented in the DEIR. CEQA Guidelines Section 15151 states that "disagreement among experts does

not make an EIR inadequate.” The DEIR relies on the findings of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Contrary to the commenter’s claim, the IPCC is highly respected and is the leading international body related to the issue of climate change. The IPCC is composed of leading climate scientists from around the world and was established by the United Nations Environmental Programme and the World Meteorological Organization in 1988. The panel itself is made up of more than 2,500 scientific and technical experts from more than 60 countries all over the world. The scientists are from widely divergent research fields including climatology, ecology, economics, medicine, and oceanography. The IPCC is referred to as the largest peer-reviewed scientific cooperation project in history. (California Climate Change Portal 2009)

The IPCC prepares predictions of the potential impact of the greenhouse effect according to existing climate models and peer-reviewed literature information. It reviews and assesses the most recent peer-reviewed scientific, technical and socio-economic information produced worldwide relevant to the understanding of climate change (the IPCC itself does not conduct any research, nor does it monitor climate related data or parameters). Review is an essential part of the IPCC process, to ensure an objective and complete assessment of current information. Differing viewpoints existing within the scientific community are reflected in the IPCC reports. (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2009)

The commenter has not provided any reference to peer-reviewed scientific articles that question the conclusions in the IPCC’s Fourth Assessment Report, which is the report cited in the EIR as the source of information about projected global warming and associated temperatures. Instead the commenter references undated newspaper reporting from the London Telegraph concerning Dr. Hansen (which makes it difficult to track down the newspaper assertions and the basis for them). Further, the comment quotes two researchers (McIntyre and Watts) as disputing Dr. Hansen’s data without citing the source of Mr. McIntyre’s and Mr. Watts evidence.

Beginning in 1990, the IPCC has prepared a series of Assessment Reports on Climate Change. The most recent, the Fourth Assessment Report, was released in 2007. The County has relied, in part, upon the work of IPCC because it is highly regarded and scientifically sound. Other agencies relying upon the work of the IPCC include the California ARB, Natural Resources Agency, and other members of the State’s Climate Action Team.

According to “The Scientific Consensus on Climate Change”, *Science*, 3 December 2004, p. 1686:

“The scientific consensus is clearly expressed in the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Created in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environmental Programme, IPCC’s purpose is to evaluate the state of climate science as a basis for informed policy action, primarily on the basis of peer-reviewed and published scientific literature. In its most recent assessment, IPCC states unequivocally that the consensus of scientific opinion is that Earth’s climate is being affected by human activities: ‘Human activities ... are modifying the concentration of atmospheric constituents ... that absorb or scatter radiant energy. ...

[M]ost of the observed warming over the last 50 years is likely to have been due to the increase in greenhouse gas concentrations' [p. 21 in (4)].

IPCC is not alone in its conclusions. In recent years, all major scientific bodies in the United States whose members' expertise bears directly on the matter have issued similar statements. For example, the National Academy of Sciences report, *Climate Change Science: An Analysis of Some Key Questions*, begins: 'Greenhouse gases are accumulating in Earth's atmosphere as a result of human activities, causing surface air temperatures and subsurface ocean temperatures to rise' [p. 1 in (5)]. The report explicitly asks whether the IPCC assessment is a fair summary of professional scientific thinking, and answers yes: 'The IPCC's conclusion that most of the observed warming of the last 50 years is likely to have been due to the increase in greenhouse gas concentrations accurately reflects the current thinking of the scientific community on this issue' [p. 3 in (5)].

Others agree. The American Meteorological Society, the American Geophysical Union), and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) all have issued statements in recent years concluding that the evidence for human modification of climate is compelling.”

The IPCC uses multiple sources of data, including those from GISS, as well as other temperature series. If the commenter is interested in examining such data it is explicitly described and fully referenced to peer-reviewed scientific research in the report cited in the EIR: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). *Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis, Summary for Policy Makers* (Working Group 1 Fourth Assessment Report) which is available on the web at: <http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar4/wg1/ar4-wg1-spm.pdf> and was made available at the Monterey County Planning front counter during the public review period for the DEIR. Given that the comment presents no actual evidence countering the IPCC's conclusion that global temperatures are rising whereas the IPCC reports do, there is no reason to conclude that the IPCC's conclusions are “faulty” or “fake”.

The concern about global climate change is a concern about long-term trends, not the immediate changes over a period of one year which can be subject to short-term climate variability. As described in IPCC (2007), the long-term concern about arctic ice is a documented 7 percent decline per decade in the extent of summer minimum from the early 1970s through 2005. The change over one year is not the relevant issue, but rather the long-term change is of concern. The IPCC report, unlike the only reference made by the commenter, is based solely on peer-reviewed scientific research and all information is extensively referenced as can be verified by examination of the IPCC 2007 report on the physical science basis for climate change. As such, it represents a far more reliable basis for evaluation of climate change than the claims made by this comment.

I-6.2 The commenter asserts that the link between changes in global temperatures and deleterious impacts on natural and human environments is speculative. Please see Response to I-6.1.

The conclusion in the DEIR is supported by numerous studies of the potential effects of global climate change. The State of California has undertaken an extensive interagency response to the potential adverse effects of climate change on California. This includes, among many other examples, formation of the interagency Climate Action Team, the

Governor's Executive Order S-3-05 (establishing goals for the reduction of greenhouse gas reduction in California), and the activities of the ARB to coordinate many agencies in implementing AB 32 (the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006).

California agencies continue to examine the potential effects of global climate change on California, methods to analyze that change, and means to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to predicted changes. These studies are too numerous to list here. For example, the California Energy Commission's Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) Program alone produced over 40 reports on issues related to climate change and greenhouse gas emissions between January and August 2009.

The comment provides no evidence or references to back up their claim for speculation. The potential for deleterious impacts on natural and human environments are well documented in the IPCC 2007 Fourth Assessment report (IPCC 2007). As described in this report, increasing atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide and temperature increases will result in agricultural output increases in the middle latitudes of the northern (northern U.S and Canada, for example) and southern hemisphere, but at the expense of decreasing agricultural outputs in the lower latitudes (particularly in sub-Saharan Africa) that may increase risk of hunger in a number of vulnerable countries. As to spreading "beneficial flora", it is unknown what this refers to, the above report concludes that approximately 20-30% of plant and animal species assessed so far are likely to be at an increased risk of extinction if increases in global average temperature exceed 1.5-2.5°C. This hardly indicates any purported movement of beneficial flora.

I-6.3 The commenter questions the use of the term "global pollutant" in regards to greenhouse gases such as water vapor, CO₂, nitrogen, and other common emissions.

The commenter misconstrues the use of this term in the context of global climate change. Greenhouse gases are not necessarily directly harmful to human health. Obviously, many of the so-called greenhouse gases are found naturally. However, it is their part in causing global climate change, as discussed in Section 4.16, *Climate Change* of the DEIR that raises them to the level of pollutants. The intent was not to claim that GHGs are toxic pollutants as a group. The federal Clean Air Act defines a pollutant as any compound which "contribute to, air pollution which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare." As discussed there, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Massachusetts vs. Environmental Protection Agency et al.* 549 U.S. 497 (2007) that greenhouse gases fit within the Clean Air Act's definition of a pollutant.

In response to *Massachusetts v. Environmental Protection Agency*, on December 7, 2009, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stated that: after thorough examination of the scientific evidence and careful consideration of public comments, the EPA found that GHGs threaten the public health and welfare. GHGs are the primary driver of climate change, which can lead to hotter, longer heat waves that threaten the health of the sick, poor or elderly; increases in ground-level ozone pollution linked to asthma and other respiratory illnesses. EPA also found that GHG emissions from on-road vehicles contribute to that threat. EPA's ruling can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/endangerment.html>

I-6.4 The commenter asserts that the possible environmental changes discussed in Section 4.16, *Climate Change* are “reckless speculation” and asks for the source of the information, and asks whether climate change will have any positive impacts. The comment states that commenter is concerned about EIR consultants’ intelligence and political persuasions.

The reference for Section 4.16.3.2 was inadvertently not provided in this section, but has been provided in the FEIR. The reference was actually “Scenarios of Climate Change in California: An Overview” (Climate Scenarios report), published in February 2006 (California Climate Change Center 2006). This reference was made available by the County during the DEIR review. The potential environmental changes that are expected to happen to California are well documented in the literature. Most recently, the May 2009 PIER report entitled *The Future is Now: An Update on Climate Change Science Impacts and Response Options for California* outlines the variety of adverse effects that are reasonably foreseeable as a result of global climate change. However, the science of climate change research is not so advanced as to be able to predict the particular impacts that may occur at the local level.

CEQA requires the disclosure of significant environmental effects. A significant effect is defined as “a substantial, or potentially substantial adverse change in the environment.” (Public Resources Code Section 21068) Accordingly, the DEIR focuses on the potential adverse effects of global climate change.

The impacts of Climate Change on California are documented fully in “2009 California Adaptation Strategy: A Report to the Governor of the State of California”. The Report, which provides information on the impacts on Public Health, Biodiversity, Ocean and Coastal Resources, Water Management, Agriculture, Forestry and Transportation and Energy Infrastructure, can be found at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/2009publications/CNRA-1000-2009-027/CNRA-1000-2009-027-F.PDF> Please also see Response I-6.1.

Thus, the presentation of the adverse effects of climate change on California and Monterey County is well supported by research and evidence in the record, whereas the commenter provides no evidence to support his claim. As such, the commenter’s aspersions about the intelligence or political bias of Jones & Stokes (now ICF International) are contradicted by the demonstration that the DEIR is based on credible and substantial evidence in the record.

I-6.5 The commenter points out that California contributes only a small amount of the additional CO₂ being released into the atmosphere. This comment relates to the veracity of global warming and to the level of response by California. See responses I-6.1 and I-6.2.

The comment confuses the atmospheric concentration of GHGs with the annual share (12th to 16th) of California emissions as part of global anthropogenic emissions on page 4.16-4. The comment does not make any specific assertion about the adequacy of the EIR, but is clearly trying to imply that California’s emissions are too small to matter and to question where GHGs could actually cause global warming. Although GHG concentrations in the atmosphere are relatively small as the commenter notes, there is a

delicate balance of these concentrations that most scientists believe has been altered by anthropogenic emissions since the Industrial Revolution. Without natural GHG emissions, the earth's average temperature would be below the freezing point of water and would make human habitation of the earth difficult (IPCC 2007a). However, anthropogenic GHG emissions can result in an excess of greenhouse gas emissions that can result in warming of the atmosphere and result changes in climate.

As the evidence for anthropogenic GHGs resulting in global warming is grounded in peer reviewed science as best summarized in the IPCC reports and the commenter provides no scientific evidence to dispute those conclusion, no further response is necessary. The commenter is referred to the IPCC 2007 report on the Physical Science basis for climate change noted above for a detailed description of the science as understood today.

I-6.6 The comment asks why nuclear power is not considered under Mitigation Measure CC-3 as part of alternative energy promotion. Licensing and approval of power plants over 50 MW is under the jurisdiction of the California Energy Commission (CEC) and is not under the jurisdiction of Monterey County. Existing law prohibits the CEC from approving any new nuclear fission power plant until the CEC has determined that technologies exist for the reprocessing of nuclear fuel rods and the disposal of high-level nuclear waste. (Chapters 194 and 196, Statutes of 1976) The commenter is correct that nuclear power does not have operational GHG emissions associated with combustion of fossil fuels like natural gas-fired power plants and thus could be part of a strategy to reduce GHG emissions associated with electricity generation emissions. Since the County does not have the authority to pursue large-scale power plants, and state law establishes a moratorium on same, whereas it can promote small-scale alternative energy within its jurisdiction, nuclear power is not included in Mitigation Measure CC-3. Should the Board wish to consider the potential promotion of nuclear power in the future, the environmental impacts of policies to promote potential new nuclear power would need to be evaluated under CEQA.

I-6.7 The commenter asks why 75% has been recommended as a waste reduction goal in Mitigation Measure CC-4, Promote Recycling and Waste Reduction.

The 75% goal was selected as an achievable level of landfill diversion on the basis of the diversion rates of other communities. AB 479 (Chesbro), currently under consideration in the State Legislature, would set a 75% goal for diversion from landfills.

I-6.8 The comment asks why the DEIR discusses the need for additional reductions in GHG emissions beyond 2020 when the DEIR notes that Executive Order S-03-05 does not create legal mandates for local government. The commenter is correct that Executive Order S-03-05 does not create a legal requirement to comply with the 2050 targets. However, the scientific understanding of climate change science today has identified that changes of greater than 2 degrees Celsius will likely result in substantial and far-reaching climate change effects (see IPCC 2007b) and that substantial reductions on the order of 50 percent reduction of GHG emissions below 1990 global levels may be necessary to keep the temperature rise to less than 2 degrees Celsius (see IPCC 2007). In order to achieve the 50 percent reduction from 1990 levels globally, it is estimated that developed countries (U.S./Canada, Europe, Japan etc.) will need to reduce emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels while developing countries have lesser levels of reductions (given their

lesser economic ability to control GHG emissions). Thus, the reason that the DEIR discusses the period after 2020, is that further GHG reductions will be necessary in Monterey County and globally in order for the emissions in the County to not contribute considerably to GHG emissions that will result in temperature rises greater than 2 degrees Celsius.

- I-6.9 The commenter asks about the need to analyze full build out in the year 2092 in light of the 20-year timeframe of the General Plan.

The County is making a good faith effort to comply with CEQA's requirement that it analyze the reasonably foreseeable impacts of development under the General Plan. Since the level of development expressed in the General Plan would theoretically reach build out in 2092, the DEIR examines (to the level reasonably possible) impacts in 2092. As described in the DEIR, the full buildout of the 2007 General Plan would not occur by 2030 (only about 28% of the total buildout is expected by 2030). Given that the General Plan can be expected to be updated long before that time, the County will adjust its analysis and policies in accordance with the conditions at that time of those updates. Where conditions have changed sufficiently to make the long-term mitigation measures identified in the DEIR infeasible or no longer pertinent, then those measures can be deleted or revised as needed.

- I-6.10 The comment requests that Mitigation Measure BIO-1.5 (which calls for a Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) to be developed for the period after 2030 - not an HCP as asserted in comment) be deleted due to concerns about cost and justification as needed to address impacts. The comment also asserts that Jones & Stokes (the consultant drafting the EIR) has a conflict of interest because it prepares conservation plans.

Habitat conservation planning is a long-established approach to comprehensively addressing impacts to species protected (or expected to qualify for protection in the future) under the federal Endangered Species Act. The Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) Act provides for a similar process under the California Endangered Species Act. An NCCP provides greater certainty for both conservation and development by establishing rules and procedures for the protection of species and habitat that are specific to the region included within the NCCP.

First, the justification for Mitigation Measure BIO-1.5 is presented in the DEIR as the lack of a comprehensive framework to provide for protection of threatened and endangered species and to prevent rare species from becoming threatened and endangered. Second, cost has not been an impediment to the development of landscape-level HCPs and NCCPs in eastern Contra Costa County, Santa Clara County, western Riverside County, and large portions of San Diego County and thus HCPs and NCCPs are not considered to be infeasible mitigation as there is evidence they have been completed in other counties. Third, the DEIR was prepared with the direct involvement and approval of Monterey County planning staff and thus all mitigations included in the EIR are those with the County staff, and in its independent judgment found to be justified under CEQA. Jones & Stokes' professional involvement with the DEIR is to prepare the analysis and identify mitigations in accordance with CEQA requirements and based on the evidence identified. Whether or not future work related to implementation of the

General Plan or mitigation might be done by Jones & Stokes or another consultant firm or other parties is immaterial to the task at hand and is not evidence of bias in the preparation of this EIR. All future awards of work for consulting firms, including Jones & Stokes, must follow the County's contracting procedures. Pursuant to Pub. Res. Code Section 21082.1 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15084(e), the EIR reflects the independent judgment of the County, not its consultants.

In response to concerns about the NCCP process, the County has revised Measure BIO-1.5 to call for preparation of a detailed conservation strategy, as opposed to a formal NCCP.

- I-6.11 The commenter expresses concern over the establishment of a regional group or other process that would result in the transfer of water out-of-basin. Water taken out of Zone 2C, for example, would further exacerbate the ability to combat seawater intrusion.

Mitigation Measure WR-1 does not endorse any specific solution to water needs on the Monterey Peninsula and does specify that water transfers from Zone 2C need to be part of the solution. The comment is noted, but does not require any revision to the DEIR.

The commenter misunderstands the intent of Mitigation Measure WR-1, which is to encourage dialogue between the County and other interested entities toward the end of finding acceptable solutions to chronic water supply problems. This would not include approaches that are contrary to law, such as the transfer of water from Zone 2C which defines the zone of benefit for the assessments funding the SVWP to users outside of Zone 2C; that would reverse hard-won programs dealing with seawater intrusion; or that are otherwise unacceptable to the cooperating entities. Solutions to the water supply problems of the Monterey Peninsula are focusing on new water supplies from desalination, not on transfers of water from the Salinas Valley that is already committed to Salinas Valley activities under the Salinas Valley Water Project and limited by existing financing and other agreements.

The comment also expresses that the DEIR should have conducted its own evaluation of potential solutions to problems in the Seaside Aquifer and the Monterey Peninsula. Please see Master Response 4 concerning water resources and Chapter 4, which has an updated summary of water demands and supply on the Monterey Peninsula. The DEIR disclosed a wide range of possible solutions to water issues on the Monterey Peninsula and described the efforts of the CPUC, MPWMD, Cal-Am, and others to promote alternative supplies and address resource challenges such as seawater intrusion. The 2007 General Plan is not a water supply project and thus the analysis in the DEIR appropriately describes water demands, water supplies, and water infrastructure projects relative to the development allowed by the General Plan.

- I-6.12 The commenter disagrees with the use of 2004 AMBAG growth projections in the DEIR.

AMBAG's growth projections may vary, based on the ups and downs of the economy. The reasons for using the AMBAG projections are outlined in the DEIR Section 2.5. Using the 2004 AMBAG numbers provides a more conservative approach to determining environmental impacts. See Master Response 2, *Growth Assumptions Utilized in the DEIR*.

- I-6.13 The commenter requests that the DEIR be re-written to reflect “an impartial point of view, as opposed to the biased and agenda-driven point of view of the DEIR consultants.”

The DEIR reflects the independent judgment of the County, based on substantial evidence, not the single point of view of the consultants. This comment is noted but provides no evidence to support the allegations of speculation or bias on the part of the DEIR preparers. The DEIR offers an objective, and at times conservative, analysis of the potential for the General Plan to result in significant environmental impacts. This is consistent with the requirements of CEQA.

I-7a Haines, Jane (letter)

- I-7a.1 The comment points out that Figure CA-3 of the draft General Plan Update and Exhibit 3.16 of the DEIR incorrectly cite to “LU-2.23(f)” as the General Plan policy that governs establishment of the boundary of the Chualar Community Area. The comment also contends that the list of references in Section 11 of the DEIR contains an incorrect web address for California Department of Conservation Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program data. The comment claims both errors are prejudicial and requests that the DEIR be temporarily withdrawn from circulation until the errors are corrected.

Both issues were resolved following receipt of the comment. The comment is dated October 21, 2008. At that time, the comment period on the DEIR was scheduled to end on November 18, 2008. Subsequently, the County issued revisions of the DEIR, issued a new Notice of Availability, and began a new public comment period on the DEIR, beginning December 16, 2008 and ending February 2, 2009, to allow for public review of the DEIR with the revisions. The revisions consisted of: a revised Section 11 with updated citations; errata with modifications to reference citations in the text of the DEIR; a revised reference list for the Technical Supporting Data at the end of this DEIR; and corrections of typographical errors in maps. The revisions addressed both of the issues raised in the comment.

In regard to the commenter’s first point, General Plan Figure CA-3 (an aerial photo) and Figure LU-4 (a map) had contained an explanatory note stating that “the boundary for the Chualar Community Area will be established at a later date pursuant to LU-2.23f.” The identical figure and map, with the same explanatory note, were reproduced as Exhibits 3.6 and 3.16 of the DEIR. The policy number referenced in the explanatory note contained a typographical error; the number should have been LU-2.22(c) rather than LU-2.23f. Prior to the commencement of the new comment period in December 2008, the reference to Policy “LU-2.23f” was corrected to refer to “LU-2.22(c)” in the explanatory note on Figure CA-3 and Figure LU-4 of the Draft General Plan. The Figures, with the reference to the corrected policy number, were among the revisions issued in December 2008, prior to the new public comment period. In addition to issuing a new Notice of Availability of the DEIR as revised on December 15, 2008, the County issued a letter to the EIR distribution list explaining that Figures CA-3 and LU-4 of the General Plan Update are identical to Exhibit 3.6 and Exhibit 3.16 of the DEIR and the corrections apply to both. A note to this effect was placed on the County website. Individuals who requested CDs of the General Plan and DEIR were mailed a CD that included both sets of changes - General Plan figures and DEIR exhibits. A notice of

correction was also sent to the State Clearinghouse, and a new state agency review period was set.

Following the County's correction of the maps and figures, the commenter acknowledged the corrections and thanked the County. (See Letter I-7g, comment 3.) See Chapter 5 of the FEIR for GPU Figures LU-4 and CA-3 as corrected as described above. For corrected Exhibits 3.6 and 3.16 of the DEIR, please see the corresponding identical corrected GPU Figures LU-4 and CA-3.

In regard to the commenter's second point, prior to the start of the new public comment period on December 16, 2008, the County reviewed and updated the reference list and issued a revised Section 11 (entitled "Documents, Plans and Reports Cited (updated 12/05/08)") of the DEIR. The County began a new public comment review period for the DEIR following the issuance of the revised Section 11. The revisions to Section 11 include clarifications of the citation to which the commenter referred.

While the County does not agree that these errors were prejudicial, any informational inadequacy resulting from the typographical errors or citations was cured by the December 2008 revisions and new public comment period following the revisions. The commenter is also referred to Master Response 12, *Recirculation*, for further discussion of EIR references.

I-7b Haines, Jane (Joining TOMP)

- I-7b.1 The comment draws attention to the commenter's previous letter (comment I-7a) and joins in an October 17, 2008 request by The Open Monterey Project to correct deficiencies in the DEIR's list of references and to extend the period for public comment on the DEIR. The commenter gives examples to highlight the importance of correct citations and argues that the cumulative effect of the deficiencies in the references create an information inadequacy in the DEIR. The comment requests the County to correct the deficiencies in the references and extend the cutoff date for comments, counting from the date the corrections become publicly available. The comment is dated October 23, 2008. Subsequent to that date, the County reviewed and updated the reference list and issued a revised Section 11 (entitled "Documents, Plans and Reports Cited (updated 12/05/08)"). Following the issuance of the revised Section 11, the County began a new public comment review period which ran from December 16, 2008 through February 2, 2009. The revisions to Section 11 include clarifications of the citations to which the commenter referred. Any informational inadequacy was cured by the December 2008 revisions and new public comment period following the revisions. See also response to comment I-7a and response to the October 17, 2008 letter from The Open Monterey Project (response to comment O-21d.)

Subsequent to receiving letters regarding access to and errors in references, the County revised the reference section, provided better identification of the referenced materials, made copies available to the public, and extended the DEIR's public review period as noted above. The County has made the necessary good faith effort at full disclosure regarding the reference documents for the DEIR. Please see Master Response 12, *Recirculation*, for greater detail. As noted in Master Response 12, while several

comments have suggested that CEQA Guidelines Section 15087(c)(5) mandates availability of “all documents referenced,” this section must be read in context. As discussed in a leading CEQA treatise:

“[t]he requirement that the EIR public review notice indicate the address where copies of the EIR and all ‘referenced’ documents are available has also led to some confusion. This notice requirement should be read together with 14 Cal. Code Regs. §15150(b), which requires that documents incorporated by reference in an EIR be made available for inspection. See also 14 Cal. Code Regs. §15087(c)(5). This requirement should not be interpreted to apply to documents that are cited in an EIR under 14 Cal. Code Regs. 15148, because there is no requirement that such documents be made available for public inspection.” (Kostka & Zischke, *Practice Under the California Environmental Quality Act*, (2d ed. Cal CEB, January 2010 Update), p. 472, § 9.18.)

I-7c Haines, Jane

I-7c.1 The commenter corrects a mistake in commenter’s prior letter (comment I-7b) and provides an example to support the commenter’s argument that having a correct citation makes an informational difference. In the example provided, the commenter calculates that the post-2004 average annual acreage loss of Monterey County prime farmland is three times greater than the average annual loss in the preceding twenty years and contends that the DEIR does not disclose this trend. The comment is dated October 24, 2008. See responses to comments I-7a and I-7b regarding County’s subsequent revision to references and new public review period following that revision.

In regard to the comment concerning trends in the loss of prime farmland, Table 4.2-7 in the DEIR (Agricultural Land Converted to Urban Uses 1992-2006) includes the data for 2004-2006 and shows that 151 acres of Important Farmland and 277 acres of grazing land were converted to urban uses. Table A-19 Attachment 3 provided by the commenter includes note 1 which reads: “Conversion among irrigated agricultural categories is due to the incorporation of updated digital soil survey data (SSURGO) into the 2006 Important Farmland data. This reflects modifications made to soil mapping by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as opposed to land use conversions”. In other words, some of the change in the most recent conversion data is due to a change in methodology, not actual conversions of agricultural land. This points out one risk of using a short time frame for trend analysis, instead of a longer period. Accordingly, the trend that is discussed in the DEIR (average loss of 319 acres per year between 1992 and 2006) remains relevant to the analysis.

I-7d Haines, Jane

I-7d.1 The comment, which was sent by e-mail on October 24, 2008, states that Figure CA-3 and DEIR Exhibit 3.16 as they appear on County’s website have not yet been corrected and still have the erroneous reference to policy LU 2.23f. The commenter explains that her concern is that the reference to the incorrect policy number leaves Chualar residents inadequately informed about constraints on the future boundaries of the Chualar Community Area that stem from a prior settlement agreement. General Plan Policy LU-

2.22.c regarding the Chualar Community Area states that the Community Plan for Chualar must be consistent with that certain settlement agreement in *Chualar Area Concerned Citizens, et al v. County of Monterey* (Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 107519), executed on or about October 16, 2001. Subsequent to the date the County received this comment, the County corrected the policy number referenced on Figures CA-3 and LU-4 from “LU 2.23f” to “LU-2.22c.” The County also subsequently made corrections to Exhibits 3.6 and 3.16. As noted in the response to comment I-7a, the County began a new comment public period following issuance of the revisions. Therefore, the General Plan Update and DEIR adequately informed the public about the future boundaries.

I-7e Haines, Jane

I-7e.1 This comment is a series of e-mails from October 23 to 27, 2008 criticizing the County for its inadequate response to commenter’s complaint about access to references listed in Section 11 of the DEIR. The October 27 e-mail also expresses concern that the County had not yet made corrections to the typographical error pertaining to Chualar Community Area boundaries which commenter had requested a week earlier.

The issues raised in this comment have been resolved. Subsequent to receipt of these e-mails, the County reviewed and updated the reference list and issued a revised Section 11 (entitled “Documents, Plans and Reports Cited (updated 12/05/08)”), corrected the policy number referenced in the map and photo explaining the Chualar Community Area boundaries, and commenced a new public comment review period on the revised DEIR which ran from December 16, 2008 through February 2, 2009. Any informational inadequacy was cured by the December 2008 revisions and a new public comment period was initiated following the revisions. See also responses to comments I-7a, I-7b, and I-7d above. The earliest of the series of e-mails in this comment transmitted the October 23, 2008 letter that is comment I-7b. See I-7b for specific response to that comment.

I-7f Haines, Jane

I-7f.1 The comment seeks explanation of proposed policy AG-1.12 of the General Plan Update and is not a comment on the EIR. The comment does not address significant environmental issues or analysis in the EIR. Under CEQA, agencies, in responding to comments, “need only respond to significant environmental issues and do not need to provide all information requested by reviewers, as long as a good faith effort at full disclosure is made in the EIR.” (CEQA Guidelines § 15204)

The commenter should note that Mr. Holm of the Monterey County Planning Department responded to the e-mail on November 19, 2008 and provided an explanation of policy AG-1.12. See also Master Response 12, *Recirculation*.

I-7g Haines, Jane

I-7g.1 The comment contends that the DEIR analysis advances the misleading notion that Monterey County has been gaining rather than losing farmland because the DEIR groups together Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, and Unique Farmland and refers to them together as “Important Farmland.” The comment requests that the FEIR distinguish the loss of Prime Farmland from the loss of lesser quality farmland.

As commenter notes, Table 4.2-5 does show that there has been a 5.2% loss of prime farmland from conversion to urban uses for the timeframe 1984-2006. Table 4.2-7 shows that there have been a total of 4,463 acres of Important Farmland and 2,153 acres of grazing land converted to urban uses during the same timeframe, even though, as noted in the text, the percent of lands in agricultural use in the County has remained constant (61%).

The DEIR also distinguishes between conversion of Important Farmland - which includes three categories in Monterey County - prime, statewide importance, and unique – and grazing land. This reflects the distinction made by the California Department of Conservation in its Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program.

The DEIR does not understate the loss of Important Farmland to urban use and provides and impact analysis in AG-1 noting that even with mitigation, the loss would result in a significant unavoidable impact. However, because of the importance of agricultural production in Monterey County, the DEIR does point out that that the amount of land that is in production has remained relatively constant.

I-7g.2 The comment requests a revision of General Plan Policy AG-1.12 to discourage the loss of irreplaceable land, to provide an incentive for converting Unique Farmland rather than Prime Farmland, and to specify proportional mitigation requirements that distinguish between the types of land that are converted. The comment also incorporates by reference her September 20, 2006 comment letter on the DEIR for the previous version of the General Plan Update (GPU4).

The County believes that the policy as drafted provides a range of options for consideration in a program, all of which are necessary to address the loss of agricultural land. The policy specifically recognizes that not all farmland will have the same value with respect to the mitigation required. The policy intentionally did not state a percent value to distinguish prime farmland from other lands, because there may be site specific differences in the quality of the acre impacted. For example, is an acre of prime farmland that is already surrounded by urban or industrial land of the same “value” as pristine prime farmland? Location, climate, access to water, as well as many other factors will be considered as the program is developed. It is also possible that the ratio could be greater than five times.

The commenter should also note that AG-1.12 stresses the importance of purchasing conservation easements and having the easements managed by a non-profit that specializes in this type of program. The purchase of conservation easements in Monterey County has played an important role in the long term preservation of agriculture land and reduction in encroachment by the expansion of cities into prime agricultural land.

The suggestions of the commenter will be provided to the decision-makers for their consideration.

- I-7g.3 The comment acknowledges that the County corrected the errors in the maps and text as they referred to the Chualar Community Area and thanks the County. Comment is noted.

I-8 Hale, Robert

- I-8.1 The draft General Plan policy on slopes is proposed for revision based upon input received at workshops conducted by the Planning Commission. Please refer to Master Responses 3, *Agricultural Growth and General Plan Agricultural Policies*, and Master Response 8, *Biological Resources*, for responses to issues raised in the comment letter, including the acreage of agricultural conversions and impacts on specific resources. These Master Responses also describe additional protections for steep slopes afforded by the proposed policy revisions.
- I-8.2 The DEIR biological impact analysis (especially Impact BIO-1) specifically addresses impacts on special status species. Draft General Plan policies and DEIR mitigation measures do provide protection to non-listed special status species, as described in responses to comments O-13a, O-13b, and O-14b. As explained in the response to comment O-17.1, the County has recognized that the DEIR did not apply the definition of special status species in the glossary of the 2007 General Plan; to resolve this inconsistency, the County is proposing to eliminate this definition of special status species from the General Plan. See Master Response 8, *Biological Resources* section 8.4 for a more detailed discussion.

I-9 Houston, Lance (Fort Ord Concerns)

- I-9.1 This comment includes a letter from a representative of the Fort Ord Community Advisory Group to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) regarding hazardous contamination on the former Fort Ord site. This letter does not directly address the proposed 2007 General Plan or the DEIR. However, to the extent the comments in this letter relate to the proposed project and/or the DEIR, they are responded to here. The County will consider all comments received on the General Plan in its deliberations prior to a final decision on adoption of the General Plan. Hazardous materials as well as the unexploded ordnance on portions of the former Fort Ord are discussed in section 4-13 of the DEIR. Under the base reuse agreement, the unexploded ordnance must be removed or otherwise disarmed before the area can be developed. Several proposed 2007 General Plan policies would reduce the potential for exposure to hazardous materials to a less than significant level. The proposed 2007 General Plan policies summarized below set forth comprehensive measures to avoid and minimize adverse impacts from potential exposure effects from routine use, transport, and disposal of hazardous materials.

Policy S-5.2 provides that the Monterey County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan shall include general procedures to implement the nationwide National Incident Management System (NIMS), statewide Standardized Emergency Management System

(SEMS), activate and operate the Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (EOC), coordinate responders, and implement other tactical response measures.

Fort Ord Master Plan Hazardous and Toxic Materials Safety Policy A-1 (Record of Decision reporting) ensures that the County monitors and reports to the public all progress made on the remedial action Records of Decision (RA-ROD) as part of the land transfer process.

Fort Ord Master Plan Hazardous and Toxic Materials Safety Policy B-1(RA-ROD implementation) requires the County to monitor implementation procedures of the RA-ROD and work cooperatively with the U.S. Army and all contractors to ensure safe and effective removal and disposal of hazardous materials, ensure compliance with all applicable regulations and hazardous materials, and provide for the protection of the public during remediation activities.

Fort Ord Master Plan Hazardous and Toxic Materials Safety Policy B-2 (RA-ROD implementation at Fort Ord) requires that the County monitor implementation procedures of the RA-ROD and work cooperatively with the U.S. Army and all contractors and future users/operators of landfill or hazardous materials storage sites at the former Fort Ord.

Fort Ord Master Plan Hazardous and Toxic Materials Safety Policy C-1 (hazardous material management and disposal plans) ensures that the County requires hazardous material management and disposal plans for any future projects involving the use of hazardous materials.

An extensive process of remediation is currently underway at the former Fort Ord. For more information, see the U.S. Army's "Former Fort Ord Environmental Cleanup" website available at: <http://www.fortordcleanup.com/>.

In addition, the federal and state statutes and regulations discussed in Section 4-13 of the DEIR govern the transport, handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes. Any future land uses anticipated by the 2007 General Plan would be subject to these requirements as well.

The proposed 2007 General Plan Policies identified above would avoid and minimize adverse impacts from hazardous materials. Additionally, as discussed above, federal and state statutes and regulations (including the DTSC's hazardous waste tracking authority), the Environmental Health CUPA (covering use, storage, and disposal as described above) and local response agencies such as the ERT, are in place to reduce potential exposure to hazardous materials, their routine transport, and potential spills. Therefore, the potential for hazardous material exposure related to implementation of the 2007 General Plan is less than significant.

I-10 Kasunich, Doug and Susan

- I-10.1 The commenter suggests that the proposed General Plan policy limiting further subdivision of lands in the North County will lead to litigation that would result in further growth (on the assumption that the County would lose or concede such litigation) and incur substantial public costs. The commenter suggests that instead the General Plan policies allow land subdivision upon meeting specific conditions, including a restriction on subdivisions to areas served by large community water system and sanitary sewers that flow to the Regional Water Reclamation Plant near Marina. Since these utilities do not exist in the Planning Area, the commenter suggests that this would have the same effect as the proposed policy, but at lesser legal risk.

The comment regarding potential future litigation is the opinion of the commenter, relates to the proposed policy rather than the environmental effect, and does not require a response. The policies of the proposed General Plan and objectives of the EIR are intended to guide new urbanization into the existing cities and the proposed community areas, rural centers, and affordable housing overlay zones. That will ensure that higher density will be located in areas with public services and will reduce the environmental impacts that might otherwise occur from less focused urbanization. The commenter's suggestion would be contrary to that approach in that their proposal could allow development within the county outside the designated areas, upon the provision of services. This does not foster orderly development (which tends to reduce the environmental effects associated with sprawl) and, for that reason, is rejected.

- I-10.2 The commenter suggests that this proposed policy regarding water and sanitary sewer service would lead the private sector to help solve area wide groundwater supply and quality problems. The commenter provides no evidence that the policy revision that they propose would have the desired effect. The County declines to make the suggested revision.
- I-10.3 See response I-10.2.
- I-10.4 The commenter opines that the General Plan must have clear language and a mechanism to limit future amendments in order to minimize litigation. This comment relates to the policies of the General Plan, not the impacts, and no response is necessary.

I-11 Knauf, Katherine (Don)

- I-11.1 The commenter has suggested that the Board of Supervisors consider her concerns about development on steep slopes. In response to this and similar comments, the County is proposing to change Policy OS-3.5 in the draft General Plan. Please refer to the discussion in Master Response 3, *Agricultural Growth and General Plan Agricultural Policies*.

I-12 L&W Land Company and Sakata Ranch (prepared by Brian Finegan Attorney at Law)

- I-12.1 The EIR preparer utilized the land use map from the General Plan and overlaid it on Important Farmland map. Wherever the 2007 General Plan designated non-agricultural use in Important Land, such as residential, commercial or industrial, this was identified as an impact. This equated to 2,571 acres. The EIR preparer utilized California Department of Conservation website maps to ascertain which newly-developed lands had the Important Farmland designation.
- I-12.2 The commenter requests a citation for a statement on Page 4.3-15 to verify that thousands of persons had been displaced as a result of Pajaro River flooding. The appropriate citation has been added to the text. Data is also available on the web site of the Monterey County Water Resource Agency:
<http://www.mcwra.co.monterey.ca.us/Floodplain%20Management/Historical%20Flooding.g.htm>, accessed February 15, 2010. This site includes information on the numbers of persons displaced during each year that there were record floods.
- I-12.3 Please refer to Master Response 2, *Growth Assumptions*, for a detailed response to concerns regarding the post 2030 timeframe.
- I-12.4 The Commenter mentions confusion caused by the attempt to speculate beyond the life of the 2007 General Plan and cites data in Tables 3-8 and 3-9 of the EIR. The commenter is referred to Master Response 2, *Growth Assumptions*.

The County has reviewed these tables and notes that there are several data points that will be corrected which would change the acreage assumptions pertaining to the Pajaro Area. In particular, in Table 3-9, the number of potential units by 2030 in the Pajaro Community Area has been reduced from 259 to 222 and the amount of industrial development from 293 acres to 34. The revised tables can be found in Chapter 4 of this FEIR.

However, the impact analysis was not affected by these changes in the table, because the overall acreage did not change and the specific number for Pajaro through 2030 was not utilized. Other methods were utilized for the impact analyses (traffic, air, and noise, water and habitat). For example, the traffic impact analysis was based upon the AMBAG 2004 employment projections for 2030.

With respect to the comments regarding the speculative nature of the Post 2030 growth projections, the commenter is again referred to Master Response 2.

- I-12.5 The commenter has requested an analysis of the impacts of removing row crop lands due to water constraints and a discussion of alternative land uses that might be permitted. The assumption that row crops would be removed is highly speculative. Nothing in the DEIR or in the draft 2007 General Plan policies suggests that the County will be solving the water supply problem in the Pajaro area or elsewhere by requiring removal of row croplands from production. PS 3.8 and PS-3.9 provide for coordination to address the water supply problem and development of a Capital Improvement Finance Plan. PS-3.12

provides for the development of an ordinance to identify conservation measures to reduce agricultural water demand.

Please also refer to Response to Comment L-8.1 for a description of changes to Mitigation Measure WR-1 concerning Policy PS-3.16 to address collaborative long range planning for the Pajaro Groundwater Basin. The text of modified Mitigation Measure WR-1 can also be found in Chapter 4.

I-13 Mitchell, Eddie

I-13.1 The commenter asks why the DEIR does not include the 12 guiding principles approved by the Board of Supervisors during preparation of the General Plan Update. The 12 guiding principles are not addressed in the EIR because they are not part of the proposed 2007 General Plan Update, per direction to staff from the Board of Supervisors regarding the project description. The EIR identifies ten objectives of the proposed project in Section 3.2.1 as required by CEQA Guidelines Section 15124. The comment does not address significant environmental issues or analysis in the EIR, and, therefore, no further response is required. The comment will be forwarded to the decision makers for their consideration.

I-13.2 The commenter asks why the DEIR does not address “general scale” considerations related to the availability of future water supplies and water supply infrastructure. Water supply is discussed in Section 4.3 of the DEIR. Section 4.3.3.3 in particular discusses local regulations that will act to reduce the impacts of water shortages. The analysis under Impact WR-4 in Section 4.3.4.2 discusses the availability of water supply to serve existing and future demands. Impacts related to the secondary impacts of water supply infrastructure are discussed in Impact WR-5 in Section 4.3.4.2. For an additional discussion of future water supply needs, known planned infrastructure, and General Plan policies that will reduce the potential for future development to exceed water supplies, please see the Master Response 4 on Water Supply issues.

The commenter is concerned that the DEIR does not adequately consider the potential environmental impacts that would result if there are droughts, no new water sources are established, and build-out occurs in accordance with the draft General Plan. Each of the major public water suppliers in the County is required to have an Integrated Watershed Management Plan that describes the supplier’s current and future water supply, projected demands, and provisions for service reductions during droughts. Watershed Management Plans that have been developed for Monterey County are discussed in Section 4.3.3.2. These plans and contingency strategies ensure that existing and future development within those areas will not exceed the water supply. The EIR provides sufficient information to enable decision makers to make a decision that takes account of environmental consequences related to water supply. “CEQA does not require a lead agency to conduct every test or perform all research, study, and experimentation recommended or demanded by commentors.” (CEQA Guidelines § 15204.).

The draft General Plan contains a number of policies that will greatly reduce the potential for new development within the County to exceed long-term water supplies. These policies will augment the provisions of the major water suppliers within their service

areas, as well as provide a regulatory safety net outside of the service areas. Pertinent policies include PS-3.1 through PS-3.15 (see Chapter 5 of this FEIR for the text of these policies).

These proposed policies, and the ordinances that would be enacted to implement them, would apply strict water supply requirements to new development proposals. Development proposals that fail to conform to these policies would not be allowed. Therefore, future development will be required to ensure that long-term water supplies exist to serve it. In areas where there are insufficient supplies to support substantial future growth, such as the portion of the Pajaro Valley within Monterey County and Monterey Peninsula (where the Coastal Water Project may provide a new source), development would be constrained.

- I-13.3 The commenter asks why the DEIR does not present probability analysis or assessment of “depending upon unproven new sources of water to meet development demand.” Such analysis is not necessary. Policies PS-3.1, -3.2, -3.3, -3.4, -3.5, -3.7, -3.9, and -3.11 of the proposed General Plan (see Chapter 5 of this FEIR) greatly reduce, if not eliminate, the possibility that new development will occur without proof “that there is a long-term, sustainable water supply, both in quality and quantity, to serve the development” (Policy PS-3.1). Additionally, the EIR analyzes the availability of water supply to serve existing and future demands under Impact WR-4 in Section 4.3.4.2. The EIR addresses impacts related to the secondary impacts of water supply infrastructure in that analysis of Impact WR-5 in Section 4.3.4.2. Master Response 4, *Water Supply* includes an additional discussion of future water supply needs, known planned infrastructure, and General Plan policies that will reduce the potential for future development to exceed water supplies.

For individual parcels, County Municipal Code Section 15.04.140 (within Chapter 15.04, Domestic Water Systems) requires that: “Every domestic water system shall provide sufficient water from the water sources and storage facilities to adequately, reliably and safely meet the maximum water demand at all times.” It further requires that: “Water sources shall demonstrate reliability and capability of a long term sustained yield in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 16 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.”

In summary, the policies of the proposed General Plan will require new development (other than a single-family residence on an existing lot) to demonstrate the availability of a long-term, sustainable water supply in order to be approved. Owners of existing lots must demonstrate that they can reasonably extract water of sufficient quality and quantity if they intend to rely on a well source or demonstrate that they have a “can and will serve” letter from a water purveyor.

The EIR is not required to provide the “probability analysis/assessment” requested in the comment. “CEQA does not require a lead agency to conduct every test or perform all research, study, and experimentation recommended or demanded by commentors” (CEQA Guidelines § 15204.). The information provided in the EIR is sufficient.

- I-13.4 The commenter asks why the DEIR does not assess the risks to the public should a 2-year or 5-year drought occur in the County before required water projects are built. At this juncture, there is sufficient supply to extend through a continued drought for most areas

of the County. The County is currently addressing the water supply problem in select areas of the County that have site-specific deficiencies and problems. This type of drought is not rare in California and is typically addressed through the drought policies and conservation regulations of water suppliers and, where necessary, action by the County to mandate conservation in areas within its jurisdiction. California is currently in the third year of a drought that began in 2007. The most recent previous statewide droughts occurred in 1987-92 and 1976-77. Please see the responses to comments O-21k.39 and O-21k.40.

Water suppliers throughout the County have instituted conservation plans in response to the current drought. As examples, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and the California Water Company (serving Salinas) have instituted their Stage 1 water conservation rules. These limit watering and other non-essential water uses. An example of a County drought regulation can be found in Title 15.12 of the County Municipal Code (enacted in 1976) that establishes limits on water use on the Monterey Peninsula.

The policies described in response to comment I-13.2 above, limiting the approval of new development to projects that have a demonstrated long-term water supply, will avoid substantially increasing demand within those areas of the County, such as the Monterey Peninsula, where water supplies are tight.

In conclusion, there are existing regulations in place that limit development where water supplies are short, including those situations where supplies are short due to drought conditions. The EIR analyzes the availability of water supply to serve existing and future demands under Impact WR-4 in Section 4.3.4.2. Master Response 4 includes discussion of future water supply needs, known planned infrastructure, and General Plan policies that will reduce the potential for future development to exceed water supplies. The EIR is not required to provide the “assessment of the risks to the public” requested in the comment. “CEQA does not require a lead agency to conduct every test or perform all research, study, and experimentation recommended or demanded by commentors” (CEQA Guidelines § 15204.). The information provided in the EIR is sufficient, and the impact on water supply from a 2-5 year drought would be less than significant.

- I-13.5 The commenter asks why the DEIR does not address “the potential environmental impacts to coastal cities and other community areas, by the General Plan establishing a public policy of allowing years of housing buildout before ‘new sources’ of water are built.” The proposed General Plan does not propose any substantial changes to existing land use designations within the Coastal Zone. (See EIR, Sec. 4.1, Land Use.) Further, the proposed General Plan does not include any policy that would allow years of housing to be built before new sources of water are available. Please refer to Master Response 11, *Effect of GPU5 on the Local Coastal Program and Impacts to Coastal Resources*. Please see response to comment I-13.2 above, which addresses the proposed General Plan policies that would limit the approval of new development to projects that have a demonstrated long-term water supply and avoid substantially increasing demand within those areas of the County, such as the Monterey Peninsula, where water supplies are tight. The EIR analyzes the availability of water supply to serve existing and future demands under Impact WR-4 in Section 4.3.4.2. Master Response 4 includes additional discussion of future water supply needs, known planned infrastructure, and General Plan policies that will reduce the potential for future development to exceed water supplies.

On paper, the Monterey Peninsula holds the greatest potential for additional development within the Coastal Zone. However, in reality that potential is severely constrained by existing development restrictions. As discussed in Chapter 4.3 of the DEIR, the Monterey Peninsula has only limited water resources available. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has imposed restrictions on additional connections, including connections within the cities, because of the limited water supply. As discussed in the Master Response 4, *Water Supply* the State Water Resources Control Board has issued a cease and desist order against California American Water (the major water purveyor on the Monterey Peninsula) that will eliminate over time that portion of their use of Carmel River water for which they have no permit. The cease and desist order's mandate is loosely linked to the availability of water from the Coastal Water Project, but is not specifically based on the operation of that project. There is no evidence that the existing restrictions on connections and water use would be eased before a new source of water is available. Nor is there any evidence of an inconsistency with the proposed General Plan's goal to restrain development without a proven sustainable water supply.

- I-13.6 The commenter asserts that the CSIP has failed to halt seawater intrusion and asks that the EIR reveal that condition. The CSIP treats water received at the regional wastewater treatment plant and currently delivers the treated water to 12,800 acres of farmland in the Castroville area. This allows farmers to reduce the groundwater extraction that leads to seawater intrusion.

The CSIP is part of a joint effort by the Monterey County Regional Pollution Control Agency (MCRPCA) and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) to halt seawater intrusion at the western end of the Salinas Valley groundwater basin. The CSIP will work in conjunction with the SVWP to provide surface water to area farmers, reducing their groundwater demands, and to infiltrate Salinas River water directly into the aquifer. The DEIR, on Pages 4.3-32 through 4.3-35 provides additional information on the SVWP. As discussed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/EIR) prepared for the SVWP, sophisticated groundwater modeling indicates that these operations will halt seawater intrusion. The text of the DEIR for the General Plan (see Page 4.3-33) refers to information in the EIS/EIR for the SVWP that contains the background information, demand estimates and modeling data to support the information provided in the General Plan DEIR with respect to supply and reversal of seawater intrusion. This document was included in Chapter 11, *Documents, Plans, and Reports Cited*, of the DEIR. The DEIR references that information in Chapter 4.3.

Therefore, the analysis in the DEIR is supported by substantial evidence, and no change to the DEIR is necessary.

- I-13.7 The commenter asks why mitigations related to coastal water projects will be beneficial when fully restoring groundwater basins to pre-intrusion levels is undocumented.

The DEIR notes that full restoration of groundwater basins that are subject to seawater intrusion has not been documented anywhere. Full restoration would constitute actually pushing seawater intrusion out of the aquifer. Full restoration is not realistic and is not the goal of the agencies (MCRPCA and MCWRA) and their CSIP and SVWP programs. The projects are beneficial because they will halt further seawater intrusion into the groundwater aquifers at their existing levels. The General Plan update will not result in a

worsening of the existing condition of seawater intrusion, as addressed in Section 4.3 of the EIR. Please refer to Master Response 4, *Water Supply* for a more detailed discussion of water issues including the CSIP and SVWP.

I-13.8 The commenter asks why the DEIR does not address the potential impact of increased saltwater intrusion caused by additional buildout. See the response to comment I-13.7.

I-13.9 The commenter asks why the DEIR does not include mitigation to not allow development until new water sources are established or until MCWRA can provide empirical proof that the mitigations are reducing seawater intrusion near coastal cities. CEQA requires mitigation of significant environmental impacts, when feasible. The mitigation measures included in the DEIR are feasible. To address some of the comment provided on the DEIR with respect to water supply/demand through 2030 and post-2030 strategies, the FEIR includes changes to Mitigation Measure WR-2 that provide a review of actual growth against projections every five years and links this review to the development of future supply alternatives. Please also refer to Master Response 4, *Water Supply* for additional information on water supply demand and water supply projects.

Existing restrictions on development outside the General Plan process provide additional protections against development that would jeopardize local water supplies prior to the completion of additional supply projects. As discussed previously in response to comment I-13.6, modeling undertaken by the MCWRA for the SVWP indicates that the CSIP and SVWP will halt further intrusion of seawater into the Salinas Valley aquifers. As discussed in the Master Response 4 and in response to comment I-13.5, portions of the County lack adequate water supplies to support development to 2030. The Salinas Valley will have sufficient water as a result of the SVWP now in operation.

On the Monterey Peninsula, however, Cal-Am Water (the major water provider on the Peninsula) is currently diverting water from the Carmel River beyond its permitted volume for most of its supplies to existing development. See Master Response 4 regarding the water supply limitations on the Monterey Peninsula. Any substantial increase in development will not occur until additional supplies are made available. As discussed under Impact PSU-1 in Section 4.11 of the EIR and Impact WR-4 in Section 4.3 of the EIR, proposed Public Services Element Policies PS-1.1 through PS-1.6 set forth general standards for the provision of adequate public facilities.

Taking into account the existing and reasonably expected limitations on development on the Monterey Peninsula, the DEIR provides all feasible mitigation to avoid or reduce significant effects in the future.

I-13.10 The commenter asks why the DEIR does not include empirical engineering evidence of when water benefits will accrue to the urban and rural centers as a result of the SVWP. An EIR is required to provide sufficient information for decision makers to make a reasoned and informed decision. Evidence is provided in the form of the results of the EIS/EIR prepared for the SVWP, as discussed above in response to comment I-13.6. Engineering studies will be prepared when facilities are to be installed. This provides sufficient data for the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to make an informed choice at the general plan level of land use decision making.

Proposed Policies PS-1.1 through -1.3 of the draft General Plan establish Adequate Public Facility and Services (APFS) standards for Community Areas and Rural Centers and require the provision of services concurrently with new development within those areas. In this way, more detailed analysis will be required prior to development, including engineering studies if necessary to provide services and establish funding mechanisms.

- I-13.11 The commenter asks why the DEIR claims a mitigation benefit from future water projects “without sizing the current and increased water draw down/demand” and comparing it to the expected supply from these projects in the three watersheds. Each of the major water supply projects (Coastal Water Project, Regional Urban Water Project, and others discussed in the Master Response 4, *Water Supply*) is proceeding or will proceed under its own CEQA analysis. The purpose of these projects is to provide adequate water supplies for current and, where possible, future needs. The specific demand and supply analyses are being or will be detailed in the project-specific EIRs.

See also the Master Response 4 for clarifications on the information contained in Chapter 4.3 of the DEIR, additional discussion of future water supply needs, known planned infrastructure, and General Plan policies that will reduce the potential for future development to exceed water supplies. The Master Response summarizes the general supply and demand data for the three watersheds.

- I-13.12 The commenter asks what is the empirical data that substantiates the SVWP can provide “the amount of new water demand summarized in table 4.3-9 (over 49,000 AFY).” Table 4.3-9 of the DEIR does not say that new water demand will be 49,000 acre-feet per year. It is not clear what information the comment is referencing, and no further response is possible. Please see and response to comment I-13.13 below for information about the SVMP. Please refer to Master Response 4 for a detailed discussion of the SVWP analysis of future water demand and how it will be addressed by the implementation of the Project.

- I-13.13 The commenter asks for the empirical data that substantiates the assertion in the DEIR that the SVWP will provide sufficient supply to reverse existing overdraft and provide water for new development. The DEIR relies upon the information provided in the EIS/EIR prepared for the SVWP to support this statement, as discussed in response to comment I-13.6. The SVWP EIS/EIR reflects the results of the SVIGSIM model in its conclusions. The SVIGSIM model is well accepted as a locally-calibrated simulation of the Salinas Valley’s groundwater and has been used extensively in water supply planning within the Salinas Valley. The SVIGSIM runs for the SVWP conclude that that project will reverse overdraft conditions within all basins within the Salinas Valley. To clarify a statement in the DEIR regarding the “reversal” of seawater intrusion: while existing seawater intrusion cannot be reversed to the extent that the existing line of seawater intrusion is pushed westward, the DEIR intends to say that the existing *trend* of eastward movement of that line will be halted. As noted in the SVWP EIS/EIR, additional delivery systems will be needed in order to deliver water to some parts of the Zone 2C zone of benefit. Please refer to Master Response 4, *Water Supply*, subsection 2.4 for further discussion of this issue.

- I-13.14 The commenter asks for documentation of instances where a project like the SVMP has re-balanced a water basin similar to the Salinas Valley and supplied water demand to dispersed sites. This request is outside of the scope of this EIR. The project at hand is the proposed General Plan, not the SVWP. The DEIR relies upon the information resulting from the SVIGSIM run for the SVWP. That is sufficient to support the conclusions of the DEIR. See also the response to comment I-13-13.
- I-13.15 The commenter asks how new water from the SVWP and other sources will reach new development areas within the Salinas Valley. Proposed Policies PS-1.1 through -1.3 of the draft General Plan establish Adequate Public Facility and Services (APFS) standards for Community Areas and Rural Centers and require the provision of services concurrently with new development within those areas. Implicit in this requirement is that future development will require the installation of new water facilities (consistent with the policies under proposed Goal OS-3 of the General Plan) or the extension of existing facilities to provide service. Under these policies, new development will not occur absent the provision of adequate services. Therefore, the impacts of development within those areas will not occur absent the availability of water.
- I-13.16 The commenter asks what empirical data substantiates how new water sources will reach upgradient locations such as North County and mid-valley cities. See the response to comment I-13.15. See also the Master Response 4, *Water Supply* for a discussion of initiatives currently underway outside of the General Plan update to deliver water to the North County.
- I-13.17 The commenter asks why the DEIR does not state that the 9,700 acre-feet per year supplied by the SVWP will only match the average annual irrigation usage and provides no new source of water for new development, nor overcomes existing overdraft. See the Master Response 4, *Water Supply* for a discussion of the expected reduction in agricultural water demand within the Salinas Valley.
- I-13.18 The commenter asks why the DEIR fails to reveal that allowing build-out prior to the availability of new water sources will result in a draw-down of the basin four times the amount the SVWP will provide. See the Master Response 4, *Water Supply*. See also the responses to comments I-13.2 and I-13.3, above. There is no evidence that build-out would occur in advance of water availability, thereby increasing seawater intrusion and endangering farms and cities as claimed by the commenter. As noted in Section 2.5 of the DEIR, although the DEIR relies on the AMBAG 2004 growth forecasts, the updated AMBAG 2008 forecast indicates that future growth will be significantly constrained from earlier predictions. There is no basis for the commenter's assertion that buildout will occur prior to the completion of the SVWP (the SVWP is expected to go into service in 2010). Please also refer to the changes to Mitigation Measure WR-1 which will require an analysis of actual growth against projected growth. These can be found in Chapter 4 of this FEIR.
- I-13.19 The commenter notes that numerous water sources are listed as impaired water bodies and asks why the DEIR allegedly fails to reveal the environmental and engineering difficulties with the regional and coastal water projects associated with the removal of pollutants. The DEIR is analyzing the proposed General Plan, not the proposed water projects now being considered by other agencies. The questions of environmental and

engineering challenges are being or will be addressed in the design and CEQA processes for those projects.

- I-13.20 The commenter asks why the DEIR does not reveal the degree that pesticide removal from water flowing past the Marina landfill will impact the SVWP and CSIP. Pesticide removal is a technical issue that may or may not be of importance to operation of the SVWP and CISP. Both of those projects are obligated to provide their customers with water of sufficient quality to allow its application to crops. The degree of pesticide removal and its potential impact on the SVWP or the CISP is not an impact of the proposed General Plan and, therefore, is not within the scope of this EIR.
- I-13.21 The commenter asks why the DEIR does not provide an analysis of the impact of new development on the overdraft condition. See the Master Response 4 on Water Supply for clarification of North County water issues, including overdraft. The DEIR discloses that North County is in overdraft (see Section 4.3.1) and that additional development will exacerbate that problem. However, based on the policies of the draft General Plan, development will be limited in areas where water is not yet available and will be limited to lots of record only in North County, as discussed in the analysis of Impact WR-7 in Section 4.3 of the DEIR.
- I-13.22 The commenter asks why the DEIR does not include a risk analysis of the timing (i.e., optimistic, most likely, and pessimistic estimates) of completion of the proposed water projects. The DEIR identifies potential water supply projects, some of which are currently unfunded, in Section 4.3.2.4. The DEIR and the Master Response 4, *Water Supply* explain that funding is not currently available for projects that would provide water in the North County, although planning has begun on the water system for the Granite Ridge/Highland South area. With regard to the Coastal Water Project, Cal-Am is before the California Public Utilities Commission with a request to raise its water rates to recover the cost of that project. This information is sufficient to allow the County to make an informed decision about the proposed General Plan. The EIR is not required to provide the risk analysis requested in the comment. “CEQA does not require a lead agency to conduct every test or perform all research, study, and experimentation recommended or demanded by commentors” (CEQA Guidelines § 15204). The information provided in the EIR is sufficient.

This EIR is prepared for the proposed General Plan, not for the potential water supply projects. See the responses to comments I-13.2 and I-13.3, above. At such time as the agencies involved should decide to proceed with those projects, those agencies will undertake engineering studies and prepare the requisite CEQA analyses, as is occurring with the Granite Ridge/Highland South water supply project.

- I-13.23 The commenter asserts that the DEIR is structured on the assumption that the projects for generating and distributing new water supplies will come on line early in the life of the General Plan and asks why this assumption is neither stated nor evaluated for risk. The DEIR properly assumes that the SVWP, which is approved, funded, and under construction, will come on line relatively early in the life of the General Plan. The Coastal Water Project is currently under consideration by the California Public Utilities Commission and is expected to be in service by 2014 according to the information in the

EIR for that project. (Cal-Am Coastal Water Project, FEIR (October 2009)) The DEIR does not assume early completion for the other water supply projects.

As discussed in responses to comments I-13.2 and I-13.3, above, the proposed policies of the General Plan limit substantial future development until water can be provided concurrent with that growth. Further, as discussed in the response to comment I-13.9 and Master Response 4, *Water Supply*, existing water use restrictions on the Monterey Peninsula avoid the potential for development to proceed in advance of water availability.

- I-13.24 The commenter asks why the DEIR does not reveal that North County aquifers are failing, as predicted in the 1995 FUGRO report. The 1995 FUGRO report is the *North Monterey County Hydrogeologic Study, Volume 1: Water Resources* report that has been widely used by the County and other agencies, including the California Coastal Commission, for purposes of evaluating the effects of development projects in the North County on groundwater supplies. The study estimated that the North County had an overdraft of approximately 11,700 acre-feet per year. In 2002, the MCWRA released the *North Monterey County Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan*, which updated the overdraft estimates contained in the FUGRO report. It estimated the North County groundwater basin to have a sustainable yield of approximately 14,410 acre-feet per year, an extraction rate of 30,750 acre-feet per year, and a resultant overdraft rate of 16,430 acre-feet per year.

Chapter 4.3, *Water Resources*, of the DEIR explains that groundwater overdraft is a significant problem in the North County and that development under the draft General Plan would result in a significant, unavoidable impact on groundwater. See Master Response 4 on water supply for a comprehensive discussion of the North County water supplies by area. Master Response 4 includes additional discussions of activities that are underway that may provide additional water supplies to the area from the Coastal Water Project or the SVWP (for those portions of the North County within Zone 2C), if funding is available.

As discussed in the response to comment I-13.2, the draft General Plan includes provisions that are intended to minimize additional overdraft in the North County. In addition, for areas outside of the Rural Centers and Community Areas, the draft General Plan limits new development within the North County, Greater Salinas, and Toro Area Plans to a single family residence and accessory building on each lot of record.

- I-13.25 The commenter asks why the DEIR ignores the 1995 FUGRO reports recommendation that sustainable water conditions in the North County can be achieved by limiting development to one unit per acre.

See the response to comment I-13.25, above. The proposed General Plan would restrict new subdivisions unless a demonstrated, sustainable supply of water is available. Pursuant to Policy NC-1.5, in addition, development outside of Rural Centers and Community Areas in the North County Area Plan will be limited to a single family residence on each lot of record, which is consistent with what the commenter has suggested.

- I-13.26 The commenter asks why the DEIR allegedly fails to state that winery yearly water use may be above and beyond current usage, and why this section of the DEIR did not address the possible environmental impacts of a lesser rate of Williamson Act conversion than was assumed.

The estimate of winery water demand found in Table 4.3-11 of Section 4.3.4.2 of the DEIR reflects new demand. It is clearly labeled as an estimate of demand from the AWCP wineries – none of which currently exist. This is a rough estimate, based on the assumption that all of the wineries allowed under the AWCP would be built. Please refer to Master Response 4 for a detailed discussion and updated estimate of water demand in the AWCP.

Regarding Williamson Act conversion assumptions, the issue of the future demand for water from agriculture is not limited to lands under Williamson Act or similar land use contracts. Such lands represent a portion of the total irrigated croplands in the county. The analysis in the DEIR is based on the assumption, also found in the SVWP EIR/EIS, which overall agricultural water demand in the Salinas Valley will decrease in the future. For a further discussion of the basis for this assumption, see Master Response 4, *Water Supply*.

- I-13.27 The commenter asks why the DEIR allegedly fails to address the environmental impacts that would result from increased road congestion attributable to development of the Agricultural Winery Corridor Plan (AWCP). The AWCP is a component of the proposed General Plan and was analyzed as part of the proposed project (see DEIR Sec. 3.4.6) and at the same level detail (programmatic) as the proposed General Plan. The impacts of the AWCP are examined in the DEIR's air quality and traffic analyses (see Sections 4.7, *Air Quality* and 4.6.4.3, *Transportation*). The greenhouse gas analysis in Section 4.16, *Climate Change*, of the DEIR combines the wine corridor with agricultural uses in general. The mitigation measures identified in the DEIR would reduce impacts from future development in the AWCP. Please refer to Master Response 3, which contains a discussion of traffic that will result from the implementation of the AWCP, as well as Master Response 6, *Traffic Mitigation*.

- I-13.28 The commenter asks why the DEIR allegedly fails to address the cumulative environmental impact of 10 full scale and 40 artisan wineries in the wine corridor. See response to comment I-13.27, above. Potential future development within the wine corridor was included in the analyses of cumulative impacts in Section 6 of the DEIR.

- I-13.29 The commenter asks why the DEIR allegedly fails to point out that significant effects to water supplies could be avoided by first developing new water sources and distribution networks before allowing development, or by sequencing development after a new water source or water distribution network is funded and under construction.

The commenter is suggesting what is essentially being proposed in the General Plan policies on public services. As discussed in the response to comment I-13.2, above, the County is proposing to adopt policies that will limit substantial new developments from proceeding until (1) the development can demonstrate that it has a sustainable long-term water supply, and (2) the water supply facilities are demonstrated to be ready for

installation concurrently with the development. Please also see the Master Response 4, *Water Supply*.

Requiring installation of the water source and distribution network in advance of development, as suggested by the commenter, is not practical or feasible for reasons related to financing these public improvements. Specifically, the source and distribution network cannot be sized accurately without knowledge of the size and character of the development that it will serve. A benefit assessment district cannot be established to finance the construction and operation of the water supply facilities without that same information because the overall costs cannot be accurately estimated and parcel-by-parcel benefits cannot be allocated, as required by law. Similarly, impact fees (which are less favored for infrastructure financing because they cannot be used for long-term operations and maintenance) must be proportional to the cost of the improvements that they are to fund and the development on which the fee is being levied. Without knowing the size of the project, the cost of the overall improvements (and therefore the amount of the impact fee) cannot be accurately estimated. Therefore, the mitigation measure suggested in the comment is not feasible.

I-13.30 The commenter reiterates his claims regarding the alleged inadequacy of the DEIR's analyses of water projects and impacts related to development in advance of those projects coming on line and demonstrable blockage of seawater intrusion. See the responses to comments I-13.1 through I-13.29, above.

I-13.31 The commenter alleges that the DEIR fails to meet CEQA's requirement to identify feasible alternatives that would avoid significant impacts to water supplies. The commenter suggests four alternatives, discussed below by number. These comments may also be construed as comments on policies in the draft General Plan and will be provided to the decision-makers for consideration. Nevertheless, a response is provided after each of these alternatives explaining why they are not being included in the EIR.

Suggested Alternative 1: allow build-out to occur once a "new source" of water for the building area has been funded.

See the response to comment I-13.29. This alternative is not feasible.

Suggested Alternative 2: allow build-out to occur once a "new source" of water for the building area is under construction.

This is essentially the approach taken under the proposed public service policies described in the response to comment I-13.2. An EIR is not required to consider every possible alternative, but rather a range of alternatives that allows decision-makers to make a reasoned choice. Because this is similar to and within the range of the proposed policies, it is not necessary to include it as a separate alternative.

Suggested Alternative 3: allow build-out to occur once a "new source" of water for the building area is generating potable water.

This is similar to the commenter's suggested Alternative 2. As a result, it is similarly within the range of the proposed policies, it is not necessary to include it as a separate alternative.

Suggested Alternative 4: allow build-out south of Soledad now, while delaying build-out in the north Salinas Valley until "new sources" are on-line generating potable water.

This alternative would allow development in six of the seven Rural Centers identified in the draft General Plan to proceed without the concurrency requirements contained in the proposed public service policies PS-1.1 through PS-1.3. As a result, this alternative would lead to greater potential for new development to exceed service capacity within the Rural Centers than would the proposed General Plan. Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15130, an EIR should analyze alternatives that substantially reduce one or more of the project's significant effect. The commenter's suggested Alternative 4 would instead increase the impact on water supply by allowing substantial development to occur in advance of the installation of infrastructure to serve that development and would not reduce any of the significant effects of the proposed project. Therefore, this alternative is rejected as infeasible.

I-14 Phelps Family and Omni Resources (prepared by Brian Finegan Attorney at Law)

I-14.1 The commenter contends that it is inappropriate to describe and assess the environmental impacts of the General Plan through full buildout in the year 2092 primarily because such impacts are speculative, confusing and misleading.

State planning law requires that the County adopt a "long term" general plan; that is, a general plan with a long term perspective. (State of California *General Plan Guidelines 2003*, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, http://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/publications/General_Plan_Guidelines_2003.pdf at page 13.) The Guidelines provide that "[t]he local jurisdiction may choose a time horizon that serves its particular needs." *Id.* Also, California case law provides that even if a proposed general plan (or general plan amendment) is treated as a "first phase," with later development having separate approvals and CEQA review, the CEQA evaluation of a proposed general plan "must necessarily include a consideration of the larger project, i.e., the future development permitted by the [general plan]" *City of Redlands v. County of San Bernardino*, 96 Cal. App. 4th 398, 403 (2002).

Monterey County has the discretion under General Plan and CEQA law to choose to assess buildout to the year 2092 based upon its particular needs. The County's previous efforts at updating its General Plan were criticized for not adequately assessing the long term impacts of buildout based upon the policies of the General Plan. As noted in DEIR Section 3.3.1.2, "[i]mpact analyses for 2092 will be qualitative, not quantitative, for the most part because of uncertainty over what life might be like over 84 years into the future." Where the impacts are speculative the EIR so notes, but where reasonably foreseeable, the impacts of growth to the 2092 horizon are assessed. As discussed above, the DEIR disclosed the uncertainty in the full buildout analysis, and addressed the impact

at the 2030 horizon year and the year 2092 separately. This discussion is concise and not confusing or misleading.

Please also see Master Response 2, *Growth Assumptions Utilized in the DEIR*.

- I-14.2 The commenter notes that only one groundwater study for the Toro area is cited in the DEIR, the *El Toro Groundwater Study* prepared by Geosyntec Consultants in 2007. The commenter contends that the DEIR should also cite other groundwater studies performed for the area, including Anderson-Nichols & Co. (1981), Fugro West, Inc. (1996) and Fugro West, Inc. (1998). The commenter also contends that the DEIR incorrectly states that the Geosyntec report recommended that the B-8 zone be expanded to cover the entire extent of the El Toro Primary Aquifer System; that the Geosyntec report was never subject to public or peer review; and that the commenter's own expert disagrees with many of the conclusions of the Geosyntec report.

The comment cites to three studies that are 12, 14, and 29 years old. The comment does not provide the entirety of these studies, any analysis, or expert opinion to demonstrate that the assumptions and conclusions in these studies remain valid. For example, the 1981 study referenced by the comment discusses "population projected for saturated development." However, there is no discussion of whether this development is consistent with the development over the last 29 years or the development projected under the General Plan. Furthermore, the Geosyntec report cites to each of the other reports noted by the commenter (and other reports) and notes that these reports were "a key source of information" for the Geosyntec report (*See* Geosyntec report at page 4). These prior reports are cited throughout the Geosyntec report, in particular in the Water Balance chapter (Chapter 6), where they provide significant historical data. Thus there was no need for the DEIR to separately cite to them as their information was incorporated into the Geosyntec report (*See also Environmental Protection & Info Center .v California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection* (2008) 44 Cal.4th 459, 484 [holding that while there is a duty to consider comments by members of the public, however that duty does not necessarily extend to considering all of the non-project-specific secondary materials submitted in support of the comments.])

The commenter is incorrect in the assertion that the DEIR incorrectly states that the Geosyntec report recommended expansion of the B-8 overlay zone to cover the entire area of the El Toro Primary Aquifer System. The Geosyntec report clearly recommends at page 36, *Conclusions and Recommendations*, the expansion of the B-8 over the entire El Toro Primary Aquifer System if County policy does not allow overdraft conditions and mining of groundwater. The sub-recommendation is to expand the B-8 over areas with negligible or poor potential for groundwater production. The comment appears to imply that the commenter's property cannot be developed due to the groundwater issues discussed in the Geosyntec report, and by application of the B-8 overlay zone. This is not correct. The B-8 overlay zone generally precludes intensification of use, but does not prohibit all use. The commenter's property may be developed and used within the limits of the B-8 and other County regulations; at such time as the constraints leading to the application of the B-8 are addressed, an intensification of use may be permitted. Also, as discussed in Master Response 10 regarding the level of detail expected of a program EIR prepared for a general plan, the DEIR is not intended to provide a parcel specific analysis as suggested in the comment.

The alleged lack of peer review and the absence of a public hearing on the Geosyntec report do not detract either from the extensive qualifications of its authors, the report's value as an informational tool, or the value of its conclusions and recommendations. It should also be noted that the General Plan DEIR, which relies on the Geosyntec report, was the subject of County public hearings and a formal public review process, during which this comment letter was submitted and considered.

Furthermore, the September 18, 2007 study prepared for the commenter by Lohdorff & Scalmanini Consultants was not included with the comment. Without the actual report it is not possible to verify the cited information in the comment letter, nor is it possible to review the underlying assumptions or nuances of the report. The commenter asserts that the Geosyntec report (1) misapplied a groundwater trend lines analysis, (2) trend lines were arbitrarily located, (3) extrapolation of groundwater changes from 1960 to 2005 is misleading, (4) the omission of a water budget analysis was not presented making the header misleading which prevents a comparison between recharge and other water budget component estimates and calculated change in storage, (5) the report does not explain how there can be historical declining groundwater elevation under conditions in which there is a surplus in recharge, and (6) the conclusion that overdraft exists in the El Toro area is not fully supported by the findings presented in the report. For further details please see the text of the comment.

The fact that the commenter's experts find some of the analysis and conclusions of the Geosyntec report misleading and unclear is noted. The Geosyntec report contains sufficient factual data to support its conclusions, including well monitoring data discussed in Chapters 3 and 4 of that report. The conclusions regarding overdraft are supported by the estimates of buildout based on historical data (see Chapter 6.1 of the report) and the range of potential recharge (see Chapter 6.2 of the report). The conclusion regarding a drop in groundwater levels is supported by the data in Chapter 4 of the Geosyntec report, including Figures 4-6 through 4-10.

As discussed under CEQA Guidelines Section 15151, "disagreement among experts does not make an EIR inadequate." Furthermore, the comment does not explain how this affects the DEIR's impact analysis or significance conclusions. (See CEQA Guidelines Section 15204(a))

I-15 Pratt, Nancy

- I-15.1 The commenter cautions the County regarding slope development based upon a situation in Marin County where allegedly development on a slope pursuant to a variance caused a hillside failure resulting in damage to other private property. The comment is noted. The Commenter is also concerned about any specific exceptions to General Plan policies that might be made that could result in unknown consequences. Zoning variances may be granted on a project specific, case-by-case basis, and the environmental effects of granting variances is beyond the scope of a General Plan EIR. Variances relate to the zoning ordinance – there is no provision in State Planning and Zoning Law authorizing the use of a variance relative to general plan provisions. Therefore, this is not an issue at the general plan level; such environmental effects will be analyzed on a project level,

should variances be proposed. Please refer to Master Response 10 for a discussion of the programmatic nature of the DEIR and the proper scope of an EIR for a General Plan.

The DEIR has analyzed the impacts of designated areas and programs that have been provided exceptions to policies and has analyzed the impacts. Since this comment is not specific to any policy or property, no additional response can be provided. This is a comment on General Plan policy and will be provided to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration.

- 1-15.2 The commenter asks several questions regarding development on slopes exceeding 30%: (1) what is the “baseline” for grading; (2) is grade of a slope determined at a single point or on an average; and (3) does fill “mitigate” grading and how would it mitigate slope failure? The comment notes the eco-resort proposal in Sand City and the potential failure of sand dune slopes.

The baseline for grading is current conditions on the property. Policy OS-3.6 provides the formula for determining whether an area proposed for grading is on 30% slope. Slope is measured as “rise” (vertical distance) over “run” (horizontal distance) and thus on a flat, horizontal the slope is 0%.

Grading a slope to “fill” an area would be considered development under the policy and prohibited if the slope thresholds are exceeded. Individual projects will be required to obtain grading and building permits, and must adhere to strict code requirements in order to develop. There are a number of factors considered in the review of proposed grading including soil type, geotechnical data, and provisions for ensuring stability after the grading has been completed. Merely placing fill back in the area excavated is not sufficient.

I-16 Robbins, Margaret

- I-16.1 The commenter asks why the impacts for the Agricultural Winery Corridor Plan (AWCP) would be less than significant. The DEIR analyzes impacts related to land use under the 2007 General Plan, and adequately explains the DEIR’s conclusions that the impacts would be less than significant (DEIR, Section 4.1.4.). The DEIR also adequately analyzes and explains the significance conclusions of the 2007 General Plan’s impacts on cultural resources (DEIR, Section 4.10.3.7.). Impacts of the proposed AWCP are discussed throughout the DEIR (See, DEIR Sections 4.1.4.3; 4.2.5.3.). The AWCP is discussed in relation to impacts on cultural resources in DEIR Section 4.10.3.7. Please see Master Response 3 regarding general plan agricultural policies for further discussion of the AWCP. The level of detail provided in the DEIR is appropriate for an EIR on a general plan, and meets CEQA requirements in this regard. See Master Response 10, *Level of Detail for the General Plan and the General Plan EIR* for further discussion of this issue.

Special Treatment Areas (STAs) are discussed in DEIR section 3.4.10 *Special Treatment Areas*. STAs are locations designated in the County General Plan to promote specific types of development that are compatible with site constraints and surrounding land uses. The STA designation is intended to provide specific direction for future development in

that area based on those site-specific considerations or constraints. The DEIR designates 17 STAs (DEIR, Section 3.4.10.). The Gardiner/Tennis Club, which is part of the Carmel Valley Master Plan, is one of three additional locations that have been designated as “Study Areas.” This means it will be analyzed to determine whether it could support a STA designation. See also response to comment O-21k.258 for a discussion of how STA designations have been applied.

- I-16.2 This comment notes that native people populated the area which includes Carmel Valley. That is correct. As noted in the DEIR, the citation for this reference is Hester, Thomas R. 1978. Esselen. Pages 486–499, in R. F. Heizer (ed.), *Handbook of North American Indians, Vol. 8: California*. Smithsonian Institute. Rancho Canada Village would be included under the Carmel Valley Specific Plan.
- I-16.3 It appears that this comment is referencing page 4.10-12 (not page 4.10-2) of the DEIR. Public Services Element Policies PS-12.2 through PS-12.4 will help ensure awareness of existing historic resources and their locations by encouraging voluntary applications from property owners to qualify appropriate properties on the National and/or California Register of Historical Resources. Neither federal nor California law compels property owners to apply for register status – this is a voluntary action on the part of the property owner. Private property owners would have access to regularly updated cultural resource inventories (although not site specific records, which are not public information). Property owners would not be required to submit applications to qualify their property. However, when an application for development is submitted to the County (e.g., remodeling, additions, demolition), the County requires that the applicant retain a consultant to prepare a Phase 1 historic report for any property that is older than 50 years of age. This is consistent with the recommendations and common practice pursuant to the Department of Interior and State Historic Preservation Office guidelines.
- I-16.4 These policies are designed to promote historical preservation; the County would be directly responsible implementing these policies. See the discussion in response I-16.06 below for a description of how the County will enforce the policies.
- I-16.5 The commenter asked why Gardner’s (sic) Tennis Ranch is not defined in the same way as Paraiso Hot Springs. The description of each STA and Study area is unique to the individual parcel as noted in I-16.01 above. STAs reflect Special Treatment Areas for developments that already exist or have already been approved (e.g., Rancho San Carlos, Butterfly Village) or provide specific direction for future development in an area based on site-specific considerations or constraints. Study Areas are designated for areas where the County desires to look further at the constraints of an area to determine if a Special Treatment Area should be established and to what extent. Changes to the description of Paraiso Hot Springs were proposed in the context of a mitigation measure to protect the cultural resources there. The mitigation measure consists of a recommended revision to the proposed Paraiso Hot Springs STA policies. No such measure and no related revision to proposed STA policies are necessary for Gardiner’s Tennis Ranch.
- I-16.6 The commenter states that General Plan Public Service policies are not enforceable. The General Plan itself is not a regulatory act. General Plan goals and policies are enforceable through the laws and regulations of other agencies, through implementation of County zoning, subdivision, and other ordinances, and through future County

decisions on specific development projects. They are also enforceable upon discretionary projects that are subject to the requirements of CEQA. Site-specific analysis of potential historical resource impacts will take place at such time as development projects are proposed and subject to the CEQA. The commenter is referred to Master Response 10, *Level of Detail for the General Plan and the General Plan EIR* for further discussion of the enforceability of mitigation measures and policies.

The comment also asks why mitigation beyond CUL-1 is not needed in order to preserve historic resources. The commenter does not suggest any additional measures. The 2007 General Plan policies, which would be enforced as described above, and Mitigation Measure CUL-1 would minimize adverse impacts on historical resources to the maximum extent possible such that impacts would be less than significant. (DEIR, Section 4.10.3.7.) Further analysis of potential impacts to historical resources would take place at the project level, where site-specific information will be available.

- I-16.7 This comment concerns the proposed 2007 General Plan policies, but does not concern the DEIR or its adequacy. The County will consider all comments received on the General Plan in its deliberations prior to adoption of the General Plan.

The County is responsible for establishing procedures to identify the location and significance of the County's archaeological resources pursuant to Policy OS-6.2. The procedures will be adopted within a reasonable amount of time after adoption of the General Plan. During that time, development will be subject to the mitigation measures identified in the DEIR, ensuring that projects are examined for potential adverse effects on cultural resources and mitigation is adopted to minimize such effects. Efforts by historical, educational or other organizations to improve the public's recognition of the County's cultural heritage and the citizen's responsibilities for archaeological or cultural resource preservation shall be encouraged by the County. Individual development project proponents would be required to fund the analysis of the potential for impacts and any mitigation that would be required under CEQA.

- I-16.8 The commenter asks why mitigation measures beyond CUL-1 are not needed. See response to comment I-16.07. For the purposes of determining the significance of buildout of the 2007 General Plan policies to the 2092 planning horizon, the DEIR assumed that General Plan policies relating to the protection of archaeological resources, or more stringent policies, would remain in place -- not the contrary, as the comment suggests. Section 4.10.3.7 of the DEIR explains that the significance of impacts to cultural resources is being assessed in light of the policies of the General Plan that will act to reduce or avoid impacts. Because of the numerous policies specifically identified in the Impact Analysis discussions, no mitigation measures other than CUL-1 are necessary.

- I-16.9 The commenter asks where funding will be found for paleontological resources and who is responsible for monitoring. These questions go to the General Plan and not the DEIR. General Plan Policies OS-7.3 and OS-7.4 (survey sensitive areas) require field surveys for paleontological resources in sensitive areas prior to approval of development. This requirement will be funded by development proponents, and will be overseen by the County. The County will aggregate the information collected in a county-wide database. This database will presumably be funded from the general fund.

I-16.10 The commenter raises questions regarding the Native Californian Advisory Panel. The questions relate to the General Plan and not the DEIR. The Panel will be formed as part of the implementation of the General Plan. The County will be responsible for implementing the policies in the General Plan unless otherwise noted. Funding may come from the County general fund or from development impact fees; the source has not yet been identified. See Master Response 10, *Level of Detail for the General Plan and the General Plan EIR*.

With regard to the enforceability of the policies and mitigation measures, see the response to comment I-16.06.

I-16.11 The commenter asks whether tables include the coastal zone. DEIR Tables 4.15-1, 4.15-2, and 4.15-3 provide population estimates for the entire County, which includes people living in the coastal area of the County. The 2007 General Plan does not propose any changes or amendments to the Local Coastal Program, which regulates land use in the coastal zone. The DEIR analyzes the reasonably foreseeable indirect impacts of inland development on the coastal zone. (See DEIR Sections 4.3, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, and 4.9.) Please see the Master Response 11 which discusses the effect of the 2007 General Plan on the Coastal Zone and Master Response 2 regarding the growth assumptions used in the DEIR.

I-16.12 The commenter asks for Carmel Valley population numbers. The DEIR, Table 4.15-4, lists the unincorporated communities by population in 2000. This includes the 2000 population for Carmel Valley Village, which were 4,700. The DEIR analyzes the impacts from new growth/development. The analysis is based on the number of units that might be built to accommodate growth and is tied to land use policies, not current population. This comment does not pertain to a significant environmental issue and therefore, no further response is required. Under CEQA, lead agencies “need only respond to significant environmental issues and do not need to provide all information requested by reviewers, as long as a good faith effort at full disclosure is made in the EIR” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15204 (a).). The County will consider all comments received on the General Plan in its deliberations prior to adoption of the General Plan.

I-16.13 The commenter states that there are variations in the data on page 4.15-1. Estimates of the County’s existing population and future growth vary as statisticians attempt to correct for current downward trends in the economy. This is reflected in the variations in estimates.

I-16.14 See Response I-16.12. This comment does not concern the adequacy of the DEIR. Table 4.15-4 lists the unincorporated communities by population in 2000 and is derived from Census data. The names of the communities were not chosen by the County.

I-16.15 This comment concerns the proposed 2007 General Plan policies, but does not concern the DEIR or its adequacy. California Housing Element Law (Government Code Section 65580, et seq.) requires counties and cities to provide opportunities for housing to meet the projected needs of all segments of the population. However, counties cannot guarantee that such housing will be built, nor does California Housing Law impose such a responsibility. Housing construction is the responsibility of the private sector. The

County will consider all comments received on the General Plan in its deliberations prior to adoption of the General Plan.

- I-16.16 The term “accommodate” is a complicated term that includes designating the appropriate underlying zoning in the General Plan to allow different types of housing to be constructed into the future. For example, designating certain areas as high-density residential, would enable a developer to build 20+ units per acre, which theoretically would make each unit more affordable. This comment relates to a development project that is not part of the General Plan update. As such, it does not concern the DEIR or its adequacy. The reference to the Commons at Rogge Road is in reference to the County’s effort to provide smaller lots and multi-family residences.
- I-16.17 See Response I-16.12. This comment does not concern the adequacy of the DEIR. The progress that the County has made previously is not considered part of the baseline conditions of the project and is not relevant to the DEIR. The most recent Annual Implementation Report for the Housing Element prepared by the Monterey County Resource Management Agency Office of Housing and Redevelopment (approved February 6, 2007) indicates that the County has made progress toward meeting the dwelling unit allocation targets.
- I-16.18 The comment does not concern the adequacy of the DEIR. The jobs-to-housing ratio is one job to one housing unit. This is a conservative estimate because the 2006 jobs/housing ratio for the County was 1.73 jobs to one housing unit. Using the 2006 ratios, approximately only 649 units would be needed. As stated in the DEIR, given that the typical family is supported by more than one worker (some of the full time and seasonal workers may share the same residence), and that a substantial proportion of the winery workers can be expected to be hired from existing residents (who presumably occupy existing residences), the new housing demand from winery build-out can be expected to be substantially less than 1,140 units. Please refer to Master Response 2, *Growth Assumptions utilized in the General Plan* for a discussion of the residential development that is related to development of the AWCP.
- I-16.19 This comment relates to a policy decision made by the County Planning Commission in its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for inclusion in the Draft 2007 General Plan. The Affordable Housing Overlay is not imposed as a result of the DEIR. Rather, the General Plan provides criteria for an overlay and identifies three specific areas in the County that would be appropriate, subject to environmental review. As discussed in the water section (Section 4.3) of the DEIR, there isn’t sufficient water to meet projected demand in portions of the County (primarily the North County and Monterey Peninsula) and therefore regional water projects are needed. The referenced affordable housing project would not move forward absent a demonstrable water supply. Other potential environmental impacts of the affordable housing project would be addressed in a project-level environmental review.
- I-16.20 The comment asks for identification of areas listed as “very high”. The comment does not relate to the adequacy of the DEIR. A portion of Carmel and Carmel Valley are listed as very high. That is correct. The Monterey peninsula is depicted on Exhibit 4.13.1 in the northwest portion of the County adjacent to the Pacific Ocean.

- I-16.21 The statement referenced in this comment summarizes the impacts analysis section 4.13.5.3 *Impact Analysis*. The DEIR explains, in adequate detail, the reasons for concluding that impacts resulting from hazards and hazardous materials would be less than significant (DEIR, Section 4.13.5.3.). Please see Master Response 10, *Level of Detail for the General Plan and the General Plan EIR* for further discussion of this issue.
- I-16.22 The comment asks why the Carmel Valley Emergency Response Plan was not included in Section 4.13.1. The Monterey County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is responsible for initiating and coordinating disaster and emergency preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation operations within Monterey County. OES develops and maintains various emergency plans, including incident response plans for certain types of incidents and coordinated emergency response plans for certain geographical threat areas. During an emergency condition, OES is the designated lead agency and activates the Emergency Operations Center. This EIR has been prepared to analyze the potential for impacts over the entire county. Inclusion of the Carmel Valley Emergency Response Plan is not necessary to this analysis because it is not pertinent to the assessment of potential environmental impacts of the project.
- I-16.23 The commenter asks for background on evacuation routes. As discussed on page 4.13-28 of the DEIR, Policy S-5.14 states that all public thoroughfares, private roads, and deeded emergency accesses shall be considered potential evacuation routes. The “Pre-designated Emergency Evacuation Routes” as well as any other route deemed appropriate to the situation may be employed during tactical situations at the discretion of the Monterey County Sheriff and/or the Incident Commander. DEIR Section 4.13.5.3 adequately explains this impact, and the reasons for concluding it would be less than significant.
- I-16.24 The commenter asks for details of evacuation routes. Monterey County has designated emergency evacuation routes throughout the county. The evacuation routes are designated and maintained to ensure the safe and efficient movement of people, belongings, and emergency personnel including their support services during times of declared emergencies. These routes include U.S. 101, State highways, several numbered county roads, and various other county roads. These routes are considered “Pre-designated Emergency Evacuation Routes” and may be deployed when necessary. These routes are listed in Table 4.13-2 of the DEIR. Evacuation routes and air quality impacts for site-specific projects will be analyzed at the project level at such time as a development proposal is presented to the County and sufficient project detail is available. At this time, there is no specific proposal for any of these sites and therefore analysis of potential impacts would be speculative. See Master Response 10, *Level of Detail for the General Plan and the General Plan EIR* for further discussion of this issue.
- I-16.25 The commenter asks for background regarding stringency of regulation. The regulation of hazardous materials and wastes has grown increasingly strict over the past several decades. The assumption was made to assume that future regulations would be at least as stringent as those in place today. It does not assume that regulatory regulation would become even more stringent.
- I-16.26 The commenter asks for background regarding outreach and wildfires. Promotion of educational awareness and participation between fire protection agencies and the general public about fire hazards is assumed to decrease the risk of potential wildfires. This

occurs because informed residents and active education programs result in a higher rate of implementation of State “fire safe” standards for clearance of brush and other fuels from around buildings. This is the reason for public awareness campaigns undertaken by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, as well as local fire agencies.

- I-16.27 The commenter asks who is responsible for updates of fire hazards. The comment does not concern the adequacy of the DEIR. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection prepares and periodically updates maps of the Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) for those areas of California where the state has fiscal responsibility for wildland fire protection, known as State Responsibility Areas. It similarly prepares Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) in those areas where local government agencies have Local Responsibility Areas (LRA). The purpose of this is to classify lands where a very high fire hazard severity is present so that public officials are able to identify measures that will mitigate the rate of spread, and reduce the potential intensity of uncontrolled fires that threaten to destroy resources, life, or property, and to require that those measures be taken. The maps are updated by the Department, and reviewed by local agencies prior to adoption, as new information becomes available.
- I-16.28 This comment concerns the proposed 2007 General Plan policies, but does not concern the DEIR or its adequacy and thus no response is provided in this document. The commenter is apparently referencing Policy S-4.11 of the General Plan. As stated clearly in that policy, the County will require new development to include fire protection measures. The measures will be reviewed and approved by the pertinent local fire protection agency.
- I-16.29 See Response I-16.12. This comment concerns the proposed 2007 General Plan policies, but does not concern the DEIR or its adequacy and thus no response is provided in this document. As stated clearly in that policy, the County will require new development to comply at the building permit stage. The applicable fire district also reviews proposed new development at the building permit stage for compliance with fire suppression requirements.
- I-16.30 See Response I-16.12. This comment concerns the proposed 2007 General Plan policies, but does not concern the DEIR or its adequacy and thus no response is provided in this document. The details of the County’s house numbering system are not pertinent to the potential for environmental impacts.
- I-16.31 See Response I-16.12. This comment concerns the proposed 2007 General Plan policies, but does not concern the DEIR or its adequacy and thus no response is provided in this document. The County will consider all comments received on the General Plan in its deliberations prior to adoption of the General Plan.
- I-16.32 See Response I-16.12. This comment concerns the proposed 2007 General Plan policies, but does not concern the DEIR or its adequacy and thus no response is provided in this document. The County will consider all comments received on the General Plan in its deliberations prior to adoption of the General Plan. Checking compliance with building requirements is the responsibility of the County RMA-Building Services Department.

- I-16.33 See Response I-16.12. This comment concerns the proposed 2007 General Plan policy CACH-4.3, but does not concern the DEIR or its adequacy and thus no response is provided in this document. Further, the commenter does not explain what they are referring to by “the formation,” making a considered response impossible. The County will consider all comments received on the General Plan in its deliberations prior to adoption of the General Plan.
- I-16.34 See Response I-16.12. This comment concerns the proposed 2007 General Plan policies, but does not concern the DEIR or its adequacy and thus no response is provided in this document. The County will consider all comments received on the General Plan in its deliberations about finalization of the General Plan. The fees will be established in accordance with the Mitigation Fee Act (Government Code section 66000, et seq.), after the requisite “nexus” study and public hearings. Fees will be collected as development is approved. Depending upon how the Mitigation Fee Act is applied, this may be at time of building permit issuance or at the time of building occupancy. See Master Response 10, *Level of Detail for the General Plan and the General Plan EIR* for further discussion of this issue. The commenter is also referred to General Plan Policies PS-1.1 through PS-1.6, which establish requirements for concurrency with respect to providing adequate services and facilities.
- I-16.35 See Response I-16.12. This comment does not concern the adequacy of the DEIR. These policies apply to new development. Evacuation routes for development projects will be analyzed on a site-specific basis as part of the project review process. Monterey County has designated emergency evacuation routes throughout the county. The evacuation routes are designated and maintained to ensure the safe and efficient movement of people, belongings, and emergency personnel including their support services during times of declared emergencies. These routes include U.S. 101, State highways, several numbered county roads, and various other county roads. These routes are considered “Pre-designated Emergency Evacuation Routes” and may be deployed when necessary. The routes are listed in Table 4.13-2 of the DEIR.
- I-16.36 See Response I-16.12. This comment concerns the proposed 2007 General Plan policies, but does not concern the DEIR or its adequacy and thus no response is provided in this document. Periodically update means that updates will be done at regular intervals. The County will consider all comments received on the General Plan in its deliberations prior to adoption of the General Plan. Please see response I-16.35.
- I-16.37 The commenter asks for an explanation of the conclusion relating to Hazards and Hazardous Materials. The impact analysis discussion relating to Hazards and Hazardous Materials and supporting the finding in DEIR section 4.13.6 is contained in DEIR section 4.13.5.3, and begins on page 4.13.11 of the DEIR. The conclusions relate to the potential for new development (i.e., the change from existing baseline conditions) to result in impacts in light of the policies of the General Plan. Applying the General Plan policies to the Carmel Valley will require new development to provide sufficient emergency access and escape routes. New development projects that cannot do so would be inconsistent with the General Plan and would not be approved.
- I-16.38 See Response I-16.12. This comment concerns the proposed 2007 General Plan policies, but does not concern the DEIR or its adequacy and thus no response is provided in this

document. The County will consider all comments received on the General Plan in its deliberations prior to adoption of the General Plan.

- I-16.39 See Response I-16.12. The commenter asks for the exact date the traffic study was done. The precise date of the traffic data gathering is not pertinent to the analysis of environmental impact. The data was gathered based on standard professional practice, which includes consideration of school year traffic. According to the Carmel Valley Transportation Improvement Plan (CVTIP) Traffic Study (July 2007), the traffic counts were conducted in November, 2006.
- I-16.40 The commenter asks for an explanation of the figure of 1,188 housing units, but does not provide a point of reference that would enable the County to respond.
- I-16.41 The commenter requests an explanation of the method used to determine significant impacts to Carmel Rancho Boulevard and Rio Road. The commenter states that their personal experience indicates this finding is incorrect. The two referenced roadway segments were analyzed using the daily traffic volume-to-capacity ratio methodology used for the rest of the County. Based on this methodology, Rio Road (from the Carmel city limit to SR1) was found to operate at a LOS F under existing conditions, while Carmel Rancho Boulevard operates at LOS D or better. However, during the peak hours based on the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) methodology, the intersection of Rio Road and Carmel Rancho Boulevard operates at LOS B or better under existing conditions. Under 2030 cumulative conditions and buildout Rio Road is found to operate at LOS F (from the Carmel city limits to SR1) and Carmel Rancho Boulevard operates at LOS D. The DEIR identifies these levels of service as significant impacts under future conditions.

The comparison between existing peak hour conditions (HCM methods) and daily volume-to-capacity ratio methods, and the commenter's personal experience using these roads underscores the conservative nature of the volume to capacity ratio method using daily traffic volumes.

- I-16.42 The commenter states that there is no evidence that the County is abandoning the original plan line for the extension of Rio Road as indicated by the former County Public Works Director. The abandonment of the Rio Road extension plan line is not relevant to the 2007 General Plan or the EIR. No response is required.
- I-16.43 The commenter requests a description of the measures that will mitigate the significant impacts to Carmel Valley Road. The comment refers to the statement on Page 4.6-68 that states: "Within the CVMP, three segments of Carmel Valley Road are projected to exceed LOS standards, but mitigation measures are proposed in the CVMP Traffic study to improve these impacts to less than significant." The three segments refer to Segments 5, 6, and 7 using the numbering system in the CVTIP traffic study.

As described on Page 4.6-68 in the DEIR and in the CVTIP traffic study, the following traffic improvements, which are all included in the current County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Carmel Valley Road Improvement List, will mitigate Segment 5:

- Left-turn channelization on Carmel Valley Road west of Ford (those currently scheduled to be completed by 2007 are Boronda and Country Club as listed under the Monterey County CIP 2006-2012);
- Shoulder widening on Carmel Valley Road between Laureles Grade and Ford;
- Passing lanes on Carmel Valley Road in front of the proposed September Ranch development;
- Passing lanes opposite Garland Park;
- A climbing lane on Laureles Grade;
- A grade separation at Laureles Grade and Carmel Valley Road; and
- Paved turnouts, new signage, shoulder improvements and spot realignments on Laureles Grade.

Table 18 of the CVTIP traffic study shows that with the combination of above improvements, Segment 5 will operate at LOS D or better. The recommended improvements include passing lanes along Segments 6 (Robinson Canyon to Schulte Rd) and 7 (Schulte Rd to Rancho San Carlos Rd) to reduce the percent time vehicles have to follow slower vehicles, which in turn will improve the LOS to acceptable levels.

I-16.44 The commenter requests an explanation of discrepancies between Policies CV-2.10 (d) and (e) and CV-2.19 and CV-2.18 related to the improvements at the end of Ford Road.

Subdivisions (d) and (e) of Policy CV-2.10 state:

- (d) Laureles Grade to Ford Road - Shoulder improvements and widening should be undertaken here and extended to Pilot Road, and include left turn channelization at intersections as warranted.
- (e) East of Esquiline Road - Shoulder improvements should be undertaken at the sharper curves. Curves should be examined for spot realignment needs.

The comment states that the first policy extends the work required from Ford Road to Pilot Road and requires work east of Esquiline Road while the second two policies do not. The comment requests the exact location of the improvements. As discussed below, the sets of policies are consistent. Policy CV-2.19 provides more detail regarding the location of improvements, but a highly detailed description is not consistent with the level expected of a program EIR.

Policy CV-2.18 refers to monitoring and level of service standards and is not relevant to recommended improvements on Carmel Valley Road. Policy CV-2.19 includes the following improvements consistent with the statements in CV-2.10: “2. Shoulder widening on Carmel Valley Road between Laureles Grade and Ford Road” and “3. Paved turnouts, new signage, shoulder improvements, and spot realignments on Laureles Grade”.

I-16.45 The comment requests the justification, need, benefits and exact location of proposed passing lanes on Carmel Valley Road between Schulte and Robinson Canyon Rd. The traffic study prepared for the CVTIP analyzed existing and forecasted traffic level of service deficiencies in the Carmel Valley Master Plan area and provided the necessary

improvements, in this case, passing lanes, necessary for development to proceed in accordance with those policies. A Project Study Report will be developed to assess the specific locations of the passing lanes as part of the future project implementation. The General Plan and the CVTIP are both programmatic documents that are intended to identify potential improvements that may be needed to mitigate future impacts from development that could be realized under the constraints of the adopted policies.

- I-16.46 The comment questions how passing lanes would be implemented in areas where continuous left-turn lanes already exist. See response to I-16.45 above. However, it is not anticipated that passing lanes would be proposed or approved in areas where continuous left-turn lanes already exist.
- I-16.47 The comment speculates that it is not physically possible to make widening improvements to Carmel Valley Road without serious impact to cut slopes and utilities and that instead this “just another way to 4-lane the Road from the mouth to the Village”. Similar widening improvements have already been completed on other segments of Carmel Valley Road and have achieved the desired result. The County recognizes the community’s desire to maintain rural character and the proposed improvements should be taken at face value without reading unintended motives into the program of improvements proposed.
- I-16.48 The comment questions why “developers wishes should warrant traffic signals”. The General Plan and CVTIP do not propose any specific intersection signalization, but they also do not preclude the future consideration of traffic signalization. These decisions are best left to the detailed analysis of a specific traffic impact analysis and subsequent roadway design studies because the General Plan is a broad policy document. Traffic signalization is an important safety and operational design alternative which should never be excluded as a matter of policy without first undertaking a very thorough analysis based on specific circumstances.
- I-16.49 The comment requests specific explanation of why traffic signalization is a more appropriate design option than 4-way stop control at the intersection of Carmel Valley Road at Laureles Grade Road. An all-way stop installation at a major intersection is usually a temporary installation until a traffic signal can be installed. Without widening for additional through lane(s), traffic would queue back from the intersection to an unacceptable distance and exceed capacity during the peak traffic hour(s). Once traffic signal warrants are met, which they have been for more than a decade at this location, intersection capacity is generally increased and average delay per vehicle decreased with a signal installation. Also, on a higher speed major collector roadway like Carmel Valley Road, it is undesirable to require through traffic to stop when no traffic exists on other movements because this creates unnecessary delay. With a traffic signal, the light will remain green on Carmel Valley Road until traffic arrives on Laureles Grade. A traffic signal would significantly reduce delays and consequently, the overall gasoline consumption and thereby reduce our dependence on foreign oil and reduce our carbon footprint until a grade separated structure can be built. This issue has already been addressed through several meetings of the Carmel Valley Road Committee and a thorough review is available in the minutes of those meetings.

The final part of this question pertains to the portion of Policy CV-2.10 that discourages heavy vehicles from using Laureles Grade. Pursuant to the California Vehicle Code Section 35711, heavy trucks cannot be prohibited on Laureles Grade. However, the County can provide signage for alternative routes.

- I-16.50 The first part of this comment requests classification of each road improvement as safety/congestion management or capacity increasing. Since most projects satisfy both of these criteria and because such classification serves no useful purpose as it pertains to the EIR, no such designation will be provided. The second part of this comment seeks clarification of the “eastern terminus of Rio Road”. The reference to the terminus of Rio Road has been clarified as being at Val Verde Drive, and this suggestion has been implemented in the revised Policy CV-2.18 in the CVMP (Chapter 5).
- I-16.51 The requested information has no bearing on the General Plan EIR, a programmatic document, because it requires a degree of specificity and detailed design which is not appropriately address until design commences for a specific project. This improvement has not yet been designed and thus its specific location has not been identified. Therefore, the County has not acquired an easement or right of way for this proposed improvement. As shown in the traffic fee update (Appendix G.2 of the CVTIP, PRDEIR), the current estimated cost of this improvement is \$7.1 million, but this improvement is not planned until after 2020. The design of individual projects and CEQA project-level compliance (as necessary) would occur at a later date.
- I-16.52 The comment is not about the General Plan DEIR and therefore no additional response is required. The information requested has already been discussed in detail at subsequent meetings of the Carmel Valley Road Committee on March 18, 2009 and June 19, 2009. A summary of this discussion is available in the minutes of these meetings.
- I-16.53 This comment is not about the General Plan DEIR and therefore no additional response is required. Commenter should note that the Carmel Valley Road Committee concluded that the grade separation should incorporate features to control runaway trucks as the most desirable, albeit most expensive, solution. In the interim, increased signage and turn-outs should be investigated to allow truckers to check their brakes before descending the grade. See the response to comment I-16.52 above.
- I-16.54 See Response I-16.12. This comment concerns the origin of proposed 2007 General Plan policies, but does not for the most part concern the DEIR or its adequacy and thus no response is provided in this document. Proposed policies were provided to the Board of Supervisors for consideration by the Board and were included in the Draft 2007 General Plan. The process transpired over many months and was based on input from numerous public hearings. These are policy decisions and the comments will be provided to the decision-makers for their consideration.

In some instances the intent was to avoid duplication among elements of the General Plan and specific policies in the Area Plans. With respect to environmentally sensitive areas, there are policies in the Open Space Element OS-5.1 through OS-5.18 that address biological resources including sensitive species. The commenter is also referred to Master Response 8, *Biological Resources*, which includes modifications to several of the policies in the Draft General Plan and modifications to DEIR mitigation measures.

Master Response 8 also addresses comments on a number of specific plan and animal species.

With respect to comment 54-11, air and water quality policies may be found in the Open Space Element and Public Services Element.

With respect to the Carmel Valley Airport, the airport has been closed and will no longer be operating.

The County will consider all comments received on the General Plan in its deliberations prior to adoption of the General Plan

The commenter is also referred to Master Response 10, *Level of Detail for General Plan and the General Plan EIR*.

I-16.55 See Response I-16.12. This comment concerns the proposed 2007 General Plan policies, but does not concern the DEIR or its adequacy and thus no response is provided in this document. The County will consider all comments received on the General Plan in its deliberations prior to adoption of the General Plan. The commenter has asked for documents and an analysis of documents which are not comments on the DEIR or its adequacy and thus no response is provided in this document. The reader is also referred to Master Response 10, *Level of Detail for the General Plan and the General Plan EIR* and to the response to comment I-16.54.

I-16.56 The commenter asks about the relationship between the Carmel Valley Master Plan and the General Plan Update Policy CV-1.6. The comment does not concern the adequacy of the DEIR. The 266 cap in Policy CV-1.6 was derived from an analysis of the development that has occurred under the current CVMP. The County does not believe that the table proposed by commenter should be included in the General Plan. The proposed policy was provided to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and was included in the Draft 2007 General Plan. The process transpired over many months and was based on input from numerous public hearings. These are policy decisions and the comments will be provided to the decision-makers for their consideration

Impact LU-2 pertains to conflicts of the proposed General Plan with other plans adopted for the purpose of avoiding environmental effects and is not intended to relate to the existing 1982 General Plan that it would replace. The source of Impact LU-2 is Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines (as explained on page 4.1-8 of the DEIR). Appendix G is a model checklist that describes potential impacts broadly enough to be used for many types of projects. It is not specifically intended to apply to situations, such as this, where the project is the adoption of a new General Plan.

When adopted, the 2007 General Plan will represent the County's "statement of development policies," as mandated by Government Code Section 65302. It is not inconsistent with the 1982 General Plan because the 1982 General Plan will no longer be in effect upon adoption of the General Plan Update. The same is true for proposed Chapter 9-B Carmel Valley Master Plan. It would replace the current Carmel Valley Master Plan and therefore would not be inconsistent with it.

Evaluation of the proposed General Plan in light of the existing general plan, rather than against the baseline of the existing environment is contrary to CEQA. (See *Saint Vincent's School for Boys, et al. v. City of San Rafael* (2008) 161 Cal.App.4th 989 [analysis based on existing conditions is proper]; *Environmental Planning and Information Council v. County of El Dorado* (1982) 131 Cal.App.3rd 350 [projected buildout of existing general plan was not baseline for analysis of proposed general plan update]; *Woodward Park Homeowners Assoc. v. City of Fresno* (2007) 150 Cal.App.4th 683 [improper reliance on existing general plan designation as baseline])

I-16.57 The commenter asks for an explanation of the impact conclusion relating to the Williamson Act. Impact AG-2 analyzes whether implementation of the 2007 General Plan would result in conflicts with existing Williamson Act Contracts (DEIR, Section 4.2.5.3.). As explained in the DEIR, this impact is not the same as the conversion of agricultural land. Conflict with existing zoning or a Williamson Act contract would occur if the 2007 General Plan would allow incompatible uses on agriculturally zoned or contracted lands. Allowing compatible uses on Williamson Act lands would not result in a conflict, nor would the termination of Williamson Act contracts in accordance with the procedures for termination set out in the Williamson Act. Implementation of the 2007 General Plan and Area Plan policies would ensure that conversion of Williamson Act farmland to nonagricultural uses is minimized to the greatest extent possible through the implementation of land use concepts such as city-centered growth, clustered development, and programs that promote the conservation of Williamson Act farmland. Any termination of Williamson Act contracts would be undertaken consistently with the provisions of the Act, which strongly discourage the cancellation of contracts before their term expires. Therefore, the impact to Williamson Act contracts (AG-2) was found to be less than significant at the 2030 and 2092 planning horizons, despite the projected overall loss of Williamson Act lands listed in section 1.4.1 of the DEIR Executive Summary.

I-16.58 The commenter asks what is meant by “cumulatively considerable” in relationship to Agricultural Resources. A discussion and explanation of the concept of cumulative impacts is found in Section 6.4 of the DEIR. As defined in State CEQA Guidelines, “a cumulative impact consists of an impact which is created as a result of the combination of the project evaluated in the EIR together with other projects causing related impacts” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15130 (a).). “‘Cumulatively considerable’ means that the incremental effects of an individual project are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probably future projects” (CEQA Guidelines, § 15065 (a)(3).). A project may have an impact that is less than significant by itself, but nonetheless would result in a significant contribution to a cumulative impact.

The analysis of CUM-1 is discussed in section 6.4.3.2 of this DEIR. Past trends in Monterey County agriculture indicate that agricultural acreage will remain the same as current conditions or decrease slightly over time. Nonetheless, future conversion of Important Farmland, particularly in the Salinas Valley as its cities grow onto adjoining farmland, remains a significant unavoidable cumulative impact. While the policies of the 2007 General Plan reduce the potential for additional contributions to this impact from county actions, they will not eliminate losses. Loss of agricultural land within the County is considered a significant cumulative impact. Accordingly, although the 2007 General Plan includes policies that minimize the conversion of agricultural land as a result of

development within the County, policies for city-centered growth will result in additional annexations to the cities and will result in a considerable contribution to this impact.

- I-16.59 The commenter asks whether there are policies relating to post-development run-off. The following policies, as discussed in Section 4.3 of the DEIR, help to reduce run-off. The mitigation measures and policies discussed in Section 4.3 will reduce impacts to water quality to a less than significant level.

Conservation and Open Space Element Policy OS-3.3 (erosion) ensures that criteria for studies to evaluate and address through appropriate designs and BMPs geologic and hydrologic constraints and hazards conditions such as slope and soil instability, moderate and high erosion hazards, and drainage, water quality and stream stability problems created by increased stormwater runoff shall be established for new development and changes in land use designations.

Conservation and Open Space Element Policy OS-3.5, as revised, would prohibit development on slopes that exceed 25%, except where there is no alternative that would allow development to occur on slopes less than 25% and the proposal better achieves the resources protection policies of the County's general plan. In addition, a discretionary permit would be required for the conversion of previously uncultivated land to agricultural use on slopes from 10-15% (where soils are highly erodible), 15-25% slopes, and greater than 25% (prohibited except under specified circumstances). The permit would require a management plan to reduce erosion potential, incorporate water conservation and water quality considerations, address water demand and availability, and protect important vegetation and wildlife habitats.

Safety Element Policy S-3.7 (stormwater, erosion, and flood hazards) states that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency shall prepare a Flood Criteria or Drainage Design Manual that establishes flood plain management policies, drainage standards and criteria, stormwater detention, and erosion control and stormwater quality protection measures in order to prevent significant impacts from flooding and ensure that development does not increase flooding risk over present conditions. The manual will include, as appropriate, hydrologic and hydraulic analysis procedures, procedures to assess stream geomorphology and stability, potential development impacts on streams, and design guidelines for channel design, including biotechnical bank stabilization.

Safety Element Policy S-3.1 (flood hazards and stormwater) limits post-development, offsite peak flow drainage from the area being developed to not be greater than pre-development peak flow drainage. Onsite improvements or other methods for stormwater detention shall be required to maintain post-development, offsite, peak flows at predevelopment levels, where appropriate, as determined by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency. Please also refer to Master Response 9, *Water Quality* for further discussion of these issues.

- I-16.60 The commenter states that there are alleged inconsistencies in the Executive Summary. Executive Summary page 1-6 does show Impacts WR-1 and WR-2 as less than significant. However, Table 6-2, page 27, shows that Impacts WR-4 and WR-5 would be significant and unavoidable. The latter is not referencing Impacts WR-1 and WR-2, but rather Mitigation Measures WR-1 and WR-2. DEIR page 1-8 shows that impacts WR-6

and WR-7 would be significant and unavoidable. It does not reference Impacts WR-1 or WR-2, but rather Mitigation Measures WR-1 and WR-2.

- I-16.61 The commenter raises issues regarding effectiveness of mitigation measures. The Biology Section of the DEIR, Section 4.9, discusses “add consideration” on page 4.9-87. Mitigation Measure BIO-2.3 states: “Add Considerations Regarding Riparian Habitat and Stream Flows to Criteria for Long-Term Water Supply and Well Assessment.” Under Mitigation Measure BIO-2.3, criteria related to riparian habitat and stream flows would be added to Public Service Policies PS-3.3 and PS-3.4.

Mitigation measures that do not go into effect until 2030 are for impacts that are anticipated to occur after 2030. Mitigation measures that would be implemented so far in the future cannot reasonably be expected to be as detailed as mitigation measures with a nearer-term application. In situations like this, it is appropriate and adequate to defer the specifics of mitigation, where the lead agency commits itself to mitigation and, in the mitigation measure, either describes performance standards to be met in future mitigation or provides a menu of alternative mitigation measures to be selected from in the future. (*California Native Plant Society v. City of Rancho Cordova* (2009) 172 Cal.App.4th 603 [the details of exactly how the required mitigation and its performance standards will be achieved can be deferred pending completion of a future study]) Please see Master Response 10, *Level of Detail for the General Plan and the General Plan EIR* for further discussion of this issue.

Mitigation Measure BIO-2.1 is a program level mitigation measure and is also adequate under the above stated standard. Please note that Mitigation Measure BIO-2.1 is not the only mitigation measure in the DEIR that would reduce erosion impacts to a less than significant level. The Water Section of the DEIR, Section 4.3, also contains mitigation measures that reduce erosion impacts. As a whole, erosion impacts are less than significant.

- I-16.62 The commenter asks for explanation of Table 6-2. Impacts WR-8 through WR-11 are not significant and unavoidable. Table 6-2 of the DEIR summarizes significant and unavoidable impacts. Therefore, those impacts are not listed.

- I-16.63 The commenter asks for an explanation of the term “flood hazard area.” A flood hazard area is the area located within a 100-year flood plain (See DEIR Section 4.3.). Flooding is anticipated to occur in certain areas within Monterey County. The risk of damage from flooding cannot be completely removed within areas subject to flooding. However, new development will be adequately protected from the 100-year flood (i.e., risk will be lowered to an acceptable level under the Federal Flood Insurance Program) through the implementation of the General Plan policies, the mitigation measures discussed in section 4.3 of the DEIR, and the County’s floodplain ordinance.

Regarding Impacts WR-12 through WR-14 at buildout, it is difficult to know exactly where development will occur after 2030 because less information is known about development projections after 2030. Based on the County’s floodplain ordinance and the Federal Flood Insurance Program, it is unlikely that development after 2030 will be subject to greater risk of flooding than contemporary development. It is nearly certain that the General Plan will have at least one comprehensive update by 2030 that will

reflect new flood policies to mitigate these impacts. As a result of this uncertainty, these impacts are conservatively determined to be significant and unavoidable.

I-16.64 The commenter asks for an explanation of Impact CUM-2. There is only one significance conclusion for Impact CUM-2 in Table 1-2, and it is correctly stated as less than cumulatively considerable. State and local regulations will mitigate the 2007 General Plan's impact to surface water quality and therefore, the 2007 General Plan's contribution will not be cumulatively considerable.

I-16.65 The commenter requests an explanation of why TRAN-1A appears in the Executive Summary, but not in Table 6-2. TRAN-1A was found to be less than significant and therefore was not included in Table 6-2 (Significant and Unavoidable Impact Table).

I-16.66 The comment asks how, under Impact TRAN-1B in Table 6-2, there will be significant and unavoidable impacts when "the standard for acceptable level of service is to be achieved by 2026". Policy C-1.2 has been revised to address this comment. Please see Chapter 5 of this FEIR for the text of the policy.

The analysis in the EIR recognizes that even with adoption of a CIFP, not all of the deficient roadway segments in Monterey County can be mitigated to less than significant within the 2030 timeframe or by buildout. Therefore, the EIR concludes that the impacts identified in TRAN-1B are significant and unavoidable.

I-16.67 Commenter asks why TRAN-1D, 1E, and 1F are omitted from Table 6-2 but included in the Executive Summary. TRAN-1D, 1E, and 1F were found to be less than significant and therefore were not included in Table 6-2 (Significant and Unavoidable Impact Table).

I-16.68 The commenter states that the DEIR should have found impacts from project-specific impacts (Tier 1) to be significant and unavoidable. This response clarifies the terms used in the DEIR and in particular clarifies the three levels (or tiers) of impacts evaluated in the DEIR. The terminology used in the traffic analysis are terms used in traffic engineering and are not to be confused with terms used in CEQA analysis. To clarify the terminology used in the DEIR and avoid confusion with CEQA-related terms the term "project-specific" used in the DEIR means "development-specific". Additionally, the term "tier" means "traffic tier."

Traffic Tier 1 is development-specific impacts, Traffic Tier 2 is impacts to the County roadway system, and Traffic Tier 3 is impacts to the regional roadway system or major roadways within incorporated cities. Each level of impact is described below.

Development-Specific Impacts (Traffic Tier 1). As stated on page 4.6-31 "project (development)-specific impacts of new development are localized impacts that affect the immediate surrounding transportation system, including access and circulation necessary for the development to function properly and safely. Development-specific impacts occur where new development needs to gain access to County roadways and/or where traffic generated by new development causes development-specific deficiencies in roadway or intersection operations in the immediate proximity of the development." For purposes of the DEIR Traffic Tier 1, development-specific impacts are defined as:

- On-site facilities necessary to provide vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle, freight and emergency access and circulation to the project.
- On-site or off-site connections and/or access between the project's on-site circulation and public roadways.

Impacts to the public roadway system, other than those related to gain access to the development, are considered Traffic Tier 2 and 3 impacts.

Determination of Development Impacts. CEQA sets forth a process for determining development impacts. This process may include a Traffic Impact Study (TIS). The scoping of the TIS establishes the facilities to be studied and the distance of these facilities from the proposed development. The County generally utilizes Caltrans' Guide for the Preparation of Traffic Impact Studies (2002) to determine when a TIS is required and the extent of the study. Consistent with the policies of the General Plan, new development is expected to implement the feasible mitigation measures for significant impacts.

The finding of less than significance in the General Plan DEIR for Impacts TRAN-1A, 2A, and 3A related to Traffic Tier 1 impacts reflects the County's policy to require concurrent mitigation of development-specific impacts (see clarification of Traffic Tier 1 impacts in response to comment 38). The specific geographic areas that fall under the localized Traffic Tier 1 TIS analysis area cannot be identified in the General Plan DEIR, as they represent development proposals that are as of yet unknown. The analysis of Traffic Tier 1 impacts in the General Plan DEIR reflects an evaluation of County policy, not specific development proposals.

- I-16.69 Please refer to the response to I-16.68 above.
- I-16.70 Please refer to the response to I-16.68 above.
- I-16.71 The comment states that Impact AQ-1 is listed as significant and unavoidable in Chapter 6 and less than significant in the Executive Summary. The DEIR Air Quality analysis and Executive Summary Table are accurate. Impact AQ-1 is a less than significant impact and should not have been included in Table 6-2. (DEIR, Section 4.7.4.2 and Table 1-2.) Table 6-2 has been revised to correct this error. See FEIR Chapter 4, Text Changes to DEIR.
- I-16.72 The commenter states that the 2007 General Plan is inconsistent with the 2008 AQMP. The General Plan Update is consistent with the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District's 2008 AQMP such that Impact AQ-1 would be less than significant (DEIR, Section 4.7.4.2.). See Master Response 2, *Growth Assumptions Utilized in the DEIR*, section 2.5, for a complete discussion of consistency with the 2008 AQMP.
- I-16.73 The comment asks why no significance finding after mitigation is made for Carmel Valley Road and other roads within the Carmel Valley Master Plan. Please refer to the responses to comments I-16.68 through I-16.70 above.
- I-16.74 The commenter asks questions about why specific policies are not included in Table 6-2, Significant Unavoidable Impact Table. The policies referenced by the commenter are not

in this table, because the DEIR concluded that these impacts were less than significant (either because of the proposed mitigation or because they are mitigated by proposed policies in the Draft General Plan).

I-16.75 The comment pertains to the significance conclusion for special status species with specific reference to conversion of uncultivated agricultural lands to new farmland. The commenter is referred to Master Response 8, *Biological Resources*, section 8.5.5 which further amplifies the basis of the conclusions on Page 4.9-76. The commenter is also referred to Master Response 3 which discusses the extent of future conversion.

I-16.76 The commenter indicates that the DEIR does not address impacts on biological resources from development in the AWCP. The commenter is referred to Master Response 3, *Agricultural Growth and General Plan Agricultural Policies* and Master Response 8, *Biological Resources* for a specific discussion of impacts from development in the AWCP, modifications to mitigation measures and General Plan policies that further reduce potential impacts. The modifications may also be found in Chapters 4 and 5.

I-17 Rosenthal, Richard H. (Law Offices)

I-17.1 Please see DEIR Section 4.3 for analysis of water resource impacts, FEIR Chapter 2 Master Response 4 which addresses Water Supply, DEIR Section 4.7 for analysis of Transportation impacts, and Master Response 5, *Carmel Valley Traffic*. Please also see revisions to these DEIR sections provided in FEIR Chapter 4. The comment also states that the “General Plan also provides meaningless and ambiguous policies dealing with traffic infrastructure and build out.” Please see Master Response 10 which discusses the level of detail required in a General Plan and its program EIR, and how the General Plan will be implemented.

The comment also states that the “General Plan is vacant of any attempt to correlate the land use element with the circulation element.” The comment provides no details or evidence to support this claim. The General Plan complies with Government Code requirements.

The comment also addresses the “Staff Report” and General Plan policy, but does not address the sufficiency of the DEIR in identifying and analyzing the possible impacts on the environment and the ways in which the significant effects of the project might be avoided or mitigated; thus no further response is required. (See CEQA Guidelines Sections 15088 and 15204.) The County will consider all comments received on the General Plan during its deliberations prior to adoption of the General Plan.

I-17.2 The comment refers to the “Interim ordinance.” It is not clear what ordinance is being referenced. This comment concerns the proposed 2007 General Plan policies, but does not address the sufficiency of the DEIR in identifying and analyzing the possible impacts on the environment and the ways in which the significant effects of the project might be avoided or mitigated and thus no further response is provided in this document (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15088 and 15204). The County will consider all comments received on the General Plan during its deliberations prior to adoption of the General Plan.

I-18 Sanders, Timothy

- I-18.1 The commenter raises questions about Mitigation Measure TRANS-2b and whether the mitigation measure is adequate to address Carmel Valley Traffic Impacts.

The commenter is referred to Master Response 5, which discusses the Carmel Valley traffic analysis and proposed mitigation measures. The commenter is also referred to Master Response 10, which discusses what is required in EIRs for a General Plan and mitigation measures for a General Plan.

The commenter also provides suggestions on policy changes. These are comments on the General Plan and not on the DEIR and shall be referred to the decisions-makers for their consideration. Master Response 5 also addresses how the proposed policies address policy objectives in the Carmel Valley Master Plan.

I-19a Theyskens, William

- I-19a.1 The commenter asks why the *Final Report, Hydrostratigraphic Analysis of the Northern Salinas Valley* prepared in 2004 was not referenced in the DEIR.

This analysis was prepared by Kennedy-Jenks Consultants for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency for the purpose of providing information to augment its assessment of seawater intrusion into the pressure 180-foot and 400-foot aquifers. The report reaches a number of conclusions regarding the causes and rates of seawater intrusion into these aquifers. The report recommends that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency undertake specific monitoring (including sampling), modeling, and mapping activities in order to improve their knowledge of the problem.

Although this information is interesting, a close reading of this report shows that it neither discusses nor accounts for the activities of the SVWP, the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project, and the Watsonville Area Water Recycling Project (within the Pajaro River basin). Taken together, those projects are working to halt seawater intrusion by introducing fresh water into the aquifers and providing irrigation water to agricultural users to reduce groundwater use. As a result, while it describes characteristics of the aquifers and the mechanisms by which seawater intrusion occurs, the *Hydrostratigraphic Analysis of the Northern Salinas Valley* does not present a representative picture of the state of seawater intrusion. Therefore, it was not referenced in the DEIR.

- I-19a.2 The commenter opines that the DEIR underestimates the “severe problems of overdraft and seawater intrusion.” The commenter goes on to state that: “if halting overdraft and seawater intrusion were as easy as portrayed in this DEIR, they would have been mitigated long ago.”

The DEIR discusses water supply and water quality issues extensively in Chapter 4.3, *Water Resources*. The DEIR does not state that halting overdraft or seawater intrusion is simple or easy. It includes discussions of the overdraft and seawater intrusion issues within each of the County’s water basins, with emphasis on the Pajaro River, Salinas

River, and Carmel River/Monterey Peninsula areas. The DEIR identifies existing and reasonably foreseeable activities that are underway to reduce overdraft and halt seawater intrusion. This includes the SVWP, Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project, and Watsonville Area Water Recycling Project (within the Pajaro River basin), as well as the proposed “Coastal Water Project” desalination facility now in permitting before the California Public Utilities Commission (that project is prompted by the SWRCB’s action against the California American Water Company to reduce reliance on the Carmel River). This is in keeping with CEQA’s provisions for examining the “substantial or potentially substantial adverse change” in the environment that may result from the project. (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15382)

- I-19a.3 The commenter asks why Pajaro is designated as a Community Area in light of the potential for flooding on the Pajaro River and what will be done to reduce the risk of flooding. Also, the commenter would like to see the DEIR include a wider range of contaminants in the discussion of the impacts of septic systems on groundwater quality.

Pajaro is an existing community and is designated as a Redevelopment Area. It is identified as a Community Area in the General Plan in recognition of that fact. Flood risk is moderated by the County floodplain ordinance that restrictively regulates development within designated floodplains, such as that along the Pajaro River. Development in Pajaro will be subject to the policies in PS-1 of the General Plan which among other things, requires a long term sustainable supply of water before development can be approved. The development of the Community Area will be governed by a public process of stakeholders from the community and will be subject to preparation of an EIR. Impacts from flooding would also be considered. Note also that the General Plan requires that a Capital Improvement Financing Plan (CIFP) (PS- 1.1 and PS-3.9) be prepared to address funding for necessary infrastructure identified in the Adequate Public Facility and Services. At the point that a Community Plan is being drafted for Pajaro, the County will also examine the infrastructure needs and funding requirements for providing adequate infrastructure. Infrastructure would also be the responsibility of any developer in the community.

The DEIR is intended to describe the potential impacts of the General Plan on the existing environment. Its degree of specificity is expected to “correspond to the degree of specificity involved in the underlying activity.” As a result, the EIR for a general plan will be less specific than that prepared for a site-specific development project (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15146.). Chapter 4.3, *Water Resources* discloses the general problems associated with groundwater quality. A detailed discussion of other contaminants is not needed in order to convey the severity of groundwater contamination in the context of a General Plan update. The DEIR provides decision-makers with a good faith analysis of the key issues sufficient to allow informed decision-making. Please see Master Response 9, *Water Quality*, for further discussion of the adequacy of the water quality analysis.

- I-19a.4 The comment states that there are errors in the DEIR’s description of the North County aquifer, but does not describe them. DEIR pages 4.3-16 and 4.3-19 were reviewed for accuracy. The Pajaro, Springfield Terrace, and Highlands North planning areas are part of the Pajaro Valley groundwater basin; and the Highlands South and Granite Ridge

planning areas are part of the Salinas River groundwater basin. The text of page 4.3-16 has been revised accordingly in Chapter 4.

- I-19a.5 The commenter asks for additional information on the effect of pumping ground water between Salinas and the coast on seawater intrusion, and whether and by how much water levels beneath and east of Salinas will rise if seawater intrusion is halted. The comment quotes the DEIR statement that “[a]ny significant amount of pumping of groundwater between Salinas and the coast causes seawater intrusion.”

This DEIR statement is not intended to imply that extensive groundwater pumping beneath or east of Salinas would not contribute to seawater intrusion, generally speaking. Extensive pumping from the 180-foot and 400-foot aquifers within the Eastside or Pressure Zones could contribute to seawater intrusion to the extent that the aquifers extend the length of these zones. However, as discussed in the Master Response 4 on Water Supply, the SVWP and Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) will effectively halt seawater intrusion at its current point west of Salinas once they are in full operation. The water from the SVWP and recycled water supplied to the CSIP are causing and will continue to cause groundwater levels to rise in the area.

- I-19a.6 The commenter notes that the DEIR states the SVWP will alleviate seawater intrusion, as well as stating that it will halt seawater intrusion. The commenter asks which is correct. The commenter also asks whether the SVWP will halt overdraft in all of the aquifers in the Salinas Valley watershed and “what tangible benefits will the citizen’s (sic) of the North County see?”

As discussed in Master Response 4, *Water Supply*, the SVWP and CSIP will effectively halt seawater intrusion at its current point west of Salinas. These projects also provide surface water to farms to reduce their reliance on groundwater, thereby reducing groundwater overdraft. As described in Chapter 4.3, *Water Resources* under Impact WR-6, the General Plan update includes a number of policies intended to reduce groundwater overdraft. Based on existing information, taken together the SVWP, Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project, proposed General Plan policies, and the mitigation measures in the DEIR are sufficient to balance water withdrawal and recharge. However, no claims are made that this will halt overdraft or result in a rise in groundwater levels in the Pajaro Valley or the Monterey Peninsula over the long-term. See Master Response 4, *Water Supply* for further discussion of seawater intrusion and groundwater overdraft issues.

- I-19a.7 The commenter poses questions regarding the depth of and energy use of wells tapping the deep zone beneath the Salinas Valley; the age of water within the 180-foot, 400-foot, and Deep Zone aquifers; and the age of water beneath the Granite Ridge area. The commenter is concerned that pumping rates may exceed the rate of natural recharge.

CEQA requires an EIR to be “prepared with a sufficient degree of analysis to provide decision makers with information which enables them to make a decision which intelligently takes account of environmental consequences.” (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15151.) The information requested by commenter is not necessary to informed decision making on the General Plan, nor does it contribute to the determination of significance. The DEIR discloses that overdraft exists within these aquifers and the discussion under Impact WR-6 concludes that there will be long-term impact from groundwater overdraft

in the Pajaro Valley and the Monterey Peninsula over the long-term. Measures to reduce reliance on groundwater pumping and to regulate the installation of new wells contained in the proposed General Plan policies will maintain a water balance in the Salinas Valley.

- I-19a.8 The commenter notes that the reference to North County groundwater subbasins should instead refer to “subareas.”

Master Response 4, *Water Supply*, section 4.1 includes suggested modifications to several definitions that are responsive to this comment. The terms subbasins and subareas are considered interchangeable. These are included in Chapter 4 of the FEIR, as well as a correction to the exhibit numbers referenced here.

- I-19a.9 The commenter asks whether high levels of arsenic present in bedrock in the North County exceed SDWA levels, or whether the water extracted from this formation exceeds the levels. The commenter asks whether excessive arsenic levels may lead to health problems and whether development will continue to be allowed in areas suffering from this contamination.

The DEIR states that the water pumped from arsenic-laced bedrock in portions of the North County approaches or exceeds acceptable State Drinking Water Act (SDWA) levels for arsenic (DEIR, Section 4.3.2.3.).

As explained in Section 4.3.2.3 of the DEIR, consuming water that exceeds SDWA levels over a period of time can result in health problems. The County Environmental Health Bureau regulates all water systems with anywhere from two to 199 connections. Systems with a larger number of connections are regulated by the state. The Bureau works with system operators to assist them in meeting health regulations or to bring their systems into compliance with those regulations. Where regulations cannot be met, the Bureau issues a non-compliance notification, which can include a bottled water order or an order to obtain a legal alternative source of water, followed by a compliance order, followed by a citation, and then administrative hearings until the system is brought into compliance. A well that serves an individual home is currently not subject to regulation of water quality by the Bureau. However, Policy PS-2.5 (regulations shall be considered for water quality testing for new individual wells on a single lot of record) will establish regulations for water quality testing for new individual wells on lots of record to better inform the public of water quality.

New development involving more than one parcel and served by a well with 2 or more connections will be required to meet water quality standards by the Environmental Health Bureau. This would typically include subdivisions of two lots or more. Development of new individual wells will result in a number of new households relying on water that does not meet state standards. To an extent, this will be self-limiting in that most reasonable people buying a new home would not choose to rely on a well that fails to meet health standards for arsenic and nitrate concentrations.

The County has established the North County Regional Ad Hoc Water Committee to explore solutions to the water supply and water quality problems of North County areas, including Granite Ridge. This is discussed in Master Response 4, *Water Supply*, section 4.6.

See also Master Response 4, section 4.2.6, for a discussion of the Granite Ridge Water Supply Project that is in the planning stages. It will be designed to supply water to the Granite Ridge and Highlands South areas.

- I-19a.10 The commenter would like to know the source of information about and a map of the “multiple small groundwater aquifers” that the DEIR states provide potable water to the North County area.

The DEIR characterized water supplies in the North County as derived from small aquifers. More precisely, water in the North County is supplied by the Pajaro River groundwater basin, the Salinas River basin, and the fractured granitic rock beneath the Granite Ridge area. The Granite Ridge area does not overlay an aquifer, but rather water is stored in the fissures of the fractured granite that underlies the area.

- I-19a.11 The commenter relates the DEIR’s characterization of the ongoing overdraft in the North County. No response is necessary. This comment is considered in combination with comment I-19a.12 in the following response.

- I-19a.12 The commenter expresses his concern that the overdraft situation in the North County is not being addressed by the County. The commenter would like the DEIR to address the environmental issues surrounding the North County water project.

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency has presented a conceptual plan for a new water supply system to serve the Granite Ridge area. The commenter is referred to Master Response 4, *Water Supply*, section 4.2.6 for a discussion of efforts relating to addressing a Granite Ridge water supply system through the Granite Ridge Water Supply Project. As discussed in Master Response 4, the County has recently directed that an EIR be prepared for the Granite Ridge Water Supply Project.

- I-19a.13 The commenter notes that the Pajaro Valley Basin Management Plan estimates that groundwater pumping will exceed the basin’s sustainable yield and asks what the source of “affordable potable water for development of Pajaro as a Community Area” will be. Please see Master Response 4, *Water Supply*, for a discussion of the water supply and demand in the Pajaro Valley. Other than potentially expanding its existing recycling operations, the PVWMA does not have specific new projects underway to meet future demand. As discussed in the response to I-19a.03, a Community Plan will be prepared for the Pajaro Community Area. Identifying and providing a potable long term supply of water is one of the key tasks in the future planning for a Pajaro Community Area.

- I-19a.14 The commenter notes that dry cleaners are not identified as a common source of groundwater contamination and suggests that they be so identified. The DEIR includes dry cleaners in the list of the most common commercial and industrial users of hazardous waste (DEIR, Section 4.13.3.2.). Dry cleaning businesses that generate hazardous waste are regulated under federal, state, and local law. (See DEIR, Section 4.13.4.) In particular, the California Hazardous Waste Control Law sets standards for generators of hazardous waste, including dry cleaners, which treat, store, or dispose hazardous waste on their site (Cal. Code Regs., title 22, §§ 66260.10; 66262.10.). The DEIR concluded that Implementation of the 2007 General Plan policies and compliance with the applicable laws and regulations would ensure that the use of hazardous materials would

not create adverse risks to human health or the environment and those impacts in this regard would be less than significant (DEIR, Section 4.14.5.3.).

I-19b Theyskens, William (addendum)

I-19b.1 The commenter asserts that information from the *Final Report, Hydrostratigraphic Analysis of the Northern Salinas Valley* prepared by Kennedy-Jenks Consultants for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency in 2004 relating to the mechanisms for seawater intrusion is crucial to understanding the water supply for Salinas. The comment states that transfer of seawater-impacted groundwater between the 180- and 400-foot aquifers is a potentially significant impact. The commenter requests that the DEIR be amended to include this information.

See response I-19a.1. The 2004 study examines groundwater conditions absent operation of the SVWP. The SVWP's delivery of additional water to the Salinas River bed, resulting in increased percolation into upstream aquifers, and its delivery of additional water to the CSIP to increase the surface water being supplied to farmlands by that system, will raise groundwater levels and increase the subsurface flow of water to the ocean. (Weeks 2009) This will effectively halt seawater intrusion.

I-19b.2 The commenter requests clarification whether, in spite of the information in the 2004 Kennedy-Jenks analysis, the SVWP is "really expected to result in the cessation of overdraft conditions in the East Side Subarea...and North County, with rising water levels."

The SVWP results are forecasted on the basis of the sophisticated Salinas Valley groundwater model, as discussed in Master Response 4, *Water Supply*, section 4.2.2. As discussed in responses I-19a.1 and I-19a.2, the Kennedy-Jenks analysis did not account for the water supplied to the aquifers by the SVWP.

I-20 Weaver, Mike

I-20.1 The applications, permitting, and monitoring of permits associated with establishments that sell/serve alcohol were not analyzed in the EIR because the General Plan is a policy document that provides a long-term frame for growth in Monterey County. See Master Response 10 regarding the appropriate level of detail in a general plan EIR. The General Plan sets forth policies guiding winery/tasting room development, but does not permit the sale of alcohol at particular wineries/tasting rooms. The permitting of specific establishments is the responsibility of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and will occur when specific projects are proposed.

The full buildout scenario of the Agriculture and Wine Corridor Plan (AWCP) would allow the development of 40 artisan wineries, 10 full-scale wineries and 10 tasting rooms along three corridors that extend through three Planning Areas (Toro, Central Salinas Valley, and South County) and include more than 80 miles of Salinas Valley roadways. The DEIR transportation impact analysis includes a general discussion of the traffic

impacts of this development. However, the General Plan does not approve any specific winery projects. The site-specific safety impacts of future individual wineries/tasting rooms will be analyzed, and mitigated if necessary, in project-specific EIRs.

- I-20.2 This comment concerns the proposed 2007 General Plan policies on scenic highways, but does not concern the DEIR or its adequacy and thus no response is provided in this document. The County will consider all comments received on the General Plan in its deliberations prior to adoption of the General Plan.

SR 68 is eligible for scenic highways status from Monterey to Highway 101 near Salinas (mile post 0 to mile post 22.0). The portion of SR 68 from SR 1 to the Salinas River (mile post 4.3 to mile post 17.8) is designated as a state scenic highway.

- I-20.3 Section 4.10 of the DEIR addresses cultural resources, including historic, paleontological, and archaeological resources. This section sets forth the CEQA impact analysis relating to cultural resources for the project and alternatives. It describes the methods used to determine the project's impacts and lists the thresholds used to conclude whether an impact would be significant. Measures to mitigate (e.g., avoid, minimize, rectify, reduce, eliminate, or compensate for) significant impacts accompany each impact discussion. The comment suggests the historic resources analysis appears incomplete, but does not point to any particular omissions that can be addressed in this response.

- I-20.4 Please refer to the response to comment S-5.3. These sites would not be identified in the General Plan, but would be included in the County's Resources Constraints and Hazards Database and thereby be available through the Geographic Information System (GIS) for the review of future site-specific projects. The *Fort Ord Reuse Plan* adopted by the Fort Ord Reuse Authority to guide future development of the former base provides policies for the avoidance of these hazards (See section 4.6.3, Hazardous and Toxic Waste Sites of the Base Reuse Plan). (Fort Ord Reuse Authority 1997) As the commenter themselves notes in their comment 5, the Department of Defense is responsible for cleaning up the former base before releasing it for civilian reuse. The County's adopted Fort Ord Master Plan incorporates all applicable policies and programs contained in the Reuse Plan. The Hazardous Materials and Safety section of the Fort Ord Master Plan includes specific objectives and programs aimed at ensuring that development is not adversely affected by unexploded ordinance and other hazardous materials, and that the County keeps informed of clean-up/remediation activities.

Policy PS-2.6 has been modified to address the comment. Please see Chapter 5 of this FEIR.

- I-20.5 This comment describes institutional responsibilities, costs, and background information regarding the Fort Ord cleanup. It does not raise an EIR-related environmental issue requiring response.
- I-20.6 The County is not familiar with a route entitled the Corral de Tierra Bypass. Assuming that the commenter is referring to the Highway 68 Bypass, the Fort Ord Map identifies the "Highway 68 ROW" corridor that is being reserved for future development of the bypass. However, this project has not been designed, nor is it on the TAMC "RTP Constrained Projects" list. Constrained projects are those which have been identified as

having sufficient funding to begin design work and, in many cases, construction. At such future time as this proposed roadway project is designed, then environmental documentation will be prepared. Without knowing the design and the actual route of this prospective road within the broad corridor shown on the Fort Ord Map, and absent any funding to carry out the project (indicating that it will not be built in the foreseeable future), environmental analysis would be premature and largely speculative.

- I-20.7 The sites shown as “Open Space Recreation” on the Land Use Map for Fort Ord reflect the designations applied to them in the *Fort Ord Reuse Plan*. The existence of unexploded ordnance on the former Fort Ord is well known and well documented. For that reason, the Fort Ord Reuse Authority has entered into an Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) with the U.S. Army to fund remediation of ordnance sites on the former Fort Ord, including Wolf Hill. (Fort Ord Reuse Authority 2010) As part of the base reuse and realignment process, these sites must be remediated before they can be transferred from the U.S. Army and opened to public use.

The Army is anticipating transferring a portion of the Wolf Hill site that is currently a parking lot for Laguna Seca raceway to the County at a later date. The site will remain a parking lot after the transfer. It therefore, would not be designated active camping and recreation. It is the County’s understanding that portions of the Wolf Hill site are scheduled for ordnance removal, pursuant to the ESCA activities.

- I-20.8 This comment is a request for general information, and does not raise an EIR-related environmental issue requiring response. See also the response to comment I-20.6.

- I-20.9 This comment is a request for general information, and does not raise an EIR-related environmental issue requiring response.

- I-20.10 The 1982 General Plan did not include a specified LOS for County roadways. The 2007 General Plan is establishing LOS D as an acceptable level of service for County roads and intersections. However, in recognition of unique conditions in several Area Plans and the need to allow future planning processes for Community Areas to identify the type of development that best meets the needs of a particular community, the General Plan provides different standards. There is no requirement, legal or otherwise, that the County adopt a single LOS standard for all of its area. Consistent with Government Code Section 65301, this is the approach to traffic standards that the County believes best fits its local conditions. The LOS for Carmel Valley is not LOS C. The LOS for Carmel Valley Road would be established in CV 2.18, and varies from segment to segment (as does the current standard under existing Policy 39.3.2.1). The commenter is referred to Master Response 5, *Carmel Valley Traffic*, for a more detailed response.

- I-20.11 The commenter asks for clarification regarding the application of an LOS standard. An LOS standard is a range consistent with the commonly accepted Highway Capacity Manual of the Transportation Research Board. For the County’s purposes, LOS D is LOS D. This comment is a request for general information, and does not raise an EIR-related environmental issue requiring response.

- I-20.12 The specific outcome of Mitigation Measure WR-1 is not determined, and factors mentioned in the comment would be considered in developing a regional solution.

Mitigation Measure WR-1 is only one part of the solution. The policies under 2007 General Plan Goals PS-1 (ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES (APFS) AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT NEW DEVELOPMENT ARE PROVIDED OVER THE LIFE OF THIS PLAN) and PS-3 (ENSURE THAT NEW DEVELOPMENT IS ASSURED A LONG-TERM SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY) act to avoid approval of projects without water supplies. No transfer of water from one basin to another is being proposed under the 2007 General Plan, nor would such a transfer be required to comply with Mitigation Measure WR-1. Please refer to Master Response 4, *Water Supply*.

I-21 Zischke, Jacqueline

- I-21.1 The commenter contends that proposed General Plan policy CV-2.18 is confusing and may be subject to differing interpretations. The commenter further requests that the DEIR confirm the meaning and intent behind the policy, and that it be revised for clarification purposes. The commenter further notes that it is her understanding that the County will work on fee ordinances to address future infrastructure needs so that future development will contribute a fair share towards future improvements.

The comment is not on the environmental analysis in the DEIR, rather a comment on a policy in the General Plan, and is therefore noted. Policy CV-2.18 has been modified by Mitigation Measure Trans 2B in the DEIR, at pages 4.6-69 through 4.6-73. Please see Master Response 5, *Carmel Valley Traffic Issues*, for a thorough discussion of how revised Policy CV-2.18 (and other CVMP Policies) will address traffic impacts in Carmel Valley. The commenter is correct that the County will work on fee ordinances to provide for a fair share payment towards future improvements, but such payments may not provide sufficient funding for some necessary improvements, for example to SR 1. Please see Master Response 5, *Carmel Valley Traffic Issues*, for a more thorough discussion of this issue.

Late Letters

Responses to the following late comment letters are found in this section:

- O-5c, Carmel Valley Association
- O-10d, Helping our Peninsula's Environment (HOPE)
- O-22, Action Pajaro Valley
- I-22, Carver, Robert

The County received several letters during the month of February, 2009 that were submitted in connection with a February 24, 2010 Planning Commission briefing on the status of the General Plan DEIR process. CEQA does not require that letters submitted after the closing date for comments be responded to individually (14 CCR 15207) The County has not provided separate responses for these letters, but has included them here in FEIR Chapter 3. A brief, general response to each letter is provided below.

Letter O-22 from Action Pajaro Valley (2-24-09) provides support for a General Plan policy. No response is required.

Letter I-22 from Robert Carver (2-23-09) has provided comments on the applicability of policies in the General Plan. Master Response 11, *Effect of GPU5 on the Local Coastal Program and Impacts to Coastal Resources*, addresses the issues raised.

Letters O-10d from HOPE (2-23-09) and O-5c from Carmel Valley Association (2-24-09) provide comments on the impact analysis in the DEIR. The issues raised in these letters have been addressed more specifically in responses to these organizations that are contained in this Chapter and more generally in the Master Responses and responses to comments to other organizations.

The Carmel Valley Association letter requested that the Planning Commission not discuss any General Plan issues until release of the FEIR. This matter is addressed in Master Response 1, *Changes to the General Plan*.

Chapter 4

Changes to the Text of the Draft EIR

Introduction

This chapter contains revisions to the text of the DEIR for the 2007 General Plan. The text changes are intended to clarify or correct information in the DEIR in response to comments received on the document. This includes changes initiated by the County. Revisions are shown with strikethrough text for deletions (~~strikethrough~~) and underlined text for additions (underline). The changes appear in the order of their location in the DEIR, and are organized by chapter or major section. No text changes are being made to any sections or chapters that are not listed below.

Section 1, “Executive Summary”

Page 1-3, Table 1-1 Key Components of the 2007 General Plan. This table is revised as follows.

Table 1-1. Key Components of the 2007 General Plan

Issue Area	2007 General Plan
Elements	Land Use, Circulation, Conservation and Open Space, Safety, Public Services, Agricultural, Area and Master Plans, and Economic Development
Area Plans	North County, Greater Salinas, Central Salinas Valley, Greater Monterey Peninsula, Toro, Cachagua, and South County
Master Plans	Carmel Valley and Fort Ord
Special Treatment Areas	Identifies 17 areas within the Area Plans for further planning study
Community Areas	Boronda, Castroville, Chualar, Fort Ord, and Pajaro
Rural Centers	Bradley, Lockwood, Pine Canyon, Pleyto, River Road, San Ardo, and San Lucas
Affordable Housing Overlay	Three areas where development of high-density, affordable housing is promoted: Mid-Carmel Valley; Highway 68/Monterey Peninsula Airport; and Reservation Road/Highway 68. Community Areas prior to adoption of a Community Plan and Rural Centers prior to the adoption of an Infrastructure and Financing Study are designated as affordable housing overlay districts (AHOs).
Services	Establishes goals and policies requiring the provision of services concurrently with new development in Community Areas, Rural Centers, and for subdivisions
Water Resources	Establishes goals and policies for water conservation, restrains development without a proven sustainable water supply, restricts water well development, and minimizes additional overdraft and seawater intrusion
Routine and Ongoing Agriculture	Exempts a number of “routine and ongoing” agricultural activities from selected policies of the 2007 General Plan Update, not including policies that minimize erosion
Agricultural Wine Corridor Plan	Establishes goals and policies supporting future development of up to 10 full-scale and 40 artisan wineries and related tourist-serving uses along Central/Arroyo Seco/River Road, Metz Road, and Jolon Road
2006–2030 horizon ¹ (Unincorporated County only)	<u>29,096</u> 135,375 residents <u>10,015</u> 48,670 dwelling units
2006–2092 buildout ² (Unincorporated County only)	<u>104,379</u> 207,424 residents <u>37,081</u> 74,573 dwelling units
¹ This is the 2006–2030 growth increment only. Total 2030 residents = 135,375. Total 2030 dwellings = 48,670.	
² This is the 2006–2092 growth increment only. Total 2092 residents = 210,658. Total 2092 dwellings = 75,736.	

Page 1-5, Table 1-2 Executive Summary Table. This table is revised as follows:

Table 1-2. Executive Summary Table

Issues/Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Level of Significance after Mitigation
4.1 LAND USE		
LU-1: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would potentially result in the physical division of established communities.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
LU-2: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would potentially result in conflicts with an adopted land use plan, general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
LU-3: General Plan implementation would potentially conflict with an existing adopted habitat conservation or natural community conservation plan.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
4.2 AGRICULTURE RESOURCES		
AG-1: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would result in the conversion of Important Farmland to non-agricultural use.	No feasible mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan goals and policies is available.	2030—Significant and unavoidable Buildout—Significant and unavoidable
AG-2: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan could result in conflicts with existing zoning for agricultural use or Williamson Act contracts.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan goals and policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant

Issues/Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Level of Significance after Mitigation
AG-3: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, would result in conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use.	No feasible mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan goals and policies is available.	2030—Significant and unavoidable Buildout—Significant and unavoidable
CUM-1: Agricultural Resources	No mitigation is feasible.	Cumulatively considerable.
4.3 WATER RESOURCES		
WR-1: Residential, commercial, industrial, and public uses consistent with the 2007 General Plan would introduce additional nonpoint source pollutants to downstream surface waters, substantially degrading water quality.	No mitigation beyond the General Plan and Area Plan goals and policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
WR-2: Land uses and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan would result in increased soil erosion and sedimentation during construction activities, substantially degrading water quality in downstream waterways.	No mitigation beyond the General Plan and Area Plan goals and policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
WR-3: Agricultural and resource development (i.e., limited timber harvesting and mineral resources extraction) land uses consistent with the 2007 General Plan would increase sediment and nutrients in downstream waterways and violate water quality standards.	BIO-2.1: Stream Setback Ordinance. (see Section 4.9 Biological Resources, below). No additional mitigation beyond the General Plan and Area Plan goals and policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
WR-4: Land uses and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan would exceed the capacity of existing water supplies and necessitate the acquisition of new supplies to meet expected demands	2030 WR-1: Support a Regional Solution for the Monterey Peninsula In Addition to the Coastal Water Project The County will revise the draft 2007 General Plan to include the following <u>additional</u> new policy.	2030—Significant and unavoidable (in some portions of the County) Buildout—Significant and

Issues/Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Level of Significance after Mitigation
	<p>PS-3.16 The County will participate in the Water for Monterey County Coalition or similar regional group, for the purpose of identifying and supporting a variety of new water supply projects, water management programs, and multiple agency agreements that will provide additional domestic water supplies for the Monterey Peninsula and Seaside basin, while continuing to protect the Salinas and Pajaro River groundwater basins from saltwater intrusion. <u>The County will also participate in regional groups including representatives of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency and the County of Santa Cruz to identify and support a variety of new water supply, water management and multiple agency agreement that will provide additional domestic water supplies for the Pajaro Groundwater Basin.</u> The County’s general objective, while recognizing that timeframes will be dependent on the dynamics of <u>each of the regional groups</u>, will be to complete the cooperative planning of these water supply alternatives within five years of the adoption of the General Plan and to implement the selected alternatives within five years after that time.</p> <p>2092</p> <p>WR-1: Support a Regional Solution for the Monterey Peninsula In Addition to the Coastal Water Project. This measure is described above.</p> <p>WR-2: Initiate Planning for Additional Supplies to the Salinas Valley</p> <p>The County will revise the draft 2007 General Plan to include the following <u>additional new</u> policies.</p> <p>PS 3.17 The County will pursue expansion of the SVWP by <u>investigating expansion initiating investigations</u> of the capacity for the Salinas River water storage and distribution system. to be further expanded. This shall also include, <u>but not be limited to</u> investigations of expanded conjunctive use, use of recycled water for groundwater recharge and seawater intrusion barrier, and changes in operations of the reservoirs.</p> <p>The County’s overall objective is to have an expansion planned and in service by 2030. <u>the date that extractions from the Salinas Valley groundwater basin are predicted to reach the levels estimated for 2030 in the EIR for the Salinas Valley Water Project. The County shall review this extraction data trends at five year intervals. The County shall also assess the degree to which the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (Zone 2C) has responded with respect to water supply and the reversal of seawater intrusion based upon the modeling protocol utilized in the Salinas Valley Water Project EIR. If the examination indicates that the growth in extractions predicted for 2030 are likely to be attained within ten years of the date of the review, or the groundwater basin has not</u></p>	<p>unavoidable (in some portions of the County)</p>

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	<p><u>responded with respect to water supply and reversal of seawater intrusion as predicted by the model, then the County shall implement PS-3.18.</u></p> <p>PS-3.18 As required by PS-3.17, the County will convene and coordinate a working group made up of the Salinas Valley cities, the MCWRA, and other affected entities. The for the purpose of the working group will be to identifying new water supply projects, water management programs, and multiple agency agreements that will provide additional domestic water supplies for the Salinas Valley. These may include, but not be limited to, expanded conjunctive use programs, further improvements to the upriver reservoirs, additional pipelines to provide more efficient distribution, and expanded use of recycled water to reinforce the hydraulic barrier against seawater intrusion. The county's objective will be to complete the cooperative planning of these water supply alternatives by 2020 and have projects online by 2030, within five years and to have the projects on-line five years following identification of water supply alternatives.</p> <p>BIO-2.3: Add Considerations Regarding Riparian Habitat and Stream Flows to Criteria for Long-Term Water Supply and Well Assessment. (see Section 4.9 Biological Resources, below).</p> <p>No additional mitigation measure is available.</p>	
<p>WR-5: Land uses and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan would increase the demand for water storage, treatment, and conveyance facilities that could have significant secondary impacts on the environment.</p>	<p>The General Plan and Area Plan goals and policies will apply. Future projects will be subject to CEQA and have specific mitigation measures. As the experience with existing large-scale water supply projects shows, impacts cannot always be mitigated to a less than significant level.</p>	<p>2030—Significant and unavoidable Buildout— Significant and unavoidable</p>
<p>WR-6: Land uses and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan would increase demand on groundwater supplies in some areas; the associated increased well pumping would result in the continued decline of groundwater levels and accelerated overdraft in portions of the county.</p>	<p>2030 WR-1: Support a Regional Solution In Addition to the Coastal Water Project. This measure is described above.</p> <p>2092 WR-1: Support a Regional Solution In Addition to the Coastal Water Project. This measure is described above.</p> <p>WR-2: Initiate Planning for Additional Supplies to the Salinas Valley. This measure is described above.</p>	<p>2030—Significant and unavoidable (in some portions of the County) Buildout— Significant and unavoidable (in some portions of the County).</p>

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<p>WR-7: Land uses and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan would increase demand on groundwater supplies in areas currently experiencing or susceptible to saltwater intrusion. Increased groundwater pumping in certain coastal areas would result in increased saltwater intrusion in some areas of the county.</p>	<p>2030 WR-1: Support a Regional Solution In Addition to the Coastal Water Project This measure is described above. 2092 WR-1: Support a Regional Solution In Addition to the Coastal Water Project. This measure is described above. WR-2: Initiate Planning for Additional Supplies to the Salinas Valley. This measure is described above.</p>	<p>2030—Significant and unavoidable (in some portions of the County) Buildout—Significant and unavoidable (in some portions of the County)</p>
<p>WR-8: Land uses and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan would result in sewer- and septic-related water quality impacts, including those associated with reuse of treated water and migration of septic tank leachfield wastewater effluent to groundwater that would violate water quality standards.</p>	<p>No additional mitigation beyond the General Plan and Area Plan goals and policies is required.</p>	<p>2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant</p>
<p>WR-9: Land uses and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan would result in an increase in the number of private wells in unincorporated <u>inland</u> areas of the county. Approval of wells in these areas would result in well interference impacts.</p>	<p>No mitigation beyond the General Plan and Area Plan goals and policies is necessary.</p>	<p>2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant</p>
<p>WR-10: Land use and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan would result in alterations to existing drainage patterns. Such changes would increase erosion, both in overland flow paths and in drainage swales and creeks.</p>	<p>2030 BIO-2.1: Stream Setback Ordinance. (see Section 4.9 Biological Resources, below). No additional mitigation beyond the General Plan and Area Plan goals and policies is necessary.</p>	<p>2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant</p>

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WR-11: Land uses and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan would result in increases in storm water runoff and peak discharge. Existing storm drain systems, including urban creeks and rivers, may be incapable of accommodating increased flows, potentially resulting in increased onsite or offsite flooding.	No mitigation beyond the General Plan and Area Plan goals and policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
WR-12: Land uses and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan would allow continued development in 100-year flood hazard areas.	2030 No mitigation beyond the General Plan and Area Plan goals and policies is necessary. 2092 Extent and locations of future impact are unknown; no mitigation is feasible.	2030—Less than significant Buildout— Significant and unavoidable
WR-13: The placement of land uses and structures within Special Flood Hazard Areas would impede or redirect flood flows, resulting in secondary downstream flood damage, including bank failure.	2030 No mitigation beyond the General Plan and Area Plan goals and policies is necessary. 2092 Extent and locations of future impact are unknown; no mitigation is feasible.	2030—Less than significant Buildout— Significant and unavoidable
WR-14: Potential failure of levees or dams would expose people and structures to inundation and result in the loss of property, increased risk, injury, or death.	2030 No mitigation beyond the General Plan and Area Plan goals and policies is necessary. 2092 Extent and locations of future impact are unknown; no mitigation is feasible.	2030—Less than significant Buildout— Significant and unavoidable
CUM-2: Water Resources – Surface water quality:	No mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	Less than cumulatively considerable.
CUM-3: Water Resources – Groundwater Quality:	Mitigation measures WR-1 and WR-2.	Cumulatively considerable.
CUM-4: Water Resources – Indirect impacts of water supply projects.	No mitigation is feasible.	Cumulatively considerable.

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4.4 GEOLOGY, SOILS, AND SEISMICITY		
GEO-1: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan could expose persons and property to fault rupture hazards.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan Area Plan goals and policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
GEO-2: Land uses and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan could expose people or structures to substantial adverse seismic effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving strong seismic ground shaking.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan Area Plan goals and policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
GEO-3: Land uses and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan could expose property and structures to the damaging effects of ground subsidence hazards. This kind of geologic hazard can be seismically triggered (e.g., liquefaction), caused by seasonal saturation of the soils and rock materials, or related to grading activities.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
GEO-4: Land uses and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan could expose people and structures to substantial damaging effects of landslides, including the risk of loss, injury, or death from downslope earth movement that may be slow or rapidly occurring. This kind of geologic hazard is commonly caused by earthquakes, seasonal saturation of soils and rock, erosion, or grading activities.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant

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GEO-5: Erosion from activities and land uses consistent with the 2007 General Plan could result in erosion hazards.	BIO-2.1: Stream Setback Ordinance. (see Section 4.9 Biological Resources, below). No additional mitigation beyond the General Plan and Area Plan goals and policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
GEO-6: Land uses and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan could expose property improvements to potential adverse effects from expansive soils. Expansive soils can damage improvements, especially structures such as residential buildings, small commercial buildings, and pavements.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
GEO-7: Construction of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems on soils incapable of adequately supporting such systems could damage improvements and adversely affect groundwater resources.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
GEO-8: Land use activities and development consistent with the 2007 General Plan could expose persons and property to tsunami, seiche, or mudflow hazards.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
4.5 MINERAL RESOURCES		
MIN-1: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would potentially result in the loss of availability of known mineral resources of value to the region and the residents of the state.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
MIN-2: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would potentially result in the loss of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant

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4.6 TRANSPORTATION		
TRAN-1A: Development allowed under the 2007 General Plan would cause direct impacts on County roadways which would cause roadways to fall below the acceptable LOS standard D.	Impacts are less than significant, therefore no mitigation is necessary.	2030—Less than significant
TRAN-1B: Development of the land uses allowed under the 2007 General Plan would create traffic increases on County and Regional roadways which would cause the LOS to exceed the LOS standard, or contribute traffic to County and Regional roads that exceed the LOS standard without development.	No mitigation is feasible.	2030—Significant and unavoidable
TRAN 1-C: Growth in land uses allowed under the 2007 General Plan would increase demand for air travel at the County’s four airports or increase development within the approach and departure pattern of airports.	Impacts are less than significant, therefore no mitigation is necessary.	2030—Less than significant
TRAN 1-D: Growth in land uses allowed under the 2007 General Plan could result in non-standard or hazardous designs or land uses that are incompatible with public facilities and adjoining land uses.	No additional mitigation measures beyond the 2007 General Plan are necessary.	2030—Less than significant
TRAN 1-E: Growth in land uses allowed under the 2007 General Plan would result in inadequate emergency access.	<p>TRAN-1E: Revise Safety Element S-4.27 on increasing roadway connectivity to enhance emergency access.</p> <p>S-4.27 The County shall continue to review the procedure for proposed development, including minor and major subdivisions, and provide for an optional pre-submittal meeting between the project applicant, planning staff, and fire officials. In addition, the County shall review Community Area and Rural Center Plans, and new development proposals for roadway connectivity that provides multiple routes for emergency response vehicles. At the time of their update, Community Area and Rural Center Plans shall identify primary and secondary response routes. Secondary response routes shall be required to accommodate through traffic and may be existing roads, or may be new</p>	2030—Significant and unavoidable

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<p>TRAN 1-F: Development allowed under the 2007 General Plan could potentially conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation or generate pedestrian, bicycle, or transit travel demand that would not be accommodated by current pedestrian facilities, bicycle development plans, or long-range transit plans.</p>	<p>roads required as part of development proposals. The emergency route and connectivity plans shall be coordinated with the appropriate Fire District.</p>	<p>2030—Less than significant</p>
<p>TRAN-2A: Development allowed under the 2007 General Plan cumulatively with other development to the year 2030 would cause direct impacts on County roadways which would cause roadways to fall below the acceptable LOS standard D.</p>	<p>No additional mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.</p>	<p>2030—Less than cumulatively considerable</p>
<p>TRAN-2B: Development of the land uses allowed under the 2007 General Plan cumulatively with development in incorporated cities and in adjacent counties would create traffic increases on County and Regional roadways which would cause the LOS to exceed the LOS D standard, or contribute traffic to County and Regional roads that exceed the LOS standard without development.</p>	<p>No mitigation is feasible for County and Regional roadways outside of the CVMP.</p> <p>TRAN-2B: Revise policies in the Carmel Valley Master Plan as follows:</p> <p>Policy CV-2.10. The following are policies regarding improvements to specific portions of Carmel Valley Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Via Petra to Robinson Canyon Road. Every effort should be made to preserve its rural character by maintaining it as a 2-lane road with paved shoulders, passing lanes and left turn channelizations at intersections where warranted. b) Robinson Canyon Road to Laureles Grade. Every effort should be made to preserve its rural character by maintaining it as a 2-lane road with paved shoulders, passing lanes and left turn channelizations at intersections where warranted. c) Carmel Valley Road/Laureles Grade. A grade separation should be constructed at this location instead of a traffic signal. The grade separation needs to be constructed in a manner that minimizes impacts to the rural character of the road. An interim improvement of an all-way stop or stop signal is allowable during the period necessary to secure funding for the grade separation. 	<p>2030—Cumulatively considerable (most of county)</p>

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	<p>d) Laureles Grade to Ford Road. Shoulder improvements and widening should be undertaken here and extended to Pilot Road, and include left turn channelization at intersections as warranted.</p> <p>e) East of Esquiline Road. Shoulder improvements should be undertaken at the sharper curves. Curves should be examined for spot realignment needs.</p> <p>f) Laureles Grade improvements. Improvements to Laureles Grade should consist of the construction of shoulder widening, spot realignments, passing lanes and/or paved turn-outs. Heavy vehicles should be discouraged from using this route.</p> <p>Policy CV-2.12: To accommodate existing and future traffic, the following road improvements are recommended:</p> <p>a) Add a northbound climbing lane between Rio Road and Carmel Valley Road;</p> <p>b) Laureles Grade—undertake shoulder improvements, widening and spot realignment;</p> <p>c) Carmel Valley Road, Robinson Canyon Road to Ford Road—add left turn channelization at all intersections. Shoulder improvements should be undertaken.</p> <p>Policy CV-2.18: To implement traffic standards to provide adequate streets and highways in Carmel Valley, the County shall conduct and implement the following:</p> <p>a) Twice yearly monitoring by Public Works (in June and October) of peak hour traffic at the following 12 locations:</p> <p>Carmel Valley Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ East of Holman Road ▪ Holman Road to Esquiline Road ▪ Esquiline Road to Ford Road ▪ Ford Road to Laureles Grade ▪ Laureles Grade to Robinson Canyon Road ▪ Robinson Canyon Road to Schulte Road ▪ Schulte Road to Rancho San Carlos Road ▪ Rancho San Carlos Road to Rio Road ▪ Rio Road to Carmel Rancho Boulevard ▪ Carmel Rancho Boulevard to SR1 	

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	<p>Other Locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carmel Rancho Boulevard between Carmel Valley Road and Rio Road ▪ Rio Road between its eastern terminus at <u>Val Verde Drive</u> and SR1 <p>b) A yearly evaluation report (December) shall be prepared jointly by the Public Works and Planning Departments and shall evaluate the peak-hour level of service (LOS) for these 12 locations to indicate segments approaching a traffic volume which would lower levels of service below the LOS standards established below under CV 2-18(d).</p> <p>c) Public hearings shall be held in January immediately following a December report in (b) above in which only 100 or less peak hour trips remain before an unacceptable level of service (as defined by CV 2-18(d)) would be reached for any of the 12 segments described above.</p> <p>d) The traffic LOS standards (measured for peak hour conditions) for the CVMP Area shall be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Signalized Intersections—LOS of “C” is the acceptable condition. ▪ Unsignalized Intersections—LOS of “F” or meeting of any traffic signal warrant are defined as unacceptable conditions ▪ Carmel Valley Road Segment Operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ LOS of “C” for Segments 1, 2, 8, 9, and 10 is an acceptable condition; □ LOS of “D” for Segments 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 is an acceptable condition. <p>During review of development applications which require a discretionary permit, if traffic analysis of the proposed project indicates that the project would result in traffic conditions that would exceed the standards described above in CV 2-18(d) after the analysis takes into consideration the Carmel Valley Traffic Improvement Program to be funded by the Carmel Valley Road Traffic Mitigation Fee, then approval of the project shall be conditioned on the prior (e.g. prior to project-generated traffic) construction of additional roadway improvements OR an Environmental Impact Report shall be prepared for the project. Such additional roadway improvements must be sufficient, when combined with the projects programmed in the Carmel Valley Traffic Improvement Program, to allow County to find that the affected roadway segments or intersections would meet the acceptable standard upon completion of the programmed plus additional improvements. This policy does not apply to the first single-family residence on a legal lot of record.</p>	

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	<p>Policy CV-2.19 : Carmel Valley Traffic Improvement Program (CVTIP)</p>	
	<p>a) The CVTIP shall include the following projects (unless a subsequent traffic analysis identifies that different projects are necessary to maintain the LOS standards in Policy CV-2.18(d):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Left-turn channelization on Carmel Valley Road west of Ford Road; ▪ Shoulder widening on Carmel Valley Road between Laureles Grade and Ford Road; ▪ Paved turnouts, new signage, shoulder improvements, and spot realignments on Laureles Grade; ▪ Grade separation at Laureles Grade and Carmel Valley Road (an interim improvement of an all-way stop or stop signal is allowable during the period necessary to secure funding for the grade separation); ▪ Sight Distance Improvement at Dorris Road; ▪ Passing lanes in front of the proposed September Ranch development; ▪ Passing lanes opposite Garland Park; ▪ Climbing Lane on Laureles Grade; ▪ Upgrade all new road improvements within Carmel Valley Road Corridor to Class 2 bike lanes; ▪ Passing lane (1/4 mile) between Schulte Road and Robinson Canyon Road; and ▪ Passing lane (1/4 mile) between Rancho San Carlos Rd and Schulte Road. <p>b) The County shall adopt an updated fee program to fund the CVTIP.</p> <p>c) All projects within the CVMP area and within the “Expanded Area” that contribute to traffic within the CVMP area shall contribute fair-share traffic impact fees to fund necessary improvements identified in the CVTIP, as updated at the time of building permit issuance.</p> <p>d) Where conditions are projected to approach unacceptable conditions (as defined by the monitoring and standards described above under CV 2-18(d)), the CVTIP shall be updated to plan for and fund adequate improvements to maintain acceptable conditions.</p>	

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TRAN-2C: Growth in land uses allowed under the 2007 General Plan, cumulatively with development in incorporated cities and adjacent counties, would increase demand for air travel at the County's four airports or increase development within the approach and departure pattern of airports.	No additional mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than cumulatively considerable
TRAN-2D: Growth in land uses allowed under the 2007 General Plan, cumulatively with development in incorporated cities and adjacent counties, could result in non-standard or hazardous designs or land uses that are incompatible with public facilities and adjoining land uses.	No additional mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than cumulatively considerable
TRAN-2E: Growth in land uses allowed under the 2007 General Plan, cumulatively with development in incorporated cities and adjacent counties, would result in inadequate emergency access.	No additional mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies and Mitigation Measure TRAN-1E (described above) is available.	2030—Cumulatively considerable
TRAN-2F: Development allowed under the 2007 General Plan, cumulatively with development in incorporated cities and adjacent counties, could potentially conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation or generate pedestrian, bicycle, or transit travel demand that would not be accommodated by current pedestrian facilities, bicycle development plans, or long-range transit plans.	No additional mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than cumulatively considerable
TRAN-3A: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan would cause project-specific impacts on County roadways which would cause roadways to fall below the acceptable LOS standard D.	No mitigation is necessary.	Buildout—Less than significant

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TRAN-3B: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan would increase traffic on County and Regional roadways which would cause the LOS to exceed the LOS D standard, or contribute traffic to County and Regional roads that exceed the LOS standard without development.	No additional mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies and Mitigation Measure TRAN-2B (described above) is feasible.	Buildout— Significant and unavoidable
TRAN-3C: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan would increase demand for air travel at the County’s four airports or increase development within the approach and departure pattern of airports.	No mitigation is necessary.	Buildout—Less than significant
TRAN-3D: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan would result in non-standard or hazardous designs or land uses that are incompatible with public facilities and adjoining land uses.	No additional mitigation measures beyond the 2007 General Plan are necessary.	Buildout—Less than significant
TRAN-3E: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan would result in inadequate emergency access.	No additional mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies and Mitigation Measure TRAN-1E (described above) is available.	Buildout— Significant and unavoidable
TRAN-3F: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan would conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation or generate pedestrian, bicycle, or transit travel demand that would not be accommodated by current pedestrian facilities, bicycle development plans, or long-range transit plans	No mitigation is necessary.	Buildout—Less than significant
TRAN-4A: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan cumulatively with development in incorporated cities and adjacent counties would cause project-specific impacts on County roadways which would cause roadways to fall below the acceptable LOS standard D.	No mitigation is necessary.	Buildout—Less than significant

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<p>TRAN-4B: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan cumulatively with development in incorporated cities and in adjacent counties would create traffic increases on County and Regional roadways which would cause the LOS to exceed the LOS D standard, or contribute traffic to County and Regional roads that exceed the LOS standard without development.</p>	<p>No additional mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies and Mitigation Measure TRAN-2B (described above) is feasible.</p>	<p>Buildout— Significant and unavoidable</p>
<p>TRAN-4C: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan, cumulatively with development in incorporated cities and adjacent counties, would increase demand for air travel at the County’s four airports or increase development within the approach and departure pattern of airports.</p>	<p>No mitigation is necessary.</p>	<p>Buildout—Less than significant</p>
<p>TRAN-4D: Growth in land uses allowed under the 2007 General Plan, cumulatively with development in incorporated cities and adjacent counties, would result in non-standard or hazardous designs or land uses that are incompatible with public facilities and adjoining land uses.</p>	<p>No additional mitigation measures beyond the 2007 General Plan are necessary.</p>	<p>Buildout—Less than significant</p>
<p>TRAN-4E: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan, cumulatively with development in incorporated cities and adjacent counties, would result in inadequate emergency access.</p>	<p>No additional mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies and Mitigation Measure TRAN-1E (described above) is available.</p>	<p>Buildout— Significant and unavoidable</p>

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<p>TRAN-4F: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan, cumulatively with development in incorporated cities and adjacent counties, would conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation or generate pedestrian, bicycle, or transit travel demand that would not be accommodated by current pedestrian facilities, bicycle development plans, or long-range transit plans.</p>	<p>No mitigation is necessary.</p>	<p>Buildout—Less than significant</p>
<p>TRAN-5A: Growth in land uses allowed under the 2007 General Plan to the year 2030 would create adverse impacts to County roads within the Agricultural and Winery Corridor.</p>	<p>TRAN-5A: The roadway segments exceeding LOS standards are two-lane rural roads that provide left turn lanes at some intersections. These segments include County Road G14 between US 101 and San Lucas Road, and Spreckels Boulevard between SR-68 and Harkins Road. Improvement of these segments would be funded through a combination of project-specific mitigation for individual developments, and through a Capital Improvement and Financing Plan fair-share funding mechanism established for the Corridor by the Public Works Department. These improvements would be implemented when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A proposed development’s project-specific assessment identifies a direct impact to the facility in terms of either LOS or safety. 2) A proposed development gains access from an intersection within the segment. 3) A corridor-wide nexus study prepared for the required Capital Improvement and Financing Plan identifies the level of development that can occur before triggering the improvements. <p>To maintain the rural character of the area, there are no plans to widen these roadways to four lane facilities. Therefore, the capacity of these segments will be increased by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Providing left turn lanes at intersections without left turn lanes and where the frequency of turning vehicles affects through vehicle movement; and/or 2. Increasing the width of the roadway shoulder at intersections to allow vehicles to pass turning vehicles; and/or 3. Constructing passing lanes as determined in the Capital Improvement and Financing Plan. <p><u>Until such time as the County Traffic Impact Fee Program and CIFP for the AWCP are adopted, all new development in the AWCP will be required to prepare a Traffic Impact</u></p>	<p>2030—Less than significant</p>

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	<p><u>Analysis (TIA) regardless of the level of CEQA analysis conducted for the Project. Project-specific (Tier 1) mitigation measures identified in the TIA will be required to be implemented concurrently. If a TIA identifies a Traffic Tier impact, the development will be required to make a “fair share” payment for that impact. For discretionary permits and approvals, Policies C-1.3 and C-1.4 shall apply. In addition, all projects are subject to payment of the TAMC Regional Development Impact Fee.</u></p>	
<p>TRAN-5B: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan would create adverse impacts to County roads within the Agricultural Winery Corridor.</p>	<p>No additional mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies and Mitigation Measure TRAN-5A (described above) is necessary.</p>	<p>Buildout—Less than significant</p>
<p>CUM-6: Transportation</p>	<p>Related mitigation measures are included in Section 4.6.</p>	<p>Cumulatively considerable</p>
<p>4.7 AIR QUALITY</p>		
<p>AQ-1: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan would conflict with applicable Air Quality Management Plans and Standards.</p>	<p>No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.</p>	<p>2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant</p>
<p>AQ-2: Generation of significant quantities of construction-related emissions would result in greater levels of air pollution.</p>	<p>2030 and 2092 AQ-1: The County of Monterey will update General Plan policy OS-10.59 as follows: OS-10.9 The County of Monterey shall require that future development implement applicable Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District control measures. Applicants for discretionary projects shall work with the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District to incorporate feasible measures that assure that health-based standards for diesel particulate emissions are met. <u>The County of Monterey will require that future construction operate and implement MBUAPCD PM₁₀ control measures to ensure that construction-related PM₁₀ emissions do not exceed the MBUAPCD’s PM₁₀ threshold of 82 pounds per day. The County shall implement MBUAPCD measures to address off-road mobile source and heavy duty equipment emissions as conditions of approval for future development to ensure that construction-related NO_x emissions from non-typical construction equipment do not exceed the MBUAPCD’s NO_x threshold of 137 pounds per day.</u> OS 10.5. The County of Monterey will require that future construction in accordance with the 2007 implement MBUAPCD PM₁₀ control measures.</p>	<p>2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant</p>

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	<p>AQ-2: Implement MBUAPCD Mitigation Measures for Off-Road Mobile Source and Heavy Duty Equipment Emissions.</p> <p>General Plan Policy OS-10.69 will be revised as follows:</p> <p>OS-10.9 The County of Monterey shall require that future development implement applicable Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District control measures. Applicants for discretionary projects shall work with the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District to incorporate feasible measures that assure that health-based standards for diesel particulate emissions are met. <u>The County of Monterey will require that future construction operate and implement MBUAPCD PM₁₀ control measures to ensure that construction-related PM₁₀ emissions do not exceed the MBUAPCD’s PM₁₀ threshold of 82 pounds per day. The County shall implement MBUAPCD measures to address off-road mobile source and heavy duty equipment emissions as conditions of approval for future development to ensure that construction-related NO_x emissions from non-typical construction equipment do not exceed the MBUAPCD’s NO_x threshold of 137 pounds per day. The County shall implement MBUAPCD measures to address off-road mobile source and heavy duty equipment emissions as conditions of approval for future development.</u></p>	
<p>AQ-3: Net Change in Ozone Precursor (ROG and NOx) and Particulate Matter.</p>	<p>2030 and 2092</p> <p>CC-2 and CC-3: See the description of these measures under Climate Change, below.</p> <p>AQ-3: Implement MBUAPCD Mitigation Measures for Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Land Uses (MBUAPCD 2008).</p> <p>The following measures will be added to General Plan Policy OS-10.10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide preferential carpool/vanpool parking spaces ▪ Implement a parking surcharge for single occupant vehicles ▪ Provide for shuttle/mini bus service ▪ Provide bicycle storage/parking facilities and shower/locker facilities ▪ Provide onsite child care centers ▪ Provide transit design features within the development ▪ Develop park-and-ride lots ▪ Employ a transportation/rideshare coordinator ▪ Implement a rideshare program 	<p>2030—Significant and unavoidable</p> <p>Buildout—Significant and unavoidable</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide incentives to employees to rideshare or take public transportation ▪ Implement compressed work schedules ▪ Implement telecommuting program <p>AQ-4: Implement MBUAPCD Mitigation Measures for Residential Land Uses (MBUAPCD 2008). General Plan Policy OS-10.10 will be revised to include the following measures to address residential land use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide bicycle paths within major subdivisions that link to an external network ▪ Provide pedestrian facilities within major subdivisions <p>AQ-5: Implement MBUAPCD Mitigation Measures for Alternative Fuels (MBUAPCD 2008). The following measures will be added to General Plan Policy OS-10.2 to address alternative fuels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Utilize electric fleet vehicles ▪ Utilize Ultra Low-Emission fleet vehicles ▪ Utilize methanol fleet vehicles ▪ Utilize liquid propane gas fleet vehicles ▪ Utilize compressed natural gas fleet vehicles 	
<p>AQ-4: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan would expose sensitive receptors to increased diesel exhaust.</p>	<p>2030 and 2092</p> <p>AQ-6: The County of Monterey shall require that construction contracts be given to those contractors who show evidence of the use of soot traps, ultra-low sulfur fuels, and other diesel engine emissions upgrades that reduce PM₁₀ emissions to less than 50% of the statewide PM₁₀ emissions average for comparable equipment.</p> <p>AQ-7: The following language should be included in General Plan policy OS-10.10: <u>Ensure development</u>Development of new sensitive land uses (schools, hospitals, facilities for the elderly) <u>should</u>is not be located any closer than 500 feet of a freeway carrying more than 100,000 vehicles per day.</p>	<p>2030—Less than significant</p> <p>Buildout—Less than significant</p>

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AQ-5: Future traffic growth would cause increases in CO levels along County roadways.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
AQ-6: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan would result in the emission of objectionable odors.	<p>2030 and 2092 AQ-8: The following measures should be added as General Plan Policy OS-10.12: OS-10.12. Provide for the proper storage and disposal of pomace resulting from winery operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To minimize odors resulting from the storage of pomace, all residue shall be removed from the site or spread in the vineyards as a soil amendment by the winery. ▪ To prevent complaints resulting from burning of pomace, burning of pomace as a disposal method shall be prohibited. ▪ All wineries shall incorporate best management practices and technologies to prevent fugitive emissions and odors from escaping the winery during production. 	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
CUM 7: Air Quality	No mitigation is feasible.	Cumulatively considerable.
4.8 NOISE		
Impact N-1: Future development activities associated with the 2007 General Plan would result in exposure of noise sensitive land uses (i.e. persons) to traffic noise in excess of County noise standards, or substantial increases in traffic noise.	No mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant 2092—Less than significant
Impact N-2: Development activities associated with implementation of the 2007 General Plan would result in exposure of persons to excessive ground-borne vibration.	No mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant 2092—Less than significant

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Impact N-3: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would create temporary, short-term noise impacts during associated construction activities.	No mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant 2092—Less than significant
Impact N-4: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would potentially expose people residing or working near an airport to excessive noise levels.	No mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant 2092—Less than significant
Impact N-5: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would expose people residing or working near industrial/agricultural land uses and recreational venues to excessive noise levels.	No mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant 2092—Less than significant
CUM-8: Noise	No mitigation beyond 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	Less than cumulatively considerable.

4.9 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

BIO-1: Potential Adverse Impact on Special-Status Species	2030 <i>All Special Status Species—Program Level</i>	2030—Less than significant
	BIO-1.1: Baseline Inventory of Landcover, Special Status Species Habitat, Sensitive Natural Communities, Riparian Habitat, and Wetlands in Monterey County The County shall expand the inventory of listed species suitable and critical habitat required by Policy OS 5.1 and OS 5.2 to include an updated vegetation land cover map; identification of suitable habitat for special status species (as defined in this document), sensitive natural communities, and riparian habitat in Monterey County. The inventory shall include wetlands inventory as feasible based on existing data sources and aerial interpretation. This inventory should be updated at a minimum of ten year intervals. The inventory can exclude areas that are not under the control of Monterey County (e.g. cities, state and federal lands). BIO-1.2: Salinas Valley Conservation Plan to preserve habitat for the San Joaquin kit fox in the Salinas Valley	2092—Significant and unavoidable

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	<p>The County shall, in concert with the USFWS <u>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</u>, CDFG <u>California Department of Fish and Game</u>, cities in the Salinas Valley, and stakeholders develop a conservation plan <u>strategy</u> for the Salinas Valley to provide for the preservation of adequate habitat to sustain the San Joaquin kit fox population. The general focus area of the plan shall be the Salinas Valley south of the community of Chualar. The conservation plan <u>strategy</u>, at a minimum, shall be adopted by Monterey County and shall be applied to all discretionary approvals (and their associated CEQA documents) with potential to affect the San Joaquin kit fox within the conservation plan <u>strategy</u> area. The County shall complete the conservation <u>strategy</u> within 4 years of General Plan adoption. The conservation <u>strategy</u> funding program shall be developed and shall include <u>consider</u> a mitigation fee program for which development projects will be assessed a fee based on a proportional basis of impact to the San Joaquin kit fox <u>as one of the options</u>. The compensation plan <u>strategy</u> shall be developed and implemented in coordination with the appropriate state or federal agency and may provide mechanisms to mitigate impacts of an individual project through one or more of the following means: identifying an agency-approved mitigation bank or other compensation site (on- or off-site); and/or preserving habitat; monitoring the compensation site; and funding the management of the compensation site.</p> <p><u>Until the adoption of the conservation strategy, habitat loss due to discretionary projects shall be mitigated on a project-by-project basis.</u></p> <p><i>All Special Status Species—Project Level</i></p> <p>BIO-1.3: Project Level Biological Survey and Avoidance, Minimization, and Compensation for Impacts to Non-Listed Special Status Species and Sensitive Natural Communities.</p> <p>The County shall require that any development project that could potentially impact a non-listed special status species or sensitive natural community shall be required to conduct a biological survey of the site. If non-listed special status species or sensitive natural communities are found on the site, the project biologist shall recommend measures necessary to avoid, minimize, and/or compensate for identified impacts to non-listed special status species and sensitive natural communities. An ordinance establishing minimum standards for a biological report shall be enacted. This policy shall only apply to the following:</p> <p>(a) Development in Focused Growth Areas (Community Areas, Rural Centers and Housing Overlays</p>	

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	<p>(b) Development requiring a discretionary permit</p> <p>(c) Large scale wineries in the AWCP.</p> <p>2092</p> <p>BIO-1.2 1.1 through BIO-1.3 as described above.</p> <p>BIO-1.4: By 2030, prepare an Update to the General Plan to identify expansion of existing focused growth areas and/or to identify new focused growth areas to reduce loss of natural habitat in Monterey County.</p> <p>The County shall update the County General Plan by no later than January 1, 2030 and shall consider the potential to expand focused growth areas established by the 2007 General Plan and/or the designation of new focused growth areas. At five year intervals, the County shall examine the degree to which thresholds predicted in the General Plan EIR for the timeframe 2006-2030 for increased population, residential construction and commercial growth have been attained. If the examination indicates that actual growth is within 10% of the thresholds (10,015 new housing units; 500 acres new commercial development; 3111 acres new industrial development and 10,253 acres of land converted to agriculture) the County shall initiate a General Plan Amendment process to consider the expansion of focused growth areas established by the General Plan and/or the designation of new focused growth areas. The purpose of such expanded/new focused growth areas would be to reduce the loss of CEQA defined special status species and habitat addressed by Policy OS-5.16 due to continued urban growth after 2030. The new/expanded growth areas shall be designed to accommodate at least 80% of the projected residential and commercial growth in the unincorporated County from 2030 to buildout. This update will also address expansion of agricultural operations and potential impacts to CEQA defined special status the species and habitat addressed by policy OS-5.16.</p> <p>BIO-1.5: By 2030, prepare a Comprehensive County Natural Communities Conservation Plan Strategy</p> <p><u>At five year intervals, the County shall examine the degree to which thresholds for increased population, residential construction and commercial growth predicted in the General Plan EIR for the timeframe 2006-2030 have been attained. If the examination indicates that actual growth is within 10% of the growth projected in the General Plan EIR (10,015 new housing units; 500 acres new commercial development; 3111 acres new industrial development and 10,253 acres of land converted to agriculture), then the County shall assess the vulnerability of currently non-listed species becoming rare,</u></p>	

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<p>BIO-2: Potential Adverse Effects on Sensitive Riparian Habitat, Other Sensitive Natural Communities and on Federal and State Jurisdictional Waters and Wetlands</p>	<p>threatened or endangered due to projected development. The County shall complete the preparation of a NCCP for all incorporated areas in Monterey County by no later than January 1, 2030 to address all state and federal listed species and all CEQA defined special status species conservation strategy for those areas containing substantial suitable habitat for plant and wildlife species with the potential to become listed species up to buildout of the County due to development. The County shall invite the participation of the incorporated cities, the federal land agencies, Caltrans and other stakeholders. The NCCP conservation strategy shall also cover preservation of sensitive natural communities, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and wildlife movement corridors and include mechanisms including such as on and off-site mitigation ratios and fee programs for mitigating impacts or their equivalent.</p> <p>2030 <i>Program Level Mitigation Measures</i> BIO-1.1 (as described above under Impacts to Special Status Species) BIO-2.1: Stream Setback Ordinance The <u>In order to preserve riparian habitat, conserve the value of streams and rivers as wildlife corridors and reduce sediment and other water quality impacts of new development, the county shall develop and adopt a county wide Stream Setback Ordinance. The ordinance shall establish minimum standards for the avoidance and setbacks for new development relative to streams. The ordinance shall identify standardized inventory methodologies and mapping requirements. A stream classification system shall be identified to distinguish between different stream types (based on hydrology, vegetation, and slope, etc.) and thus allow application of standard setbacks to different stream types. The ordinance shall identify specific setbacks relative to inland portions of the following rivers and creeks so they can be implemented in the Area Plans: Salinas, Carmel River, Arroyo Seco, Pajaro River, Nacimiento, San Antonio, Gabilan Creek, and Toro Creek. The ordinance may identify specific setbacks for other creeks or may apply generic setbacks based on the stream classification developed for the ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance will be to preserve riparian habitat and reduce sediment and other water quality impacts of new development shall identify appropriate uses within the setback area that would not cause removal of riparian habitat, compromise identified riparian wildlife corridors, or compromise water quality of the relevant stream.</u> The Stream Setback Ordinance shall apply to all discretionary development, County</p>	<p>2030—Less than significant 2092—Significant and unavoidable.</p>

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	<p>public projects within the County and to conversion of previously uncultivated agricultural land (as defined in the General Policy Glossary) on normal soil slopes over 15% or on highly erodible soils on slopes over 10%. <u>The stream setback ordinance shall be adopted within three (3) years of adoption of the General Plan.</u></p> <p>BIO-2.2—Oak Woodlands Mitigation Program.</p> <p>The County shall prepare, adopt and implement a program that allows project to mitigate the loss of oak woodlands. The program would include <u>shall be consistent with California Public Resources Code Section 21083.4, and will identify a combination of the following mitigation alternatives: a) ratios for replacement, b) payment of fees to mitigate the loss or direct replacement for the loss of oak woodlands and monitoring for compliance, and c) conservation easements.</u> The program would identify criteria for suitable donor sites. Mitigation for the loss of oak tree woodlands may be either on-site or off-site. The program would allow payment <u>of fees</u> to either a local fund established by the County <u>or a state fund</u>. Until such time as the County program is implemented <u>consistent with Public Resources Code section 21083.4 (b), payment of projects shall pay a fee may be made to the State Oak Woodlands Conservation-Program Fund (OWCF).</u> Replacement of oak woodlands shall <u>be on a minimum 1:1 ratio provide for equivalent acreage and ecological value at a minimum of 1:1 ratio. The program shall prioritize the conservation of oak woodlands that are within known wildlife corridors as a high priority. The oak woodlands mitigation program shall be adopted within 5 years of adoption of the General Plan.</u></p> <p>BIO-2.3: Add Considerations Regarding Riparian Habitat and Stream Flows to Criteria for Long-Term Water Supply and Well Assessment.</p> <p>Public Services Policies PS-3.3 and PS-3.4 establish the criteria for proof of a long-term water supply and for evaluation and approval of new wells. The following criteria shall be added to these policies:</p> <p>Policy PS-3.3.i—Effects on instream flows necessary to support riparian vegetation, wetlands, fish, and other aquatic life including migration potential for steelhead, <u>for the purpose of minimizing impacts to those resources and species.</u></p> <p>Policy PS-3.4.g—Effects on instream flows necessary to support riparian vegetation, wetlands, fish, and other aquatic life including migration potential for steelhead, <u>for the purpose of minimizing impacts to those resources and species.</u></p> <p><u>h— A discretionary permit shall be required for new wells in the Carmel Valley alluvial aquifer. All new wells shall be required to fully offset any increase in extractions from</u></p>	

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	<p><u>this aquifer. These requirements shall be maintained until such a time that the Coastal Water project (or its equivalent) results in elimination of all Cal-Am withdrawals in excess of its legal rights.</u></p> <p><u>i— A discretionary permit shall be required for all new wells in fractured rock or hard rock areas in the North County Area Plan in order to provide for case by case review of potential water quality and overdraft concerns. This requirement shall be maintained until such a time that a water supply project or projects are completed that addresses existing water quality and water supply issues in fractured rock or hard rock areas.</u></p> <p><i>Project Level Mitigation Measure</i></p> <p>BIO-1.3 as described above under Impacts to Special Status Species.</p> <p>2092</p> <p>BIO-1.1, -1.2, 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5 as described above under Impacts to Special Status Species.</p> <p>BIO-2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 as described above.</p>	
<p>BIO-3.1: Potential Disturbance and Loss of Native Fish and Wildlife Species Movement Corridors</p>	<p>2030</p> <p>BIO-1.2 described under Impacts to Special Status Species.</p> <p>BIO-2.1 described under Impacts to Sensitive Natural Communities.</p> <p>BIO-3.1: Project-Level Wildlife Movement Considerations.</p> <p>The County shall require discretionary projects to retain movement corridors of adequate size and habitat quality to allow for continued wildlife use based on the needs of the species occupying the habitat. The County shall <u>require that expansion of</u> consider the need for wildlife movement in designing and expanding major roadways and public infrastructure projects to provide movement opportunities for terrestrial wildlife and to ensure that existing stream channels and riparian corridors continue to provide for wildlife movement and access. <u>Among others, sources of information about wildlife corridors in Monterey County can be found in the following references:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>California Wilderness Coalition. 2001. Missing Linkages: Restoring Connectivity to the California Landscape.</u> ▪ <u>The Nature Conservancy. 2006. California Central Coast Ecoregional Plan Update. October.</u> 	<p>2030—Less than significant</p> <p>2092—Less than significant</p>

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	<p>2092 BIO-1.2 described under Impacts to Special Status Species. BIO-1.3 described under Impacts to Special Status Species. BIO-1.4 described under Impacts to Special Status Species. BIO-1.5 discussed under Impacts to Special Status Species. BIO-2.1 discussed under Impacts to Sensitive Natural Communities. BIO-3.1 discussed above.</p>	
<p>BIO-3.2: Potential Loss or Disturbance of Nesting Migratory Birds and Raptors</p>	<p>2030 BIO-3.2: Remove Vegetation During the Nonbreeding Season and Avoid Disturbance of Nesting Migratory Birds, Including Raptors, as Appropriate (generally September 16 to January 31 February 1 to September 15). Vegetation removed in the course of development will be removed only during the nonbreeding season (generally September 16 to January 31). Occupied nests of statutorily protected migratory birds, including and raptors will be avoided during this period shall not be disturbed during the breeding season (generally February 1 to September 15). The county shall consult, or require the developer to consult, with a qualified biologist prior to any site preparation or construction work in order to (1) determine whether work is proposed during nesting season for migratory birds <u>or raptors</u>, (2) determine whether site vegetation is suitable to nesting migratory birds <u>or raptors</u>, (3) identify any regulatory requirements for setbacks or other avoidance measures for migratory birds <u>and raptors</u> which could nest on the site, and (4) establish project-specific requirements for setbacks, lock-out periods, or other methods of avoidance of <u>disruption of</u> nesting birds. The county shall require the development to follow the recommendations of the biologist. <u>This measure may be implemented in one of two ways: (1) preconstruction surveys can be conducted to identify active nests and if found, adequate buffers shall be provided to avoid active nest disruption until after the young have fledged; or (2) vegetation removal can be conducted during the non-breeding season (generally September 16 to January 31); however, removal of vegetation along waterways shall require approval of all appropriate local, state, and federal agencies.</u> <u>This policy would not apply in the case of an emergency fire event requiring tree removal. This policy would apply for tree removal that addresses fire safety planning, since removal can be scheduled to reduce impacts to migratory birds and raptors.</u></p>	<p>2030—Less than significant 2092—Less than significant</p>

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	2092 BIO-3.2 discussed above.	
BIO-4: Potential Loss of Protected Trees	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant 2092—Less than significant
BIO-5.1: Potential Inconsistency with Adopted Conservation Plan	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant 2092—Less than significant
CUM-9: Biological Resources	Mitigation measures BIO-1.1 to 1.2, 1.4, and 1.5, BIO-2.1 to 2.3, BIO-3.1 to 3.2.	Cumulatively considerable.
4.10 CULTURAL RESOURCES		
CUL-1: Development under the 2007 General Plan could potentially damage or destroy historic resources.	CUL-1: Policy CSV-1.1 of the Central Salinas Valley Area Plan will be revised to read: CSV-1.1 <u>Special Treatment Area: Paraiso Hot Springs</u> —The Paraiso Hot Springs properties shall be designated a Special Treatment Area. Recreation and visitor serving land uses for the Paraiso Hot Springs Special Treatment Area may be permitted in accordance with a general development plan and other discretionary approvals such as subdivision maps, use permits, and design approvals. The Special Treatment Area may include such uses as a lodge, individual cottages, a visitor center, recreational vehicle accommodations, restaurant, shops, stables, tennis courts, aquaculture, mineral water bottling, hiking trails, vineyards, and orchards. The plan shall address cultural resources protection, fire safety, access, sewage treatment, water quality, water quantity, drainage, and soil stability issues (APN: 418-361-004, 418-361-009, 418- 381361 -021, 418- 381361 -022).	2030—Less than significant 2092—Less than significant
CUL-2: Development under the 2007 General Plan could potentially damage or destroy archaeological resources.	CUL-1 discussed under impacts to historic resources.	2030—Less than significant 2092—Less than significant

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CUL-3: Development under the 2007 General Plan could result in damage or destruction of paleontological resources.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant 2092—Less than significant
CUL-4: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan could damage or destroy burial sites.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant 2092—Less than significant
4.11 PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES		
PSU-1: Development and land use activities contemplated in the 2007 General Plan may result in the need for new or expanded fire facilities.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
PSU-2: Development and land use activities contemplated in the 2007 General Plan may result in the need for new or expanded Sheriff's facilities.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
PSU-3: Development and land use activities contemplated in the 2007 General Plan may result in the need for new or expanded school facilities. Future schools may affect adjoining land uses.	2030 No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary. 2092 Specific mitigation of school operational impacts is not feasible because specific future school characteristics are unknown.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Significant and unavoidable
PSU-4: Development and land use activities contemplated in the 2007 General Plan may result in the need for new or expanded library facilities.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant

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PSU-5: Development and land use activities contemplated in the 2007 General Plan may result in the need for new or expanded public health facilities.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
PSU-6: Development and land use activities contemplated in the 2007 General Plan may create additional demands for wastewater collection and treatment, resulting in a need for new or expanded wastewater treatment facilities.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies and existing regulatory standards is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
PSU-7: Development and land use activities contemplated in the 2007 General Plan may result in the need for new or expanded stormwater drainage facilities.	PS-1: The County will add the following policy to the 2007 General Plan: Policy S-3.9: require all future developments to implement <u>Best Management Practices (BMPs) as approved in the Monterey Regional Storm Water Management Program which are designed to incorporate the most feasible number of Low Impact Development (LID) techniques into their stormwater management plan.</u> BMPs <u>The LID techniques</u> may include, but are not limited to, grassy swales, rain gardens, bioretention cells, tree box filters, and preserve as much native vegetation as feasible possible on the project site.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
PSU-8: Development and land use activities contemplated in the 2007 General Plan may result in a need for new solid waste facilities or non-compliance with waste diversion requirements. Future solid waste facilities would have a significant effect on the environment.	2030 No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary. 2092 PS-2: The County will add the following policy to the 2007 General Plan: Policy PS-5.5 The County will review its Solid Waste Management Plan on a 5-year basis and institute policies and programs as necessary to exceed the wastestream reduction requirements of the California Integrated Waste Management Act. The County will adopt requirements for wineries to undertake individual or joint composting programs to reduce the volume of their wastestream. Specific mitigation measures to reduce the impacts of future solid waste facilities are infeasible because the characteristics of those future facilities are unknown.	2030—Less than significant Buildout— Significant and unavoidable
CUM-10: Public Services and Utilities – Solid Waste	No mitigation is feasible.	Cumulatively considerable.

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4.12 PARKS AND RECREATION		
PAR-1: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would result in the need for new or expanded parks and recreational facilities, which were not contemplated in the general plan.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	Less than significant
PAR-2: Population growth associated with implementation of the 2007 General Plan would potentially create additional demands on existing parks and recreational facilities, thereby resulting in the physical deterioration of such facilities.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	Less than significant
4.13 HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS		
HAZ-1: New development in accordance with the 2007 General Plan would expose persons to hazardous materials from routine use, transport, or disposal of hazardous materials or the release of hazardous materials.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	Less than significant
HAZ-2: The 2007 General Plan would establish new land uses that would potentially create aviation safety hazards.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	Less than significant
HAZ-3: New development in accordance with the 2007 General Plan would increase exposure to wildland fires.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	Less than significant
HAZ-4: Development under the 2007 General Plan would establish new land uses that would interfere with the implementation of an emergency response or evacuation plan.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	Less than significant
CUM-11: Hazards – Wildfire	No mitigation is feasible.	Cumulatively considerable.

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4.14 AESTHETICS, LIGHT, AND GLARE		
AES-1: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would result in a substantial adverse effects on scenic vistas.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is available.	2030—Significant and unavoidable Buildout—Significant and unavoidable
AES-2: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan could result in the degradation of scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is available.	2030—Significant and unavoidable Buildout—Significant and unavoidable
AES-3: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of Monterey County.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is available.	2030—Significant and unavoidable Buildout—Significant and unavoidable
AES-4: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan could create substantial new sources of light and glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is available.	Significant and unavoidable
CUM-12: Aesthetics, Light and Glare	No mitigation is feasible.	Cumulatively considerable.
4.15 POPULATION AND HOUSING		
POP-1: Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would induce population growth in unincorporated Monterey County.	No feasible mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan goals and policies is available.	2030—Significant and unavoidable Buildout—Significant and unavoidable
POP-2: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan would result in the displacement of existing	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant

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housing units, necessitating the construction of new housing elsewhere.		Buildout—Less than significant
POP-3: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan would result in the displacement of persons, necessitating the construction of new housing elsewhere.	No mitigation beyond the 2007 General Plan policies is necessary.	2030—Less than significant Buildout—Less than significant
CUM-13: Population and Housing	No mitigation is feasible.	Cumulatively considerable.
4.16 CLIMATE CHANGE		
CC-1: Development of the 2007 General Plan would contribute considerably to cumulative GHG emissions and global climate change as the County in 2020 would have GHG emissions greater than 72% of business as usual conditions.	<p>2030 Horizon</p> <p>CC-1a: Modify Policy OS-10.11 regarding the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan</p> <p>Revise Policy OS-10.11 as follows:</p> <p>OS-10.11 Within 24 months of the adoption of the General Plan, Monterey County shall will develop <u>and adopt</u> a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan with a target to reduce emissions by 2020 to the 1990 level by 28% relative to estimated “business as usual” 2020 emissions. <u>to a level that is 15% less than 2005 emission levels.</u></p> <p>At a minimum, the Plan shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. establish an inventory of current (2006) GHG emissions in the County of Monterey including but not limited to residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural emissions; b. forecast GHG emissions for 2020 for County operations; c. forecast GHG emissions for areas within the jurisdictional control of the County for “business as usual” conditions; d. identify methods to reduce GHG emissions; e. quantify the reductions in GHG emissions from the identified methods; f. requirements for monitoring and reporting of GHG emissions; g. establish a schedule of actions for implementation; h. identify funding sources for implementation; and i. identify a reduction goal for the 2030 Planning Horizon. <p>During preparation of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, the County shall also</p>	2030—Less than cumulatively considerable Buildout—Cumulatively considerable

Issues/Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Level of Significance after Mitigation
	<p>evaluate potential options for changes in County policies regarding land use and circulation as necessary to further achieve the 2020 and 2030 reduction goals and measures to promote urban forestry and public awareness concerning climate change.</p> <p>CC-2: Add Policy OS-10.12: Adoption of a Green Building Ordinance</p> <p>OS-10.12 Within 24 months of the adoption of the General Plan, the County shall adopt a Green Building Ordinance to require green building practices and materials for new civic buildings and new private residential, commercial, and industrial buildings that will include, but are not limited to, the following <u>technologies, strategies or their functional equivalent</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All new County government projects and major renovations shall meet, at a minimum, LEED-Silver standards or an equivalent rating system ▪ All new commercial buildings shall meet the requirements of be certified under the LEED rating system for commercial buildings or an equivalent rating system. ▪ All new residential projects of 6 units or more shall meet the GreenPoint Rating System for residential buildings, or an equivalent alternate rating system. ▪ The County shall require consideration of solar building orientation, solar roofs, cool pavements, and planting of shade trees in development review of new commercial and industrial projects and new residential projects of 6 units or more. ▪ Prioritized parking within new commercial and retail areas for electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles, and alternative fuel vehicles shall be provided for new commercial and institutional developments. ▪ New commercial and industrial projects greater than 25,000 square feet shall be required to provide on-site renewable energy generation as part of their development proposal. This requirement can be met through a solar roof or other means. <p>CC-3: New Policy OS-10.13—Promote Alternative Energy Development</p> <p>OS-10.13: The County shall use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to map and assess local renewable resources, the electric and gas transmission and distribution system, community growth areas anticipated to require new energy services, and other data useful to deployment of renewable technologies.</p> <p>The County shall adopt an Alternative Energy Promotion ordinance that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ identify possible sites for production of energy using local renewable resources such as solar, wind, small hydro, and, biogas; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ consider the potential need for exemption from other General Plan policies concerning visual resources, ridgeline protection, biological resources; ▪ evaluate potential land use, environmental, economic, and other constraints affecting renewable energy development; and ▪ adopt measures to protect both renewable energy resources, such as utility easement, right-of-way, and land set-asides as well as visual and biological resources. <p>The County shall also complete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evaluate the feasibility of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) for the County. CCA allows cities and counties, or groups of them, to aggregate the electric loads of customers within their jurisdictions for purposes of procuring electrical services. CCA allows the community to choose what resources will serve their loads and can significantly increase renewable energy. ▪ If CCA is ultimately not pursued, the County shall evaluate the feasibility of purchasing renewable energy certificates to reduce the County’s contribution to GHG emissions related to County electricity use. ▪ The County shall develop a ministerial permit process for approval of small-scale wind and solar energy systems for on-site home, small commercial, and farm use. <p>CC-4: New Policy PS-5.5—Promote Recycling and Waste Reduction PS-5.5: The County shall promote waste diversion and recycling and waste energy recovery as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The County shall adopt a 75% waste diversion goal. ▪ The County shall support the extension of the types of recycling services offered (e.g., to include food and green waste recycling). ▪ The County shall support waste conversion and methane recovery in local landfills to generate electricity. ▪ The County shall support and require the installation of anaerobic digesters <u>or equivalent technology</u> for winery facilities and wastewater treatment facilities under County jurisdiction. <p>CC-5: Adopt GHG Reduction Plan for County Operations Within 12 months of adoption of the General Plan, the County shall quantify the current and projected (2020) GHG emissions associated with County operations and adopt a GHG Reduction Plan for County Operations. The goal of the plan shall be to reduce</p>	

Issues/Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Level of Significance after Mitigation
	<p>GHG emissions associated with County Operations by at least 28% relative to BAU 2020 conditions.</p> <p>Potential elements of the County Operations GHG Reduction Plan shall include, but are not limited to, the following measures: an energy tracking and management system; energy-efficient lighting; lights-out-at-night policy; occupancy sensors; heating, cooling and ventilation system retrofits; ENERGY STAR appliances; green or reflective roofing; improved water pumping energy efficiency; central irrigation control system; energy-efficient vending machines; preference for recycled materials in purchasing; use of low or zero-emission vehicles and equipment and recycling of construction materials in new county construction; conversion of fleets (as feasible) to electric and hybrid vehicles; and solar roofs.</p> <p>2092</p> <p>CC-11 (Same as BIO-1.9): By 2030, prepare an Update to the General Plan to identify expansion of existing focused growth areas and/or to identify new focused growth areas to reduce loss of natural habitat in Monterey County and vehicle miles traveled</p> <p>The County shall update the County General Plan by no later than January 1, 2030 and shall consider the potential to expand focused growth areas established by the 2007 General Plan and/or the designation of new focused growth areas. The purpose of such expanded/new focused growth areas would be to reduce the loss of natural habitat due to continued urban growth after 2030. The new/expanded growth areas shall be designed to accommodate at least 80% of the projected residential and commercial growth in the unincorporated County from 2030 to buildout.</p> <p>CC-12: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan Requirements Beyond 2030</p> <p>In parallel with the development and adoption of the 2030 General Plan, Monterey County will develop and adopt a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan with a target to reduce 2050 GHG emissions by 80% relative to 1990 emissions.</p> <p>At a minimum, the Plan shall establish an inventory of current (2030) GHG emissions in the County of Monterey; forecast GHG emissions for 2050 for County operations and areas within the jurisdictional control of the County; identify methods to reduce GHG emissions; quantify the reductions in GHG emissions from the identified methods; identify requirements for monitoring and reporting of GHG emissions; establish a schedule of actions for implementation; and identify funding sources for implementation.</p>	

Issues/Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Level of Significance after Mitigation
<p>CC-2: Development Allowed by the 2007 General Plan May Subject Property and Persons to Otherwise Avoidable Physical Harm in Light of Inevitable Climate Change.</p>	<p>CC-13: Develop and Integrate Climate Change Preparedness Planning for Monterey County</p> <p>Monterey County shall prepare and implement a Climate Change Preparedness Plan to prepare proactively for the impacts of climate change to the County’s economy and natural ecosystems and to promote a climate resilient community.</p> <p>A useful guide to climate resiliency planning is <i>Preparing for Climate Change: A Guidebook for Local, Regional, and State Governments</i>. (The Climate Impacts Group, King County, Washington, and ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability 2007), which outlines the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scope the climate change impacts to major County sectors and building and maintain support among stakeholders to prepare for climate change. ▪ Establish a climate change preparedness team. ▪ Identify planning areas relevant to climate change impacts. ▪ Conduct a vulnerability assessment based on climate change projections for the region, the sensitivity of planning areas to climate change impacts, and the ability of communities to adapt to climate change impacts ▪ Conduct a risk assessment based on the consequences, magnitude, and probability of climate change impacts, as well as on an evaluation of risk tolerance and community values. ▪ Establish a vision and guiding principles for climate resilient communities and set preparedness goals in priority planning areas based on these guiding principles. ▪ Develop, select, and prioritize possible preparedness actions. ▪ Identify a list of important implementation tools ▪ Develop an understanding of how to manage risk and uncertainty in the planning effort. ▪ Develop measures of resilience, and use these to track the results of actions over time ▪ Review assumptions and other essential information to ensure that planning remains relevant to the most salient climate change impacts. ▪ Update plans regularly. 	<p>2030 and Buildout— Less than cumulatively considerable</p>

Issues/Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Level of Significance after Mitigation
CUM-12: Climate Change	<p>Potential areas of emphasis for preparedness planning may include risk of wildfires, agricultural impacts, flooding and sea level rise, salt water intrusion; and health effects of increased heat and ozone, through appropriate policies and programs.</p> <p>Potential implementation steps could include adopting land use designations that restrict or prohibit development in areas that may be more severely impacted by climate change, e.g., areas that are at high risk of wildfire, sea level rise, or flooding; adoption of programs for the purchase or transfer of development rights in high risk areas to receiving areas of equal or greater value; and support for agricultural research on locally changing climate conditions.</p> <p>To be effective, preparedness planning needs to be an ongoing commitment of the County. The first plan shall be completed no later than 5 years after the adoption of the General Plan and shall be updated at least every 5 years thereafter.</p>	Cumulatively considerable.

Page 1-39, under 1.4.1 Agricultural Resources. The paragraph is revised as follows.

Development and land use activities contemplated by the 2007 General Plan Update would result in the conversion of productive farmland to non-agricultural use. ~~More than 5,500~~ Approximately 2,571 acres of Important Farmland (as designated by the California Department of Conservation) and ~~more than 7,000~~ approximately 6,784 acres of Williamson Act farmland would be converted to non-agricultural use. Note that there is overlap between Important Farmland and Williamson Act Farmland. The Williamson Act includes grazing land that is not classified as Important Farmland.

Page 1-43, Table 1-3 Summary of 2007 General Plan Alternatives. The table is revised as follows.

Table 1-3. Summary of 2007 General Plan Alternatives

Topical Area	2007 General Plan	No Project	GPU3	GPI	GPU4	TOD
Land Use	Significant	Greater	Greater	Less	Same	Greater
Agriculture Resources	Significant	Greater	Greater	Greater	Greater	Less
Water Resources	Significant	Greater	Same	Greater <u>Same</u>	Same	Less
Geology, Soils, and Seismicity	Less Than Significant	Greater	Greater	Less	Greater	Same
Mineral Resources	Less Than Significant	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same
Transportation	Significant	Greater	Greater <u>Less</u>	Less	Greater	Less
Air Quality	Significant	Greater	Greater <u>Same</u>	Less	Greater	Less
<u>Greenhouse Gases</u>	<u>Less Than Significant</u>	<u>Greater</u>	<u>Greater</u>	<u>Greater</u>	<u>Greater</u>	<u>Same</u>
Noise	Significant	Greater	Greater	Same	Greater	Greater
Biological Resources	Significant	Greater	Same	Greater	Greater	Less
Cultural Resources	Less Than Significant	Greater	Same	Greater <u>Same</u>	Same	Less
Public Services and Utilities	Less Than Significant	Greater	Same	Same <u>Less</u>	Greater	Less
Parks and Recreation	Significant	Greater	Same	Less	Greater	Same
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Less Than Significant	Greater	Greater	Greater	Same	Less
Aesthetics, Light, and Glare	Significant	Greater	Greater	Less	Greater	Same
Population and Housing	Significant	Same	Greater	Same	Greater	Same

Notes:

GPU3 = 21st Century Monterey County General Plan, dated January 2004.

GPI = General Plan Initiative.

GPU4 = 2006 General Plan and adopted General Plan 2006.

TOD = Transit Oriented Development Alternative.

Page 1-45, under 1.6.1.2 Water Supply. The paragraph is revised as follows.

Monterey County has significant existing water constraints. The three major groundwater basins watersheds in the County (Salinas, Carmel, and Pajaro Rivers) are all in a state of overdraft and the Salinas and Pajaro basins are also subject to seawater intrusion. Subareas within these broader areas are also facing water supply challenges including the overdrafted Seaside aquifer, and water quality and localized supply challenges in the Granite Ridge/South Highlands areas. Although initiatives are either underway or in the planning stages, except in the Salinas Valley, the initiatives will not be sufficient to provide water to support projected growth and will not stop groundwater decline within the 2030 planning horizon. Longer term, there may not be sufficient water in any of the watersheds. Sea water intrusion into underground aquifers is occurring in the upper Salinas Valley and in North County, including the Pajaro Valley. Planned or active initiatives are halting this intrusion, but that will be difficult to continue with increased demand from new growth. Given these constraints, future development and land use activities would further exacerbate these waterrelated problems without careful planning.

Page 1-45, under 1.6.1.4 Loss of Farmland. The paragraph is revised as follows.

Development and land use activities contemplated by the 2007 General Plan could potentially result in the loss of ~~more than 5,400~~ approximately 2,571 acres of Important Farmland and approximately 6,784 ~~6,700~~ acres of Williamson Act land (much of it overlapping). The 2007 General Plan encourages development to occur first in the cities, Community Areas, and Rural Centers. The latter would require the conversion of relatively little agricultural land. However, development would also be allowed on existing lots outside of these areas (restricted to a single residence on lots of record within the North County, Greater Salinas, and Toro Area Plans). There are 4,629 existing parcels ~~lots of record~~ of varying sizes, in the unincorporated county.

Page 1-47, second full paragraph. The paragraph is revised as follows.

“CEQA requires ~~the~~ The Board of Supervisors will to certify the FEIR prior to adopting the proposed 2007 General Plan. (CEQA Guidelines §15090.) ~~At that time, they will~~ Also pursuant to CEQA, if the Board elects to adopt the General Plan, the Board must adopt findings regarding the disposition of each significant effect identified in the FEIR, as well as a statement of overriding considerations describing the specific benefits that outweigh the project’s significant and unavoidable impacts. (CEQA Guidelines §§15091, 15093.) The Board may also reject the proposed 2007 General Plan and not certify the FEIR.”

Section 2, “Introduction”

Page 2-3, under 2.1.2 Level of Detail. The third sentence of the second paragraph is revised as follows.

The County has an extensive array of agricultural lands, ~~lands devoted to mineral extraction,~~ and recreational areas, as well as small number of lands devoted to mineral extraction.

Page 2-3, Section 2.1.1. The last sentence is revised as follows.

As mentioned above, ~~prior to approving the 2007~~ if the County elects to adopt the General Plan in its final form, the County ~~will~~ must adopt a “statement of overriding considerations” that describes the specific benefits that outweigh the significant and unavoidable impacts of the plan.” (CEQA Guidelines § 15093.)

Page 2-4, first paragraph. The fifth and sixth sentences in this paragraph are revised as follows:

~~With some exceptions, as~~ As explained below in Section 3, the general plan will apply countywide, ~~however it does not propose changes to the County’s certified Local Coastal Program.~~ Accordingly, ~~the draft General Plan will not change the existing policies or propose changes in land use within the Coastal Zone.~~ Because of the broad scope and application of the General Plan, this EIR does not take a parcel-specific view or provide a parcel-specific analysis of potential impacts resulting from the proposed 2007 General Plan.

Section 3, “Project Description”

Page 3-2. The first sentence of the second full paragraph is changed to read as follows:

The 2007 General Plan covers all inland unincorporated portions of the County.

Page 3-8. The first sentence on the is revised as follows:

This EIR considers AMBAG’s growth projections in relation to physical constraints such as potable water supply available (Section 4.3, Water Resources ~~11, Public Services and Utilities~~) and roadway capacity (Section 4.6, Transportation).

Page 3-13. Revise Table 3-5 as follows.

Table 3-5. Monterey County 2030 and Buildout-Estimated Population and Housing

Inland	2000 ^a	2005 ^a	2006 Adjusted ^b	AMBAG 2030 ^a	GP Buildout ^c	2006– 2030	2006 to Buildout	2030 to Buildout
Housing Units								
Unincorporated County	37,047	40,006	38,655	48,670	74,573 <u>75,736</u>	10,015	35,918 <u>37,081</u>	25,903 <u>27,066</u>
Incorporated Cities ^d	92,531	98,374	101,520	138,331	216,040 <u>219,529</u>	36,811	114,520 <u>118,009</u>	77,709 <u>81,198</u>
Total	129,578	138,380	140,175	187,001	290,613 <u>295,265</u>	46,826	150,438 <u>155,090</u>	103,612 <u>108,264</u>
Population								
Unincorporated County ^e	100,252	110,083	106,279	135,375	207,424 <u>210,659</u>	29,096	101,145 <u>104,379</u>	72,049 <u>75,284</u>
Incorporated Cities ^f	301,060	322,517	332,699	467,356	729,898 <u>741,686</u>	134,657	397,199 <u>408,987</u>	262,542 <u>274,330</u>
Total	401,312	432,600	438,979	602,731	937,322 <u>952,345</u>	163,752	498,344 <u>513,366</u>	334,591 <u>349,614</u>
Employment								
Unincorporated County ^g	68,915	73,389	70,384	97,113	148,798 <u>151,119</u>	26,729	78,414 <u>80,735</u>	55,333 <u>57,654</u>
Incorporated Cities ^f	153,526	165,583	172,100	238,268	372,118 <u>378,127</u>	66,168	200,018 <u>206,027</u>	130,202 <u>136,211</u>
Total	222,441	238,972	242,484	335,381	520,916 <u>529,246</u>	92,897	278,432 <u>286,762</u>	185,535 <u>193,865</u>

Sources:

^a Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments 2004.

^b Scaled on 00–05 and adjusted to place TAZs for future annexations in City totals..

^c Buildout amount for unincorporated County determined based on 2007 GP. Buildout year determined by applying unit rate of growth (417/year) in unincorporated County after 2030. Buildout year calculated as 2092 in the DEIR; with additional buildout units in FEIR forecast, buildout may occur in 2095 using unit rate of growth, but buildout year not changed in FEIR.

^d Cities—AMBAG 2004 projection used for 2030; For buildout used 3 times County units based on AMBAG 2008 estimated City (75%)/County (25%) split.

^e Unincorporated County—Population based on AMBAG 2030 estimate of 2.78 persons/unit for 2030 and buildout population estimates.

^f Cities—Used AMBAG 2030 estimated 3.38 persons/unit for 2030 and buildout population estimates.

^g County—Used AMBAG 2030 estimated 0.72 persons/job for 2030 and buildout employee estimates.

Page 3-15. Revise Table 3-6 as follows.

Table 3-6. Existing Land Use by Planning Area in Monterey County (2006—Based on Parcel Data)

	Total Area (Acres)	Residential Acres	Commercial Acres	Industrial Acres	Agricultural Acres	Resource Conservation	Public/ Quasi-Public	Other
PLANNING AREA								
Cachagua	135,269	4,119	171	40	58,518	1,719	58,891	11,811
Carmel Valley	27,798	7,048	928	10	797	3,226	2,613	13,176
Central Salinas Valley	533,580	5,115	1,001	2,821	429,538	2,660	80,605	11,840
Fort Ord	<u>18,730</u> 0	<u>4</u>	–	–	<u>1</u> 0	–	<u>18,724</u>	–
Greater Monterey Peninsula	79,125	4,225	2,334	40	–	20,754	34,175	17,597
Greater Salinas	92,220	2,184	274	1,407	82,749	657	1,033	3,916
North County	30,731	9,709	200	251	16,043	168	798	3,562
South County	815,645	11,230	71	103	571,211	628	205,296	27,106
Toro	48,302	6,937	114	108	26,945	2,150	5,051	6,997
Inland Subtotals	1,762,670 <u>1,781,400</u>	50,567 <u>50,571</u>	5,093	4,780	1,185,801 <u>1,185,802</u>	31,962	388,462 <u>407,186</u>	96,005
Coastal/Non-Coastal Areas	109,311	1	84	–	17	78	108,070	1,061
Total Inland County	1,871,981 <u>1,890,710</u>	50,568 <u>50,572</u>	5,177	4,780	1,185,818 <u>1,185,819</u>	32,040	496,532 <u>515,256</u>	97,066
Coastal Areas	197,343							
Cities	41,055							
Total County	2,110,379 <u>2,129,108</u>							

Page 3-16. Revise Table 3-8 as follows.

Table 3-8. New Growth by Planning Area, Community Area and Rural Center, 2006–2030 and 2092 Buildout

Inland Areas	Total Area (Acres)	Vacant Residential Lots	Potential New Buildout Units	Potential New 2030 Units	New Buildout Commercial (Acres)	New Commercial by 2030 (Acres)	New Buildout Industrial (Acres)	New Industrial by 2030 (Acres)	Notes
CACHAGUA									
Cachagua	136,580	263	132	18	22	5	0	0	
Subtotal	136,580	263	132	18	22	5	0	0	
CARMEL VALLEY									
Carmel Valley	26,736	492	758	101	239	52	0	0	Not including housing overlay area. Policy CV-1.6 allows 266 new subdivided lots.
Carmel Mid-Valley AHO	40	0	390	149 <u>128</u>	0	0	0	0	Assume approximately 13 acres of land likely for development with max 30 du/ac density.
Subtotal	26,736	492	1,148	251 <u>229</u>	239	52	0	0	
CENTRAL SALINAS VALLEY									
Central Salinas Valley	545,022	357	456	61	323	70	140	24 <u>39</u>	Not including cities, community areas, rural centers.
Chualar CA	350	20	1,500	574 <u>492</u>	4	2	27	65 <u>8</u>	Boundary TBD. Estimates based on expanding existing town by 350 acres (200 acres residential, 50 acres commercial, 25 acres industrial).
Pine Canyon RC	766	35	1,704	652 <u>559</u>	5	2	0	0	
San Lucas RC	155	71	169	65 <u>55</u>	2	1	32	77 <u>9</u>	

Inland Areas	Total Area (Acres)	Vacant Residential Lots	Potential New Buildout Units	Potential New 2030 Units	New Buildout Commercial (Acres)	New Commercial by 2030 (Acres)	New Buildout Industrial (Acres)	New Industrial by 2030 (Acres)	Notes
Subtotal	545,022	483	3,829	4,352 <u>1,167</u>	334	75	199	463 <u>55</u>	
FORT ORD									
Fort Ord	19,138	0	8,610	3,295 <u>2,823</u>	226	88 <u>86</u>	0	0	
Subtotal	19,138	0	8,610	3,295 <u>2,823</u>	226	88 <u>86</u>	0	0	
GREATER MONTEREY PENINSULA									
Greater Monterey Peninsula	57,056	642	3,995 <u>4,011</u>	534 <u>536</u>	62	43 <u>14</u>	0	0	Acreage for entire area. 2030/Buildout numbers do not including cities or housing overlay area.
Hwy 68/Airport AHO	130	1	2,550	976 <u>836</u>	0	0	0	0	Assume approximately 85 acres of land likely for development with max 30 du/ac density.
Subtotal	57,056	643	6,545 <u>6,561</u>	1,510 <u>1,372</u>	62	43 <u>14</u>	0	0	
GREATER SALINAS									
Greater Salinas	105,242	406	1,395	187 <u>186</u>	160 <u>156</u>	35 <u>34</u>	1,528	226 <u>426</u>	Acreage for planning area. 2030/Buildout numbers do not including cities and community areas. Includes or Butterfly Village.
Butterfly Village	<u>671</u>		<u>1,147</u>	<u>1,147</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>			As approved
Boronda CA	353	116	726	278 <u>238</u>	69	27 <u>26</u>	96	231 <u>27</u>	
Subtotal	105,242	522	2,121 <u>3,268</u>	464 <u>1,571</u>	229	62 <u>64</u>	1,624	457 <u>453</u>	Policy GS-1.13 limits development in area north of Salinas.

Inland Areas	Total Area (Acres)	Vacant Residential Lots	Potential New Buildout Units	Potential New 2030 Units	New Buildout Commercial (Acres)	New Commercial by 2030 (Acres)	New Buildout Industrial (Acres)	New Industrial by 2030 (Acres)	Notes
NORTH COUNTY									
North County	30,910	577	3,260	436 <u>435</u>	238 <u>228</u>	50	40	6 <u>11</u>	Acreage for planning Area. 2030/Buildout numbers do not including community areas.
Pajaro CA	256	64	676	259 <u>222</u>	38	15	122	293 <u>34</u>	
Castroville CA	1,058	234	1,632	625 <u>535</u>	0	0	344	827 <u>96</u>	
Subtotal	30,910	875	5,568	4,319 <u>1,192</u>	266	65 <u>64</u>	506	4,126 <u>141</u>	Policy NC-1.5 limits development in all North County.
SOUTH COUNTY									
South County	820,628	746	939	426 <u>125</u>	77	17	8,713	4,290 <u>2,429</u>	Acreage for planning area. 2030/Buildout numbers do not include rural centers.
Bradley RC	65	30	800	306 <u>262</u>	3	1	0	0	
Lockwood RC	353	10	221	85 <u>72</u>	131	54 <u>50</u>	0	0	
Pleyto RC	441	16	160	64 <u>52</u>	152	59 <u>58</u>	0	0	
San Ardo RC	119	47	480	184 <u>157</u>	13	5	26	62 <u>7</u>	
Subtotal	820,628	849	2,600	764 <u>670</u>	376	429 <u>131</u>	8,739	4,352 <u>2,437</u>	

Inland Areas	Total Area (Acres)	Vacant Residential Lots	Potential New Buildout Units	Potential New 2030 Units	New Buildout Commercial (Acres)	New Commercial by 2030 (Acres)	New Buildout Industrial (Acres)	New Industrial by 2030 (Acres)	Notes
TORO									
Toro	47,263	251	4,046	541 <u>540</u>	41	9	90	13 <u>25</u>	Acreage for planning area. 2030/buildout numbers do not include rural center or housing overlay area.
River Road RC	630	251	389	149 <u>128</u>	0	0	0	0	
Hwy 68/Reservation AHO	31	0	930	356 <u>305</u>	0	0	0	0	Assume all 31 acres of land likely for development with max 30 du/ac density.
Subtotal	47,263	502	5,365	1,046 <u>973</u>	41	9	90	13 <u>25</u>	Policy T-1.7 limits development in Highway 68 corridor.
TOTAL INLAND AREAS	1,788,575	4,629	35,918 <u>37,081</u>	10,015	1,795	500	11,158	3,111	Not including cities

Page 3-19. Revise Table 3-9 as follows.

Table 3-9. New Growth by Type, 2006–2030 and Buildout

Inland Area	Total Area (Acres)	Vacant Residential Lots	Potential Buildout Units	Potential 2030 Units	New Buildout Commercial (Acres)	New Commercial by 2030	New Buildout Industrial (Acres)	New Industrial by 2030	Notes
COMMUNITY AREAS									
Chualar CA	350	20	1,500	574 <u>492</u>	4	2	27	65 <u>8</u>	Boundary TBD. Estimates based on expanding existing town by 350 acres (200 acres residential, 50 acres commercial, 25 acres industrial).
Fort Ord CA	19,138	0	8,610	3,295 <u>2,823</u>	226	88 <u>86</u>	0	0	Fort Ord Reuse Plan = Master Plan = CA
Boronda CA	353	116	726	278 <u>238</u>	69	27 <u>26</u>	96	231 <u>27</u>	
Pajaro CA	256	64	676	259 <u>222</u>	38	15	122	293 <u>34</u>	
Castroville CA	1,058	234	1,632	625 <u>535</u>	0	0	344	827 <u>96</u>	
Subtotal	21,155	434	13,144	5,030 <u>4,310</u>	337	131 <u>129</u>	589	1,416 <u>164</u>	
RURAL CENTERS									
Pine Canyon RC	766	35	1,704	652 <u>559</u>	5	2	0	0	
San Lucas RC	155	71	169	65 <u>55</u>	2	1	32	77 <u>9</u>	
Bradley RC	65	30	800	306 <u>262</u>	3	1	0	0	

Inland Area	Total Area (Acres)	Vacant Residential Lots	Potential Buildout Units	Potential 2030 Units	New Buildout Commercial (Acres)	New Commercial by 2030	New Buildout Industrial (Acres)	New Industrial by 2030	Notes
Lockwood RC	353	10	221	85 <u>72</u>	131	51 <u>50</u>	0	0	
Pleyto RC	441	16	160	61 <u>52</u>	152	59 <u>58</u>	26 <u>0</u>	62 <u>0</u>	
San Ardo RC	119	47	480	184 <u>157</u>	13	5	6 <u>26</u>	4 <u>7</u>	
River Road RC	630	251	389	149 <u>128</u>	0	0	0	0	
Subtotal	2,529	460	3,923	1,501 <u>1,286</u>	306	119 <u>117</u>	58	139 <u>16</u>	
AHOS									
Carmel Mid-Valley AHO	40	0	390	149 <u>128</u>	0	0	0	0	Assume approximately 13 acres of land likely for development with max 30 du/ac density.
Hwy 68/Airport AHO	130	1	2,550	976 <u>836</u>	0	0	0	0	Assume approximately 85 acres of land likely for development with max 30 du/ac density.
Hwy 68/Reservation AHO	31	0	930	356 <u>305</u>	0	0	0	0	Assume all 31 acres of land likely for development with max 30 du/ac density.
Subtotal	201	1	3,870	1,481 <u>1,269</u>	3	04	0	0	
<u>BUTTERFLY VILLAGE</u>									
Butterfly Village (BV)	<u>671</u>		<u>1,147</u>	<u>1,147</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>As approved</u>
Total of CA, RA, AHOs, and BV	23,885 <u>24,556</u>	895	20,937 <u>22,084</u>	8,012	643 <u>647</u>	250	647	1,556 <u>180</u>	

Inland Area	Total Area (Acres)	Vacant Residential Lots	Potential Buildout Units	Potential 2030 Units	New Buildout Commercial (Acres)	New Commercial by 2030	New Buildout Industrial (Acres)	New Industrial by 2030	Notes
UNINCORPORATED OUTSIDE OF CA, RA, AHOS									
Cachagua	136,580	263	132	18	22	5	0	0	
Carmel Valley	26,736	492	758	101	239	52	0	0	
Central Salinas Valley	545,022	357	456	61	323	70	140	21 <u>39</u>	
Greater Monterey Peninsula	57,056	642	3,995 <u>4,011</u>	534	62	13 <u>14</u>	0	0	
Greater Salinas	105,242 <u>104,571</u>	406	1,395	187 <u>186</u>	160	35 <u>34</u>	1,528	226 <u>426</u>	<u>Excludes Butterfly Village</u>
North County	30,910	577	3,260	436 <u>435</u>	228	50	40	6 <u>11</u>	
South County	820,628	746	939	126 <u>125</u>	77	17	8,713	1,290 <u>2,429</u>	
Toro	47,263	251	4,046	541 <u>540</u>	41	9	9 <u>90</u>	13 <u>25</u>	
Subtotal	1,769,437 <u>1,768,766</u>	3,734	14,981 <u>14,997</u>	2,003	1,152	250	10,511	1,556 <u>2,931</u>	
INLAND AREA TOTAL	1,793,322	4,629	35,918 <u>37,081</u>	10,015	1,795	500	11,158	3,111	
2030 new growth assumed in CA/RC/AHO/BV			80%	8,012	50%	250	50% <u>6%</u>	1,556 <u>180</u>	
2030 new growth assumed not in CA/RC/AHO/BV			20%	2,003	50%	250	50% <u>94%</u>	1,556 <u>2,931</u>	
Percent of new growth by 2030			27%	10,015	28%	500	28%	3,111	

Page 3-22. The first paragraph is revised as follows:

This EIR addresses the environmental effects associated with implementation of the 2007 General Plan. The 2007 General Plan’s policies seek to provide a balanced pattern of growth that accommodates the demand for housing, employment opportunities, and public facilities and services while minimizing the adverse impacts of increased urban development. The 2007 General Plan contains general goals and policies seeking to guide future growth in the unincorporated areas and ensure that new and existing development is served with adequate public services and facilities.

Page 3-23. Revise Table 3-11 as follows:

Table 3-11. Land Use Categories

Category	Types of Uses
Residential	Includes Rural, Low-, Medium-, and High-Density Residential.
Commercial	Includes General Commercial, Light Commercial, Heavy Commercial, Neighborhood Commercial, Planned Commercial, and Visitor Accommodations/Professional Office Space.
Industrial	Includes Agricultural Industrial, Light Industrial, and Mineral Extraction.
Agricultural	Includes Farmland, Permanent Grazing, and Rural Grazing.
Resource Conservation	Includes Resource Conservation (<u>which includes rural residential, parks and recreation facilities, and very low intensity agricultural and timber production-related facilities</u>), Open Space, Rivers, and Water Bodies.
Public/Quasi-Public	Includes Federal, State, and locally owned lands such as National Forests, State Parks, and Regional Parks, and publicly or privately owned uses such as schools, public works facilities, and hospitals that serve the public at large.

Source: Monterey County General Plan Land Use Element 2007.

Page 3-25 is revised as follows:

As of January 2006, there were 4,629 undeveloped residential parcels in the inland portion of unincorporated Monterey County, including many large agricultural land holdings. Given the limitations on development in the North County, Greater Salinas, and Toro Area Plans and the cap on new units in the Carmel Valley Master Plan, the County estimates that up to 10,015 new residential units would be built within the unincorporated area between 2006 and the end of the 2030 planning horizon. Up to ~~37,081~~ 35,948 residential units would be built in the unincorporated areas by 2092 (full buildout) if sufficient water supply and other services are available.

Page 3-28, under “Special Treatment Areas.” Add the following.

For reference, the Special Treatment Areas discussed in this section can be located in the General Plan under the following policy numbers: Butterfly Village, GS-1.1; Spence/Potter/Encinal Road, GS-1.2; Highway 68/Foster Road Area, GS-1.3; Natividad/Rogge Road, GS-1.10; and Jefferson, GS-1.12.

For locations of the Special Treatment Areas in this section, please see the General Plan, Figure LU-7.

Page 3-30, under “Special Treatment Areas.” Add the following.

For reference, the Special Treatment Areas discussed in this section can be located in the General Plan under the following policy numbers: Spence/Potter/Encinal Road, GS-1.2; Paraison Hot Springs, CSV-1.1; Old Mission Union School, CSV-1.5; Lohr, CSV-1.6; Millers Lodge, CSV-1.7.

For locations of the Special Treatment Areas in this section, please see the General Plan, Figure LU-4.

Page 3-31, under “Special Treatment Areas.” Add the following.

For reference, the Special Treatment Areas discussed in this section can be located in the General Plan under the following policy numbers: Rancho San Carlos, GMP-1.6; White Rock Club, GMP-1.7; San Clemente Ranch, GMP-1.8, Jefferson, GS-1.12.

For locations of the Special Treatment Areas in this section, please see the General Plan, Figure LU-5.

Page 3-32, under “3.4.5.5 Carmel Valley Master Plan.” Revise the second paragraph as follows.

~~At the time of this writing~~When the DEIR was released for public review, a request to incorporate the proposed Town of Carmel Valley ~~is~~was pending before the Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission. ~~The proposed boundaries of the Town are co-terminus with the boundaries of the Carmel Valley Master Plan, with the inclusion of the Sleepy Hollow subdivision, which is currently in the Cachagua Area Plan discussed below. Incorporation of the town would be contingent upon approval of the community’s voters. Should a simple majority of the electorate~~the incorporation proposal was subsequently defeated in a November 2009 vote on the question, ~~the new Town would assume authority over land use decisions within its boundaries.~~

Page 3-33, under “Special Treatment Areas.” Add the following.

For reference, the Special Treatment Areas discussed in this section can be located in the General Plan under the following policy numbers: Carmel Valley Ranch, CV-1.22; Condon/Chugach Property, CV-1.23; Rancho San Carlos, CV-1.25; Rancho Canada Village CV-1.27.

For locations of the Special Treatment Areas in this section, please see the General Plan, Figure LU-3.

Page 3-35, under “Special Treatment Areas.” Add the following.

For reference, the Special Treatment Area discussed in this section can be located in the General Plan under the following policy numbers: Greco, T-1.4.

For locations of the Special Treatment Area in this section, please see the General Plan, Figure LU-10.

Page 3-37, under “Special Treatment Areas.” Add the following.

For reference, the Special Treatment Area discussed in this section can be located in the General Plan under the following policy numbers: Syndicate Camp, CACH-1.5.

For locations of the Special Treatment Area in this section, please see the General Plan, Figure LU-2.

Page 3-41, Table 3-16. Revise the table as follows.

Table 3-16. Agricultural Winery Corridor Permitting Requirements

Activity	Allowable by Right	Ministerial Permit	Administrative Permit
Artisan winery		X	
Full-Scale winery (including tasting facility and catering kitchen)			X
Tasting room (including catering kitchen)		X	
Winery-related food service facility		X	
Winery event (as many as 150 attendees)	X		
Private winery event	X		
Winery event (151 to 500 attendees)		X	
Restaurant			X
Delicatessen (at winery)			X
Inn			X
Ag- or winery-related visitor serving use		X	
Business Cluster			X
Winery residence, guest house, or employee residences		X	
<u>Visitor Center</u>			<u>X</u>

Page 3-45, second bullet under “Affordable Housing Overlays.” Revise the paragraph as follows.

- Highway 68/Monterey Peninsula Airport (Exhibit 3.26). Approximately 85 acres located ~~east~~south of Highway 68, excluding areas with native Monterey pine forest.

Page 3-47, second full paragraph. Revise the paragraph as follows.

“Routine and Ongoing Agricultural Activities” are exempt from the following General Plan policies (paraphrased below) to the extent specified by those policies, except for activities that would create significant soil erosion impacts or violate adopted water quality standards:

Page 3-47, second full paragraph. Revise the fifth and sixth bulleted items as follows.

- ~~OS-3.5—regulate development on steep slopes. This policy would apply to the routine and ongoing conversion to agricultural use of previously uncultivated lands.~~
- ~~OS-3.6—develop slope density requirements and standards for clustering development.~~

Section 3 Exhibits. Exhibits 3.2 and 3.2a were revised to show land uses at the Carmel Valley Ranch as they are designated in the project’s specific plan. Exhibit 3.3 was amended to accurately define the wine corridors. This exhibit is located at the end of this chapter.

Section 4.1, “Land Use”

Page 4.1-2. The third paragraph is revised as follows:

The 2007 General Plan consists of policies that apply ~~countywide throughout the unincorporated inland area~~ and policies unique to a specific region. ~~Countywide policies~~ Policies that are applicable to the entire unincorporated inland area ~~and are~~ included in the Land Use Element. More focused policies that address specific regional or local issues are found in Area Plans (Monterey County 2007). As discussed below, no changes are proposed to the County’s certified Local Coastal Program. So, although the proposed General Plan policies apply to all unincorporated inland areas, they do not include revisions to the adopted Local Coastal Plans.

Page 4.1-3, under “Local Coastal Program.” The third paragraph is revised as follows:

As stipulated in the Coastal Act, the CCC has authority to certify land use policy in the coastal zone. CCC retains land use authority in areas of original jurisdiction and for all work below the mean high tide level. In addition, CCC has limited appeal authority over the following coastal permit applications (Monterey County Code, Chapter 20.88 Capital Improvement Program 20.86 Coastal Implementation Plan [CIP]):

Page 4.1-10. Line seven is revised as follows:

Policy LU-1.19 (overlay districts) designates Community Areas, Rural Centers and Affordable Housing Overlay districts as the top priority for development in the ~~incorporated~~ unincorporated areas of the county.

Section 4.2, “Agriculture Resources”

Page 4.2-5, under Agricultural Land Use. The first paragraph is revised as follows:

The conservation of quality agricultural lands has sustained the economic feasibility of agriculture in Monterey County. Table 4.2-5 summarizes the various types of farmland in Monterey County, as inventoried by the California Department of Conservation’s Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (refer to Section ~~4.2.44-2.2~~, Regulatory

Framework, for further category definitions and discussion of this program). “Important Farmland” consists of “Prime Farmland,” “Farmland of Statewide Importance,” “Farmland of Local Importance,” and “Unique Farmland.” (Department of Conservation 1994)

Page 4.2-8. Add the following statement at the end of the discussion of the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program.

Under the separate California Conservancy Program, the state funds acquisition of property or development rights for the purpose of protecting farmland. Donations of funds to the Department of Conservation will be used in Monterey County for the purchase of development rights if so designated by the donor. This program is available at the present time to partially mitigate for the loss of farmland to annexation and conversion.

Page 4.2-9. The first paragraph following the bullet list is revised as follows:

When a land owner enters into a Williamson Act contract with ~~the a~~ County, the land is restricted to agricultural and compatible uses for at least 10 years. Since 1968, Monterey County’s contracts have been for a minimum of 20 years. Williamson Act contracts are automatically renewed annually for an additional one-year period, unless the property owner applies for non-renewal. The Williamson Act also contains limited provisions for cancellation of contracts by the Board of Supervisors and a substantial penalty for the cancellation is assessed. Non-renewal is the preferred method of ending a contract; cancellation is intended only for unusual situations (*Sierra Club v. City of Hayward* [1981] 28 Cal.3d 840). The specific findings to justify cancellation are extremely difficult to make, and contracts are rarely cancelled in Monterey County.

Page 4.2-9. The third paragraph following the bullet list is revised as follows:

In 2007, ~~763,396-732,118~~ acres of land in Monterey County were under Williamson Act contract, ~~with an additional and~~ 31,278 acres under the more restrictive Farmland Security Zone for a total of 763,396 acres (Department of Conservation 2008c). The 763,396 acres under these enforceable restrictions represent an 11% increase over the 1991 total. Table 4.2-8 summarizes the change in Williamson Act acreage between 1991 and 2007. For the purposes of this analysis, 763,396 acres will serve as the figure used to determine impacts to Williamson Act lands.

Section 4.3, “Water Resources”

Page 4.3-3. The following text is added under Section 4.3.2, Existing Conditions before 4.3.2.1

Definitions: The following definitions are used in the analysis below:

- Watershed: the geographic area defining the area from which a river or stream derives its water. Rain falling within the watershed flows down to supply the particular river or stream.
- Groundwater basin: a groundwater reservoir defined by the overlying land surface and the underlying aquifers that contain water stored in the reservoir. The

boundaries of the basin are defined by geologic or hydrologic features that isolate it from other basins. A watershed may supply more than one groundwater basin.

- Sub-basin or subarea: A portion of a larger groundwater basin. A sub-basin is not geologically or hydrologically separate from the larger basin, but is distinguishable by having unique characteristics within the larger basin.
- Study area: an area studied for purposes of analyzing water supply and demand. In the case of the Monterey County General Plan Update, the study area is not limited to a single watershed or groundwater basin, but instead includes the County as a whole.

Page 4.3-7. The first sentence of the second bullet under Groundwater, is revised as follows:

- **180-Foot/400-Foot Area-Subarea** (also known as the Pressure Subarea) includes approximately 84,400 acres of the lower reaches and mouth of the Salinas River, between Gonzales and Monterey Bay.

Page 4.3-8. The bullet that follows the last full paragraph is revised as follows.

- The MCWRA completed the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) in 1998. This project supplies farmers injects recycled water to take the place of withdrawals from the groundwater into the aquifer to establish a hydraulic barrier to further seawater intrusion.

Page 4.3-10. Second sentence of second paragraph under “Seaside Area Groundwater Subbasin.” Revise the sentence as follows.

No major surface water features are located within the basin. ~~Ultimately draining to the Salinas River to the north,~~ The Seaside Area groundwater basin is composed of a number of smaller subbasins.

Page 4.3-11, beginning with the fifth paragraph under Seaside Area Groundwater Subbasin, is revised as follows:

~~During 2006~~ Between 1996 through 2005, a total of 13,400,011 acre-feet per year was reported produced in wells from the Seaside aquifer on average, including 3,710 3,695 acre-feet per year by Cal-Am and 1,296 316 acre-feet per year by other parties (MPWMD 2006a).

~~In recent years~~ Since 1995, California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regulation has limited available surface water supplies from the Carmel River, such that new water supply sources must be developed before additional regional growth can be supported (California Department of Water Resources 2005). The ~~State Water Board~~ SWRCB’s Order 95-10 (discussed in detail in Section 4.3.2.5 Carmel River Conflicts, below) has limited diversion from the Carmel River in order to enforce water rights and protect fish habitat. As a result, Cal-Am has increased pumping from the Seaside Area groundwater subbasin, exceeding the sustainable yield (refer to the groundwater adjudication discussion under Section 4.3.2.5 below). The following projects ~~are underway~~ to relieve pressure on the Seaside groundwater basin are underway or in the planning stages.

- Cal-Am and MPWMD’s Seaside Basin Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) project that injects water collected during peak flow of the Carmel River into the Seaside

Basin aquifer. This is described in detail in Section 4.3.2.5 (“Carmel River Watershed Conflicts”).

- Cal-Am’s Coastal Water Project is a proposed a-desalination plant at the Moss Landing Power Plant (MLPP) that will supply about 11,730 AFY to allow Cal-Am to meet the SWRCB’s order to reduce its reliance on the Carmel River. It, and two alternatives, are is under consideration by the California Public Utilities Commission. The alternatives are: (1) a slightly larger capacity desalination plant in North Marina; and (2) a “Regional Water Supply Project” that would integrate several sources including a desalination plant in North Marina and a regional water treatment plant. A DEIR has been released and a FEIR is being written for the Coastal Water Project.
- The Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) has built a new water desalination plant that has a peak capacity of 300,000 gallons per day when in operation (Marina Coast Water District 2008).
- The MPWMD currently is evaluating the feasibility of a desalination plant ~~in Sand City~~ in the area of the former Fort Ord, north of Sand City, which would take 15 million gallons per day (mgd) of saline groundwater from the coastal beachfront and produce 7.5 mgd of potable water (Monterey Peninsula Water Management District ~~2004, 2008~~).

Page 4.3-11, last paragraph is revised as follows.

The Carmel River drains a 255-square-mile watershed. Average annual runoff (from 1962 to 2006) is 78,190 acre-feet (Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 2007). Its larger tributaries include Garzas Creek, San Clemente Creek, Tularcitos Creek (with its tributaries, ~~Choppiness~~ Chupines and Rana Creeks), Pine Creek, Danish Creek, Cachagua Creek, and the Miller Fork.

Page 4.3-13, last paragraph under Carmel River Watershed is revised as follows.

An additional water supply issue in Carmel Valley is the potential unquantified impacts of increased water use and demand by riparian users from individual wells along the Carmel River. No action by the SWRCB or the courts has evaluated the cumulative impacts on the public trust resources by individual wells ~~owners~~ since the time of the MPWMD Water Allocation Program EIR (Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 1990). ~~As the allocated water has been exhausted, an increase in claims of riparian rights has been observed.~~ It is unclear whether ~~these claims~~ additional individual wells represent a substantial increased demand on the water resource system and whether environmental impacts are associated with the potential increased demand. This is an existing condition and is not a result of the General Plan Update.

Page 4.3-14, first paragraph, penultimate sentence, is revised as follows.

In 2006, ~~Cal-Am~~ Cal-Am obtained about 75% of its water from wells in the Carmel Valley basin. The remaining 25% is supplied from wells in Seaside Area basin aquifer (22%) and the Laguna Seca subarea (Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 2006).

Page 4.3-14, beginning with the second paragraph under Groundwater, is revised as follows.

The Carmel River is the primary source of recharge, constituting 85% of the net recharge. With the presence of surface water, groundwater levels recover rapidly. After water level recovery, levels range from 5 to 30 feet below the land surface. During normal years, water level fluctuations range from 5 to 15 feet while experiencing declines of up to 50 feet below land surface during droughts (California Department of Water Resources 2004g). The level of groundwater in the aquifer is influenced by pumping from wells operated by Cal-Am, as well as by evapotranspiration of riparian vegetation, seasonal infiltration, and subsurface inflows and outflows. Cal-Am is the primary urban water supplier to about 100,000 residents on the Monterey Peninsula area. In 2006, ~~Cal~~Cal-Am obtained about 75% of its water from wells in the Carmel Valley basin. The remaining 25% is supplied from wells in Seaside Area basin aquifer (22%) and the Laguna Seca subarea (Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 2006). As discussed elsewhere in this Section, Cal-Am is currently pumping in excess of its water rights and in violation of SWRCB Order 95-10, which requires it to reduce its use of Carmel River water to no more than 3,376 acre-feet annually. The SWRCB issued a cease and desist order on October 20, 2009 that establishes a timeframe for meeting this limit by 2016. (State Water Resources Control Board 2009)

During the dry season, pumping of wells has caused significant declines in the groundwater levels of the Carmel River groundwater basin. Because streamflow and groundwater supplies are directly linked, lowered groundwater levels diminish surface flows in the river. During normal water years, surface flow in the lower Carmel Valley becomes discontinuous or nonexistent in summer and fall. This condition has been cited as causing adverse impacts on native fish populations (most notably the South-Ceentral California Ceoast steelhead) and riparian habitat in the lower reaches of the river's course.

~~During 2006~~Between 1996 through 2005, an total annual average of 13,40011,015 acre-feet of water was reported produced ~~in wells~~from the Carmel Valley aquifer~~River sources, including 10,954 acre-feet by Cal-Am and 2,435 acre-feet by other parties (Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 2006a).~~ Of this amount, an annual average of 7,639 acre-feet of water consisted of unlawful diversions in excess of the limits set by Order 95-10.

~~As described above, SWRCB regulation has limited diversion from the Carmel River and thereby affected the rate of pumping from the Seaside Area groundwater basin (refer to the groundwater adjudication discussion under Section 4.3.2.5 below). As a result of the need to meet the water demand of the Monterey Peninsula without overusing either the Carmel River or the groundwater basin, the following projects are underway or proposed.~~

- ~~■ Cal-Am's Coast Water Project, including a pilot desalination facility at the MLPP.~~
- ~~■ Cal-Am and MPWMD's Seaside Basin ASR Project, which involves diverting excess winter flows from the Carmel River for injection into the Seaside aquifer.~~
- ~~■ MPWMD currently is evaluating the feasibility of a desalination plant in Sand City, which would take 15 mgd of saline groundwater from the coastal beachfront and produce 7.5 mgd of potable water (Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 2004).~~

Page 4.3-14, second paragraph, last sentence, is revised as follows.

This condition has been cited as causing adverse impacts on native fish populations (most notably the ~~central coast steelhead~~ South-Central California Coast Steelhead) and riparian habitat in the lower reaches of the river's course.

Page 4.3-15, beginning with the second paragraph under North County Watersheds, the text is revised as follows.

~~The Elkhorn Slough drainage and its major tributary, Carreros Creek, extend beyond the county's eastern boundary into San Benito County.~~ The central portion of the Elkhorn Slough's watershed includes the Elkhorn Highlands, a hilly upland area transected by several smaller valleys—all of which drain into the slough. North of Elkhorn Slough, and tributary to Elkhorn Slough, is McClosky Slough. To the south, Moro Cojo Slough, which is larger than McClosky Slough, drains a large subarea. Its brackish waters drain northward into the Elkhorn Slough near its entry to Monterey Bay. This complex system of estuaries and uplands combines to create a regionally significant constellation of diverse habitats (see Section 4.9, Biological Resources).

The major water feature north of the Elkhorn Slough watershed is the Pajaro River. Although the Pajaro River enters Monterey Bay at the tip of northern Monterey County where it forms the boundary with Santa Cruz County, ~~most~~ approximately 95 percent of its large watershed extends into Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and San Benito Counties. The Pajaro River drains an area of about 1,187 square miles, with headwaters in the Gabilan and Diablo Mountains. Near its mouth at Monterey Bay, the river flows through Watsonville, Harkins, Struve, and McClosky Sloughs in Santa Cruz County. Annual streamflow as recorded at the Chittenden gauging station averaged 124,640 AFY (Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency 2001).

The Area of Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) of the Pajaro River, as identified on the Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Maps, affects several hundred acres on both sides of the river channel. The SFHA delineates those areas with a one percent chance of flooding in any given year. It is commonly called the "100-year floodplain." Much of this area is farmland, ~~and~~ however the community of Pajaro in Monterey County is located entirely within the river's SFHA. In recent years, flood events have caused tens of millions of dollars in property damage, displaced thousands of persons, and damaged significant riparian and aquatic habitat within the Pajaro River floodplain (much of which is outside Monterey County). The March 1995 flood, for example, led to the evacuation of most of the town of Pajaro's 2,500 residents. (Department of Water Resources 2003, Monterey County Water Resources Agency 2010) In 2002, a Phase I report for the Pajaro River Watershed Study was completed to model the hydrologic and sediment regimes in the Pajaro River watershed in order to identify flood control measures (Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Agency 2002). Existing land uses within the ~~flood zone~~ 100-year floodplain remain at risk until flood control improvements are made. Future growth in the Pajaro community would increase the exposure of persons and property to flood hazards.

Page 4.3-16, the first paragraph under Groundwater is revised as follows.

Groundwater in the North County can be divided into five planning areas with varying hydrogeologic and water use characteristics: the Pajaro, Springfield Terrace, and Highlands North planning areas are ~~managed by PVWMA~~ part of the Pajaro Valley groundwater basin; and the Highlands South and Granite Ridge planning areas are

~~managed by MCWRA~~ part of the Salinas River groundwater basin (Exhibit 4.3.7). The Highlands North and South areas reflect the jurisdictional boundary between the PVWMA and the MCWRA. This jurisdictional boundary is based on hydrogeology because relatively impermeable mud fills a deep valley underlying Elkhorn Slough and acts as a barrier to groundwater movement between the Salinas and Pajaro Valleys. Local recharge in the area may flow into either the Pajaro Valley groundwater basin or the Salinas Valley groundwater basin.

Page 4.3-19, first paragraph under Salinas River Watershed is revised as follows.

Urban runoff has the potential to directly affect Salinas River waters. Urban runoff transported by the river also affects water quality in Monterey Bay. Water quality in urban runoff is not currently monitored except in the city of Salinas as part of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase I requirements. The City of Salinas drains to the “Reclamation Ditch” and from there to Tembladero Slough, but not to the Salinas River. See the discussion of the NPDES program under “Clean Water Act” below.

Page 4.3-19, first paragraph under North County Watersheds is revised as follows.

There is relatively little urban land use in the North County, although suburban development is extensive. Urban runoff sources are limited to the areas of commercial development and small communities at Moss Landing, Castroville, Pajaro, and Prunedale. However, because of their proximity to water bodies throughout the North County area, such as the Pajaro River, Elkhorn Slough, and creeks and sloughs tributary to Elkhorn Slough drainage system, these limited urban uses have the potential to generate significant adverse water quality impacts.

Page 4.3-22, third paragraph under Nitrate Contamination. The last sentence is revised as follows:

~~However, a cooperative effort between the MCWRA and the USGS has found that nitrates are present in the Salinas Valley basin in concentrations generally below the MCL threshold (U.S. Geological Survey 2005)~~ Refer to Table 4.3-2 Summary of Nitrate Concentration for 367 Wells in the Salinas Valley for information on variations in contamination levels in wells.

Page 4.3-23, first paragraph under Salinas Valley Watershed. The text of the last sentence is revised as follows:

New wells typically are drilled to a depth of 1000 feet or more and sealed to at least 450 feet; however, the depth to which production wells are drilled depends on the depth of water bearing formation and the degree of contamination in the subbasins. Well yield goals and hydrogeology also determine how deep wells are drilled and what aquifers are screened for supply. Well depths range from 600 feet to more than 1,200 feet.

Page 4.3-24, under Carmel River Watershed. Revise the first paragraph as follows.

In 1983, based on nitrate levels in groundwater identified in the Carmel Valley Wastewater Study ~~a study~~ included in the subsequent 1986 Carmel Valley Master Plan, the County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution that ~~prohibited~~ prohibits further subdivision of lots within four subbasins of the Carmel River. Upon adoption of the

original Carmel Valley Master Plan, subdivision was allowed under a cap placed on the maximum allowable development within the planning area. In addition, discretionary permits are required of all development within the Master Plan area (Monterey County Municipal Code, Chapter 18.48). Proposed projects are analyzed in the context of the wastewater study and County standards for nitrates. Currently, each property owner in the subbasins is restricted to development of one single family dwelling (or equivalent). The County also adopted a threshold of 25 Mg/l as the standard for the limits of nitrate concentration in the Master Plan basin. (Monterey County 2006; Monterey County Municipal Code Section 15.020.070(F)(16))

Page 4.3-25, last paragraph. The text is revised as follows:

Seawater intrusion has affected the coastal portion of the 180-Foot/400-Foot Subarea of the Salinas Valley basin since at least the 1940s. Seawater has contaminated two of the three primary producing aquifers in the coastal part of the Salinas Valley basin, the 180- and 400-foot aquifers. The MCWRA uses the California Safe Drinking Water Act, Secondary Drinking Water Standard, upper limit of 500 Mg/l for chloride as a measurement of impairment of water and, subsequently, as the basis for determining the seawater intrusion front. By 1999, seawater was estimated to affect as much as 24,019 acres overlying the 180-foot aquifer (~~Exhibit 4.3.9~~) in the northern Salinas Valley and 10,504 acres overlying the 400-foot aquifer. (~~Exhibit 4.3.10~~). The geographic location of the seawater intrusion is depicted in Exhibits 4.3.9 and 4.3.9a. Table 4.3-3 depicts the magnitude of this problem over time.

Page 4.3-27, first sentence under “North County Watersheds.” The text is revised as follows:

The North County groundwater subbasins are shown in Exhibit 4.3.~~7~~8.

Page 4.3-28, first sentence of first paragraph. The text is revised as follows.

High levels of arsenic that approach and exceed SDWA levels occur naturally in certain hardrock or bedrock aquifer materials in parts of Monterey County, especially in parts of the North County and along the SR 468 corridor. (The SR 68 corridor is the swath of land adjacent to and extended out from both sides of State Route (SR) 68. The SR 68 corridor extends from Salinas southwest to Monterey.)

Page 4.3-29, under “Water Sources.” The first paragraph is revised as follows.

Monterey County derives a majority of its total water supply from groundwater storage. Groundwater is the primary source of water in the region, accounting for roughly 75% of the annual supply in 2000 (California Department of Water Resources 2005). Local ~~and some imported~~ surface water supplies make up the rest of the available water for this region. Major reservoirs are primarily used as a source of groundwater recharge supply. The two major groundwater basins in Monterey County are the Salinas Valley and the Carmel Valley basins (see Exhibits 4.3.3 and 4.3.5). Several smaller groundwater basins are located throughout the various watersheds (see Exhibit 4.3.7).

Page 4.3-31, Table 4.3-4. The table is revised as follows:

Table 4.3-4. Community Area Groundwater Basins and Water Suppliers

Community Area	Planning Area	Groundwater Basin	Management Authority	Water Supplier
Pajaro	North County	Pajaro Valley basin	PVWMA	Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District
Castroville	North County	Salinas Valley basin (180-Foot/400-Foot Subarea)	MCWRA	Castroville Water District
Boronda	Greater Salinas	Salinas Valley basin (180-Foot/400-Foot Subarea)	MCWRA	California Water Service Co., Salinas District
Chualar	Central Salinas	Salinas Valley basin (180-Foot/400-Foot Subarea)	MCWRA	Cal-Am Water Company, Monterey District
Fort Ord	Greater Monterey Peninsula	Salinas Valley basin (Seaside and Corral de Tierra Subareas)	W MPWMD (and Fort Ord Reuse Authority), ₂ and MCWRA, <u>and Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster</u>	Marina Coast Water District <u>and Cal-Am</u>

(Note: Fort Ord does not derive water from the Seaside aquifer nor is expected to in the future)

Page 4.3-31, first paragraph. The text is revised as follows:

Monterey County also has several major wastewater recycling and desalination efforts in progress or in action. The CSIP provides approximately 19,000 AFY of recycled water to replace coastal groundwater pumping for irrigating vegetables and fruit crops. PVWMA’s Watsonville Area Water Recycling Project and the associated Coastal Distribution System are similarly using recycled wastewater for injection into the aquifer and to replace groundwater supplies. The Carmel Area Wastewater District/Pebble Beach Community Services District Reclamation Project replaces approximately 700 acre-feet of potable water for golf courses and other open space in Pebble Beach with recycled water (Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 2007). MCWD has built a new water desalination plant with a peak capacity of 300,000 gallons per day when in operation (Marina Coast Water District 2008). It is not currently operating. The MCWD is also involved in efforts to reduce seawater intrusion.

Page 4.3-33. Revise the last sentence of the first paragraph to read:

As the MCRWP became fully operational, the annual rate of seawater intrusion decreased to approximately 8,900 AFY (Monterey County Water Resources Agency 2001a); this rate of seawater intrusion is the most recent available and is being used as the baseline in this SEIR.

Page 4.3-33, first paragraph after Table 4.3-5 is revised as follows.

MCWRA reports that in the 180-Foot/400-Foot Subarea (also known as the Pressure Zone subarea), west and north of Salinas, more than 90% of pumping occurs from the 400-foot aquifer, with 5% from the Deep Aquifer and a smaller fraction from the 180-foot aquifer. In areas east and south of Salinas in the Pressure Zone subarea, it is estimated that approximately 60% of groundwater pumping occurs from the 400-foot aquifer, while 40% occurs in the 180-foot aquifer (Monterey County Water Resources Agency 2001a). Seawater intrusion into the 180-~~400-~~ Foot/400-Foot Subarea was occurring at an annual rate of approximately 14,000 AFY prior to initiation of operations of the MCRWP (particularly the CSIP). As the MCRWP became fully operational, the annual rate of seawater intrusion decreased to approximately 8,900 AFY (Monterey County Water Resources Agency 2001a); this rate of seawater intrusion is the most recent available and is being used as the baseline in this ~~SEIR~~.

Page 4.3-34, last paragraph. The paragraph is revised as follows.

Operation of the SVWP will divert an average of 9,700 AF and up to 12,800 AF of additional Salinas River water (available from reoperation of upstream reservoirs) to the CSIP during the peak irrigation season. This will provide a total yearly average of 12,000 AF and up to 25,000 AF to the CISP for injection into the groundwater aquifer (Monterey County Water Resources Agency 2003). Modeling undertaken by the MCWRA for the SVWP indicates that by 2030 seawater intrusion will be reduced to 2,300 AF with surface water deliveries only to the CISP. However, modeling cannot be certain of the effectiveness of the SVWP beyond 2030. The model indicates that after 2030, if an additional 14,300 AF of SVWP water is delivered outside the CSIP, modeling indicates that seawater intrusion would be halted (Monterey County Water Resources Agency 2001a). The SVWP has been designed to meet the objectives of halting seawater intrusion and meeting water demands to 2030 through drought years through conjunctive use of surface and groundwater. Groundwater would be augmented during wet years from the SVWP, with greater reliance on surface water, and drawn upon in dry years, with less reliance on surface water. This would avoid seawater intrusion through droughts of historic length (Monterey County Water Resources Agency 2001a).

Page 4.3-35, first paragraph under “Seaside Area Groundwater Basin. The paragraph is revised as follows.

Most of the Seaside Area groundwater basin is within the incorporated cities of Marina, Monterey, Seaside, and Sand City (see Exhibit 4.3.3). No new Community Areas or Rural Centers are proposed by the 2007 General Plan in the basin. One new Affordable Housing Overlay area will be established in the Seaside basin—Mid-Hwy 68/Mid Peninsula Airport. ~~However, inter-basin transfers of water that may be needed to meet the demands of the 2007 General Plan in neighboring basins would impact the water supply.~~

Page 4.3-36, first, second and third paragraphs. The paragraphs are revised as follows.

The Seaside Area basin is composed of a number of smaller sub-basins. MPWMD is responsible for regulation and supply of groundwater within the Seaside Area groundwater basin. The boundaries of the basin are poorly understood, particularly under Monterey Bay. Total known useable storage in the Seaside basin aquifer is about 7,500

~~6,200~~ acre-feet. Current water use within the basin is about 5,600 AFY. (Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 2007, 2008).

Because of a 1995 State Water Board Order (Order No. WR 95-10) that ruled Cal-Am did not have a legal right to roughly 70% of the surface water and groundwater it had been diverting from the Carmel River and underlying Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer (refer to Carmel River Conflicts), Cal-Am began drawing more water from groundwater wells within the Seaside groundwater basin. In 2006, the basin was adjudicated and a watermaster was appointed to manage the basin and bring its groundwater budget into balance. The adjudication resulted in a court-ordered physical solution to the basin's groundwater problem. The operating yield for three years beginning in 2007 for the basin as a whole was defined as 5,600 acre-feet (including 4,611 acre-feet for the coastal subareas). The judgment requires a 10% decrease in operating yield for the ~~coastal subareas~~ basin every three years beginning in ~~2010~~ Water Year 2009, unless replenishment supplies are secured or groundwater levels are sufficient to prevent seawater intrusion. The decreases are to continue until production reaches the "natural safe yield" of 3,000 AFY established under the judgment. The watermaster adopted the *Seaside Monitoring and Maintenance Program* in 2006, as directed by the court to implement the decreases. (Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 2007)

Unlike the neighboring Salinas Valley basin, a major portion of the groundwater that is extracted serves urban users. MPWMD reports that the basinwide average annual storage depletion is approximately 1,540 AFY. Annual recharge is estimated to be 3,557 AFY. Based on detailed analysis of water level trends and groundwater budgets, the estimated sustainable yield of the Seaside basin under present conditions is estimated to be 2,880 AFY, but recent average water demand has been approximately 5,600 AFY (Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 2005a). The adjudication of the basin ensures that future production rates will not exceed safe yield. ~~Present production rates are therefore unsustainable.~~

Page 4.3-37, first paragraph under Salinas Valley Water Project. The reference to the "100-Foot/400-Foot" aquifer is a typographical error. It should read "180-Foot/400-Foot."

Page 4.3-37, first sentence of second paragraph under Salinas Valley Water Project. The sentence is revised as follows:

The SVWP includes the delivery of water to the CSIP, which provides surface water to an area totalling project delivery area totals about 12,000 acres. The service area of the SVWP is coterminous with Zone 2C and includes a much larger area than the CSIP. (Monterey County Water Resources Agency 2008a).

Page 4.3-38, first paragraph at the top of the page. The reference to the "100-Foot/400-Foot" aquifer is a typographical error. It should read "180-Foot/400-Foot."

Page 4.3-38, last full paragraph is revised as follows:

The Carmel Valley groundwater basin supplies a majority of potable water to the Carmel Valley Master Plan and the Greater Monterey Peninsula Area Plan properties. Water in the Carmel Valley groundwater basin is derived primarily from alluvial aquifers located along the Carmel River. The water supply wells along the Carmel River aquifer became increasingly important as water supply sources when the Carmel area continued to grow

throughout the 1970s and 1980s. The primary water supplier in the Carmel Valley basin is Cal-Am, ~~an investor-owned public utility a private water company~~ that provides water to approximately 40,000 connections within the MPWMD.

Page 4.3-39, second full paragraph. The paragraph is revised as follows.

The water supply deficit in the basin is partly a result of limited water storage capacity. Storage in the Carmel River aquifer system has always been limited because of the naturally small volume of the aquifer, while storage in the two reservoirs has become substantially diminished because of siltation. According to California's Groundwater - Bulletin 118, "DWR (1974) estimated the groundwater in storage in spring 1972 as 45,500 af [acre-feet], 39,300 af in fall 1972, and 52,500 af in spring 1973" within the Carmel River basin (California Department of Water Resources 2004), San Clemente and Los Padres Reservoirs, which formerly had respective storage capacities of approximately 2,260 and 3,000 acre-feet, are now estimated to have only a fraction of their original capacity (Monterey County Water Resources Agency 2003). San Clemente Reservoir is nearly silted up and is no longer used for domestic supply. Los Padres Reservoir has a remaining capacity of approximately 1,400 acre-feet.

Page 4.3-39, fourth paragraph. The paragraph is revised as follows.

The limited reservoir capacity has led Cal-Am to pump more than its allotted water right from the Carmel River to meet customer demand. As a result, Cal-Am ~~has been repeatedly~~ was charged by the State Water Board with diverting water from the Carmel River and underlying Valley Alluvial Aquifer unlawfully (Order WR 95-10, as amended by Orders and Order WR 98-04 and 2002-0002). ~~While no additional demand within the basin, is proposed by the 2007 General Plan,~~ Current restrictions on extraction in the basin intended to protect fish in the Carmel River ~~(WR Order 2001-04 DWR)~~ under the State Water Board orders may affect adjacent groundwater basins, which must make up the loss of supply. Most recently (January 2008), the State Water Board issued a draft cease and desist order (CDO) (Order WR 2008-00XX-DWR) requiring Cal-Am to stop diverting water from the Carmel River in excess of its legal rights by reducing its unlawful diversions pursuant to a schedule to be set forth in the CDO (see the full discussion of State Water Board Orders under "Carmel River Conflicts").

Page 4.3-40, second paragraph. The paragraph is revised as follows.

The Seaside Basin ASR Project, operated jointly by Cal-Am and MPWMD, involves diverting excess winter flows from the Carmel River for injection into the Seaside aquifer, for recovery in summer months. The State Water Board ~~has granted ten~~ temporary permits to MPWMD to allow diversions of ~~2,426 acre-feet of~~ water from the Carmel River between December and May for the years 1997 through 2007. In November 2007, the State Water Board issued a permanent permit to MPWMD and Cal-Am to allow diversions of up to 2,426 acre-feet from the Carmel River between December and May. (State Water Resources Control Board 2007) Diverted water would be treated to potable drinking water standards and pumped through the Cal-Am distribution system to the Seaside groundwater basin, where it would be injected deep into the Santa Margarita Sandstone for storage and subsequent extraction. Under the proposed operational plan, the Mmaximum extraction would be approximately ~~2,028~~ 1,500 AFY, leaving a portion of the injected water in the Seaside Basin aquifer ~~to allow for groundwater basin available for recovery during extended dry periods~~ (Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 2005a).

Page 4.3-45, under Groundwater Management and Monitoring Programs. The first paragraph is revised as follows.

Management of the water supply and groundwater system must consider the limits to which water can be drawn without depleting the resource or what exceeds the safe yield. ~~The “safe yield” is defined as the annual draft of water that can be withdrawn without producing some undesirable result.~~

The following definitions are used in this analysis:

- Long-Term Water Supply (safe yield) (as defined in Title 19.02.143): the amount of water that can be extracted continuously from the basin or hydrologic sub-area without degrading water quality, or damaging the economical extraction of water, or producing unmitigatable adverse environmental impacts.
- Long-Term Water Supply (as defined in the General Plan Glossary and used in specific General Plan policies): an available supply of water that can be extracted from a basin or hydrogeologic sub-area to service the existing and projected development in that basin or hydrogeologic sub-area for a twenty year period without degrading water quality, damaging the economical extraction of water, or causing significant unavoidable adverse environmental impacts.
- Long-term Sustainable Water Supply (as used in specific General Plan policies): the use of groundwater in a manner that can be maintained for an indefinite time without causing unacceptable environmental, economic or social consequences taking into account the effects of pumping (safe yield) and the ability to reverse trends that are depleting supply and renew basin functions through various means.
- Overdraft: The pumping of water from a groundwater basin or aquifer in excess of the supply flowing into the basin over the course of several climatic cycles.

“Long term water supply” as used and defined in the General Plan pertains to the evaluation of a project specific review or water system review. It typically would look at a more localized area than long term sustainable supply. Twenty years is the planning horizon for considering whether a water company, for example, has access to supply for 20 years, based on its technical, managerial and financial capabilities, permits from the CPUC and operational plans into the future. The 20-year time horizon is not part of the definition of “sustainable” supply. The term “Long term water supply” also applies to consideration of water quality trends in the service area and measures that will be undertaken to address impending problems or regulatory requirements. For a groundwater supply, a “long-term water supply” would need to have a safe yield for a minimum of a 20-year period.

“Long term sustainable water supply examines the groundwater basin or sub-area in a broader context and does not have a specific timeframe. It is based on consideration of whether the basin is likely to come into balance; that is, whether solutions are funded or in place to reverse general trends with respect to overdraft and seawater intrusion. It involves a more comprehensive evaluation of conditions in the groundwater basin including the economical extraction, effects on neighboring wells (the concept of “safe yield” as used in Title 19 of the County Code), amount of available water in storage, ability to renew and sustain basin functions over time, and ability to accommodate current and future growth and development. For a groundwater supply source a “long-term sustainable water supply” would have to have a sustainable yield without resulting in further overdraft over the long-term. Chronic overdraft can lead to a depletion of

groundwater to levels in excess of the system's ability to recover, given the basin's water budget. When groundwater levels decline, they can diminish the productivity of wells altogether or necessitate that wells pump to greater depths.

This EIR relies on the concept of "long term sustainable water supply" as described above, including the concept of sustainable yield for groundwater supply sources.

Page 4.3-47, third bullet at the top of the page.

that Cal-Am would cease withdrawals of water from the San Clemente Dam and reduce diversions from production well facilities in the Carmel River during low flow periods of the year, except during an emergency (California State Water Resources Control Board Order 2002-0002~~2008~~).

Page 4.3-47, third and fourth paragraphs. The paragraphs are revised as follows.

In response to this order, because of growing concerns regarding the sustainable yield of the Seaside Groundwater Basin and the threat of seawater intrusion, Cal-Am filed a lawsuit to adjudicate the pumping and storage rights of the various groundwater pumpers of the Seaside basin aquifer Groundwater Basin, where there is also concern about sustainable yield. In a final ruling on March 27, 2006, the court directed that current pumping in the basin, i.e., 5,600 AFY, be reduced by 10% every three years unless replenishment supplies are secured. Under the ruling, Cal-Am, which is the major pumper in the basin, is responsible for approximately 92% of the reduction in pumping. was required to reduce pumping on the Seaside groundwater basin by 10%, its only current alternative to drawing water from the restricted Carmel River. An additional 10% reduction would be required by 2009. The ruling found that "groundwater production within the Seaside groundwater basin exceeds the Natural Safe Yield" to prevent seawater intrusion and that the solution is to reduce pumping to maintain a positive flow of fresh water into the aquifer and keep out saltwater.

As discussed above, the suit (*Cal-Am v. City of Seaside*) also resulted in a ruling that sets a safe pumping level of 5,600 AFY (~~500 acre feet less than the maximum pumped in recent years~~) and created a "watermaster board" to oversee groundwater management in the Seaside basin, because a groundwater management plan was never adopted. The watermaster board includes representatives from Cal-Am, the City of Seaside, the MPWMD, the MCRWA, the City of Monterey, the City of Sand City, the City of Del Rey Oaks, coastal landowners, and Laguna Seca landowners.

Page 4.3-50, first paragraph. The paragraph is revised as follows.

The 1972 amendments to the CWA established the NPDES permit program (Section 402) to control point source discharges from industrial, municipal, and other facilities if their discharges go directly to surface waters. The 1987 amendments to the CWA created a new section of the CWA devoted to regulating stormwater or nonpoint source discharges (Section 402(p)). In 1990, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) promulgated regulations for permitting storm water discharges from industrial sites (including construction sites that disturb five acres or more) and from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) serving a population of 100,000 people or more. These regulations, known as the Phase I regulations, require operators of medium and large MS4s to obtain storm water permits.

In late 1999, the U.S. EPA promulgated regulations, known as Phase II, requiring permits for storm water discharges from Small MS4s and from construction sites disturbing between one and five acres of land. A “Small MS4” is a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains): (i) designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water; (ii) which is not a combined sewer; and (iii) which is not part of a Publicly Owned Treatment Works. (State Water Resources Control Board 2003) The EPA has granted California primacy in administering and enforcing the provisions of the CWA and the NPDES program through the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

Page 4.3-50, third paragraph. The paragraph is revised as follows.

The MRSWMP applies this permit (and its receiving water limitations and design standards) to the County and other signatories within specific areas designated by the MRSWMP. Designated Phase II MS4 areas in the unincorporated county include Carmel Valley; Corral de Tierra/San Benancio; Toro Park; a large area bounded by the Salinas River, Davis Road, SR 68, and the city of Salinas; a second large area southeast of San Juan Grade Road and northeast of Salinas; Pajaro and its surroundings; Castroville; and Prunedale. This includes:

- the proposed Boronda, Castroville, and Pajaro Community Areas;
- the westerly portion of the proposed Hwy. 68/Airport AHO;
- all of the Carmel Mid-Valley AHO; and
- all of the Hwy. 68/Reservation Road AHO.

It does not include any of the proposed Rural Communities.

Since 2001, the Monterey Regional Storm Water Permit Participants Group, composed of the Cities of Monterey, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Sand City, Seaside, Marina, and Pacific Grove; the County; and the Pebble Beach Co., have been developing a regional stormwater program for the Monterey Peninsula and surrounding areas to prepare an NPDES Phase II permit application. The MRWPCA acts as the group’s administrative agent.

Consistent with the 2003 General Permit, the MRSWMP establishes six Minimum Control Measures as follows: public education and outreach; public participation/involvement; illicit discharge detection and elimination; construction site storm water runoff control; post-construction storm water management in new development and redevelopment; and pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations. The MRSWMP also includes specific Best Management Practices (BMPs) for each of these measures. Under the design standards of the General Permit, the MRSWMP will require the County to regulate storm water runoff from the following categories of projects located within the urbanized areas: single-family hillside residences; 100,000 square foot commercial developments; automobile repair shops; retail gasoline outlets; restaurants; residential subdivisions with 10 or more units; and parking lots of 5,000 square feet or with 25 or more parking spaces. Specific design requirements are set out in the General Permit for each of these categories.

Page 4.3-54. Table 4.3-8 is replaced with the following:

Table 4.3-8. Monterey County Water Bodies on the Central Coast Region's 2008 Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters

Water Body Name	Pollutant	List Status	TMDL Due Date	2008 Changes
Alisal Creek	Chlorophyll-a	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Fecal coliform	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Nitrate	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Sodium	TMDL req'd.	2018	New
Alisal Slough	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Nitrate	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Sediment Toxic	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Unk. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
Arroyo Seco River	Fecal coliform	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Temperature	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
Bennett Slough	Chlorophyll-a	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
Blanco Drain	Chlorpyrifos	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Diazinon	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Nitrate	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Pesticides	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
Carneros Creek	Ammonia	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
	Chlorophyll-a	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Fecal coliform	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
Chualar Creek	Ammonia	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Chlorpyrifos	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Diazinon	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	E. coli	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Fecal coliform	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Nitrate	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Temperature	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Unk. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
Elkhorn Slough	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Pesticides	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Sed/siltation	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
	Total coliform	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
Esperanza Creek	Nitrate	TMDL req'd.	2013	New

Water Body Name	Pollutant	List Status	TMDL Due Date	2008 Changes
Espinosa Lake	Chlorpyrifos	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Diazinon	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
Espinosa Slough	Ammonia	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Diazinon	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Nitrate	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Pesticides	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Priority organics	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Sed. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
Gabilan Creek	Unk. toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Ammonia	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Fecal coliform	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Nitrate	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Sed. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
Majors Creek	Unk. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Copper	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	E. coli	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Lead	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
Merrit Ditch	Zinc	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Ammonia	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Nitrate	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Sed. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
Monterey Harbor	Unk. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Metals	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
Morro Cojo Slough	Sed. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Ammonia	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
	E. coli	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
	Pesticides	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Sed/siltation	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
Moss Landing Harbor	Total coliform	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Chlorpyrifos	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Diazinon	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Nickel	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Pathogens	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
	Pesticides	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
Sed/siltation	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing	
Moss Landing Harbor	Unk. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2021	New

Water Body Name	Pollutant	List Status	TMDL Due Date	2008 Changes
Natividad Cr.	Ammonia	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	E. coli	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Nitrate	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Sed. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Temperature	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Unk. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
Old Salinas River	Chlorophyll a	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Chlorpyrifos	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Diazinon	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	E. coli	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Fecal coliform	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Nitrate	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Sed. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
		Unk. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013
Old Salinas River Estuary	Ammonia	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	E. coli	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Nutrients	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Pesticides	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
Pajaro River	Boron	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
	Chlordane	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Chloride	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Chlorpyrifos	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	DDT	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Dieldrin	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	E. coli	TMDL req'd.	2011	New
	Fecal Coliform	TMDL req'd.	2011	Existing
	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Nitrate	Being addressed		Existing
	Nutrients	Being addressed		Existing
	PCB	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Sed/siltation	Being addressed		Existing
	Sodium	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2021	New	

Water Body Name	Pollutant	List Status	TMDL Due Date	2008 Changes
Quail Creek	Ammonia	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Chlorpyrifos	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Diazinon	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	E. coli	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Fecal coliform	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Nitrate	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Sed. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Temperature	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Unk. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
Salinas Rec Canal	Ammonia	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Chlorpyrifos	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Copper	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Diazinon	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	E. coli	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Fecal coliform	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Nitrate	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Pesticides	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Priority organics	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Sed. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Unk. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
Salinas River (lower)	Chlordane	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Chloride	TMDL req'd.	2018	New
	Chlorpyrifos	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	DDT	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Diazinon	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Dieldrin	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	TDS	TMDL req'd.	2018	New
	Toxaphene	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Unk. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
Salinas River (middle)	E. coli	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Fecal coliform	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Pesticides	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Temperature	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Unk. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
Salinas River (upper)	Chloride	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Sodium	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
Salinas River Lagoon (north)	Nutrients	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Pesticides	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
Salinas River Refuge Lagoon	pH	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New

Water Body Name	Pollutant	List Status	TMDL Due Date	2008 Changes
San Antonio River	E. coli	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Fecal coliform	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
San Lorenzo Creek	Boron	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
	Chloride	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Elec. Conduct.	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	E. coli	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Fecal coliform	TMDL req'd.	2021	Existing
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Sodium	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
Santa Rita Cr.	Ammonia	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	E. coli	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Fecal coliform	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	LDO	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Nitrate	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Sodium	TMDL req'd.	2018	New
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
Tembladero Slough	Chlorophyll	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Chlorpyrifos	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Diazinon	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Enterococcus	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	E. coli	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Fecal Coliform	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Nitrate	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Nutrients	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	Pesticides	TMDL req'd.	2013	Existing
	pH	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Sed. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Total coliform	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Turbidity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
	Unk. Toxicity	TMDL req'd.	2013	New
Tularcitos Cr.	Chloride	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Fecal coliform	TMDL req'd.	2021	New
	Sodium	TMDL req'd.	2021	New

Source: Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board 2009b.

Page 4.3-65, last paragraph. The paragraph is revised as follows.

The MPWMD ~~is in~~began the process of preparing a long-term *Seaside Basin Groundwater Management Plan* following AB 3030 guidelines in March 2004. This effort was superseded by the Seaside Basin adjudication proceedings and the decision that was issued in March 2006. Other jurisdictions have typically included aspects of groundwater management in their watershed management or stormwater management plans, or refer to the *Central Coast Basin Plan*, as well as plans devoted to a particular resource, such as the Carmel or Salinas Rivers.

Page 4.3-70, under “Assembly Bill 885 Onsite Wastewater Treatment Regulations.”
The second paragraph is revised as follows.

~~The draft regulations dictate that new and replaced OWTS be operated to accept and treat flows of domestic wastewater (e.g., toilet flushing, food preparation, laundry, household cleaning, and personal hygiene) and be designed to disperse effluent to subsurface soils in a manner that maximizes unsaturated zone treatment and aerobic decomposition of the effluent. The draft regulations contain performance requirements and specifications for the OWTS systems and supplemental treatment components. As of spring 2008, the draft regulations are still under consideration and public review.~~

The SWRCB initiated the formal rulemaking to implement AB 885 in November 2008. In response to public comments on the draft regulations, the Board is re-writing their proposal. There is currently no schedule for the release of a draft of the revised regulations.

The Central Coast RWQCB has adopted an amendment to its Basin Plan (Resolution No. R3-2008-0005) that revises that Plan’s provisions for onsite wastewater management plans. The amendment establishes stricter requirements for these onsite systems. That amendment has been submitted to the SWRCB for approval. The Central Coast RWQCB is expected to proceed with its Basin Plan amendment independent of the AB 885 regulations. (Central Coast RWQCB 2008)

In 2007, the Central Coast RWQCB – citing its concern over water quality impacts from septic tank systems -- directed Monterey County to conduct an area-wide study of the urbanized part of the Carmel Highlands that has individual sewage disposal systems and to develop an Onsite Wastewater Management Plan (OWMP) to protect water quality. The County responded by adopting an interim ordinance restricting new development with the potential to generate wastewater and to limit the installation of new water wells (Ordinance 5086). The ordinance was subsequently extended twice, expiring in October 2009, while the County prepared the requisite Carmel Highlands Onsite Wastewater Management Study and the Carmel Highlands OWMP.

The County Board of Supervisors considered and adopted the OWMP at its December 15, 2009 meeting. The OWMP has been submitted to the Central Coast RWQCB for approval by its Executive Officer. The Board of Supervisors has directed County staff to bring forward amendments to the County Code to incorporate the recommendations of the OWMP regarding sewage disposal standards, new domestic water well water quality testing, and water well pumping requirements.

In order to ensure that alternative onsite wastewater treatment systems are properly regulated during the period while the AB 885 regulations are being sorted out, Policy PS-4.10 is to be revised as follows:

PS-4.10 ~~Prior to approval of any new alternative~~Alternative onsite wastewater treatment systems subsequent to adoption of the 2007 General Plan, the County shall develop an alternative wastewater system management program, consistent with the regulations pursuant to AB885 and required Regional Water Quality Control Board requirements, to administer and monitor the use of alternative wastewater systems, pursuant to State law and regulations. ~~may be considered for Repairs~~repairs to existing systems are exempt from this and existing lots of record if the requirements for a septic system cannot be met per Monterey County Code 15.20 and the Central Coast Basin Plan. The design and

operation of the alternative wastewater treatment system must conform to Monterey County Code 15.20 and the Central Coast Basin Plan.

Page 4.3-75, under Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Insert the following paragraph after the end of the second paragraph.

The MPWMD has adopted rules that regulate the use of water within its jurisdictional boundaries. These include rules for protection of water resources and water conservation. Rule 124 concerns Carmel River Management and Regulations. This rule requires that property owners obtain a valid River Work permit issued by MPWMD for any work within the riparian corridor. Ordinance 135, adopted by the MPWMD Board on September 29, 2008, amended the MPWMD's rules for the staged water restrictions that are imposed during water emergencies when available supplies are projected to be insufficient to meet demands. The amendments were made in response to the adjudication of groundwater in the Seaside Basin and the expected outcome of the SWRCB's cease and desist order regarding CalAm's unauthorized use of water originating from the Carmel River.

Page 4.3-78. Revise the first full paragraph as follows.

Any work ~~Work~~ in the Salinas River and Arroyo Seco River channels is ~~exempted if it is covered by a USACE 5-year regional Section 404 permits, approved by the CDFG and the MCWRA.~~ would require a Section 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. All other work requires a separate permit from state and federal ~~these~~ agencies, subject to environmental review.

Page 4.3-91, beginning of first full paragraph. The paragraph is revised as follows:

Development of residential, commercial (which, for the analysis of Impact WR-1, includes agricultural-related uses such as processing, support, and visitor-serving uses), and industrial land uses, as well as public facilities (e.g., roads, schools, maintenance and corporation yards, water supply, and wastewater facilities) create additional impervious surfaces and generate additional automobile use.

Page 4.3-97, Mitigation Measure BIO-2.1. The measure is revised as follows.

Mitigation Measure BIO-2.1: Stream Setback Ordinance.

~~The~~ In order to preserve riparian habitat, conserve the value of streams and rivers as wildlife corridors and reduce sediment and other water quality impacts of new development, the county shall develop and adopt a ~~county-wide~~ Stream Setback Ordinance. ~~The ordinance shall~~ to establish minimum standards for the avoidance and setbacks for new development relative to streams. The ordinance shall identify standardized inventory methodologies and mapping requirements. A stream classification system shall be identified to distinguish between different stream types (based on hydrology, vegetation, and slope, etc.) and thus allow application of standard setbacks to different stream types. The ordinance shall identify specific setbacks relative to inland portions of the following rivers and creeks so they can be implemented in the Area Plans: Salinas, Carmel River, Arroyo Seco, Pajaro River, Nacimiento, San Antonio, Gabilan Creek, and Toro Creek. The ordinance may identify specific setbacks for other creeks or may apply generic setbacks based on the stream classification developed for the ordinance. ~~The purpose of the ordinance will be to preserve riparian habitat and reduce sediment and other water quality impacts of new development~~ shall identify appropriate

uses within the setback area that would not cause removal of riparian habitat, compromise identified riparian wildlife corridors, or compromise water quality of the relevant stream.

The Stream Setback Ordinance shall apply to all discretionary development, County public projects within the County and to conversion of previously uncultivated ~~agricultural~~ land (as defined in the General Policy Glossary) on normal soil slopes over 15% or on highly erodible soils on slopes over 10%. The stream setback ordinance shall be adopted within three (3) years of adoption of the General Plan.

Page 4.3-106, first paragraph under Significance Determination. The paragraph has been revised as follows:

For the purposes of this analysis, it was assumed that the policies of the 2007 General Plan would be fully implemented by 2092. It must be recognized, however, that future conditions may be altered in such a way that would prevent full implementation of the General Plan by 2092. ~~and it~~ may also be assumed that federal and state regulatory requirements would be at least as stringent then as they are today.

Page 4.3-114, last paragraph. The paragraph has been revised as follows:

Agriculture will also place demands on raw water supplies. Based on trends in agricultural employment (AMBAG 2004; AMBAG 2008), no net expansion in overall agricultural acreage is projected for 2030 as virtually no increase in agricultural employment is forecast by AMBAG to 2030 for the county in the most recent (2008) and the immediately prior (2004) economic forecasts. The Salinas Valley Water Project EIR forecast a slight decline in agricultural water demand in the Salinas Valley for 2030 (MCWRA 2001a). ~~While~~ The amount of agricultural land use is expected to increased slightly remain essentially constant during the 2030 planning horizon overall. However, agriculture's demands on water supplies in some areas are anticipated to increase in some areas (North County, pursuant to the projections in the Rancho Roberto FEIR, for example), while they are expected to decrease in other areas (Salinas Valley, pursuant to the SVWP FEIR, for example). Overall, agricultural water demand is expected to remain relatively stable, with a small decline, due to improvements in water use efficiency.

Page 4.3-115, Table 4.3-9. The table is replaced in its entirety with the following Tables 4.3-9a through 4.3-9h are added:

Table 4.3-9a. Monterey County 2007 Estimated New Water Demand from urban Uses and New Wineries (2030 and Beyond)
Estimated and Projected 2030 Water Demand

	Potential Buildout Units	Potential 2030 Units	2030 New Population (1)	2030 New Water Demand (3)	Buildout New Population (2)	Buildout New Water Demand (3)	Notes
Salinas Groundwater Basin							
Chualar CA	1,500	492	1,429	290	4,224	856	Calculated based on population
Fort Ord CA	8,610	2,823	8,201	1,663	24,246	4,916	Calculated based on population
Boronda CA	726	238	691	140	2,044	414	Calculated based on population
Castroville CA	1,632	535	1,554	315	4,596	932	Calculated based on population
Pine Canyon RC	1,704	559	1,624	329	4,798	973	Calculated based on population
San Lucas RC	169	55	160	32	476	96	Calculated based on population
Bradley RC	800	262	761	154	2,253	457	Calculated based on population
Lockwood RC	221	72	209	42	622	126	Calculated based on population
Pleyto RC	160	52	151	31	451	91	Calculated based on population
San Ardo RC	480	157	456	92	1,352	274	Calculated based on population
River Road RC	389	128	372	75	1,095	222	Calculated based on population
Hwy 68/Reservation AHO	930	305	886	180	2,619	531	Calculated based on population
Cachagua	66	9	26	5	186	38	Assumed 50/50 split between Carmel River and Salinas watershed basins
Central Salinas Valley	456	61	177	36	1,284	260	Calculated based on population
Greater Salinas	1,395	187	542	110	3,928	796	Calculated based on population
Butterfly Village (4)	1,147	1,147	3,332	-25	3,332	-25	Based on Addendum to FEIR for project
North County (5)	1,956	262	760	154	5,508	1,117	Assumed 60/40 split between Salinas River and Pajaro River

	Potential Buildout Units	Potential 2030 Units	2030 New Population (1)	2030 New Water Demand (3)	Buildout New Population (2)	Buildout New Water Demand (3)	Notes
South County	939	125	363	74	2,644	536	Calculated based on population
Toro	4,046	540	1,569	318	11,393	2,310	Calculated based on population
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>27,326</i>	<i>8,008</i>	<i>23,265</i>	<i>4,016</i>	<i>77,052</i>	<i>14,921</i>	
Wineries and Ancillary in AWCP				326		326	Assumes all 40 artisan and 10 large- scale wineries built by 2030
INLAND Unincorporated Total	27,326	8,008	23,265	4,343	77,052	15,248	
Carmel River and Seaside Aquifer							
Greater Monterey Peninsula	4,011	536	1,557	316	11,295	2,290	Calculated based on population
Carmel Mid-Valley AHO	390	128	372	75	1,098	223	Calculated based on population
Hwy 68/Airport AHO	2,550	836	2,429	492	7,181	1,456	Calculated based on population
Cachagua	66	9	26	5	186	38	Assumed 50/50 split between Salinas and Carmel River basins.
Carmel Valley	758	101	294	60	2,135	433	Calculated based on population
INLAND Unincorporated Total	7,775	1,610	4,678	948	21,894	4,439	
Pajaro Groundwater Basin							
Pajaro CA	676	222	645	131	1,904	386	
North County	1,304	174	507	103	3,672	744	New demand in N. County planning area split 60/40 between Salinas/Pajaro basins.
INLAND Unincorporated Total	1,980	396	1,151	233	5,576	1,130	

	Potential Buildout Units	Potential 2030 Units	2030 New Population (1)	2030 New Water Demand (3)	Buildout New Population (2)	Buildout New Water Demand (3)	Notes
Monterey County Unincorporated Areas							
Total	37,081	10,015	29,094	5,525	104,522	20,817	Existing Demand from MPWMD 2006a. New Demand from calculations above. Total 2030 = Existing + New Demand

Notes:

- (1) Assumes persons/housing unit = 2006 to 2030 average (2.91 from DEIR Table 3-5 for unincorporated county for 2030).
- (2) Assumes person/housing unit = 2006 to Buildout average (2.82 from DEIR Table 3-5 for unincorporated county for buildout horizon)
- (3) Assumes per capita water use [urban applied water (including residential, commercial, industrial, and landscape uses) for Central Coast Region] of 181 gpd per California Water Plan Update 2005.
- (4) Butterfly Village water demand based on Project FEIR Addendum (Monterey County, 2008b).
- (5) 60/40 split based on Fugro West, Inc. 1995. North Monterey County Hydrogeologic Study. Prepared for Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

Table 4.3-9b. Water Supply and Projected Water Demand for 2030, Monterey County (acre feet)

Groundwater Basin	Salinas Valley (1,2)	Carmel River/ Seaside Aquifer (3)	Pajaro Valley (4)
Existing Demand	494,046	18,214	71,500
Projected City New Demand in 2030	29,539	3,273	(5)
Projected County New Demand in 2030	4,439	1,006	(5)
Projected Total Demand in 2030	442,458	22,493	78,192
Estimated 2030 Supplies (2)	443,000	22,344	72,100
Balance in 2030	542	-149	-6,092

Sources: See Tables 4.3-9c through 4.3-9h.

Notes:

1. Salinas Valley demand declines by 2030 due to reduction in agricultural demand. See Table 4.3-9c
2. Salinas Valley supply = groundwater. As discussed in text, with SVWP implementation, the expectation is that this amount can be provided without further lowering of groundwater tables or increased seawater intrusion compared to baseline levels.
3. Carmel River/Seaside Aquifer supplies is based on implementation of CWP, ASR, and several smaller projects. (See Table 4.9-4f). Excludes agricultural demand unless part of existing demand served by Cal-Am.
4. Pajaro Valley Basin includes areas of Santa Cruz County. See Table 4.3-9g for list of potential projects.
5. See Table 4.3-9g. PVWMA projections for urban growth include growth in Monterey County.

Table 4.3-9c. Salinas River Valley Estimated and Projected 2030 Water Demand

	Existing Demand	Potential Buildout Units	Potential 2030 Units	2030 New Population (1)	2030 New Water Demand (2)	2030 Total Population	2030 Total Demand	Notes
Unincorporated Urban Water Demand								
Chualar CA		1,500	492	1,429	290			Calculated based on population
Fort Ord CA		8,610	2,823	8,201	1,663			
Boronda CA		726	238	691	140			
Castroville CA		1,632	535	1,554	315			
Pine Canyon RC		1,704	559	1,624	329			
San Lucas RC		169	55	160	32			
Bradley RC		800	262	761	154			
Lockwood RC		221	72	209	42			
Pleyto RC		160	52	151	31			
San Ardo RC		480	157	456	92			
River Road RC		389	128	372	75			
Hwy 68/Reservation AHO		930	305	886	180			
Cachagua		66	9	26	5			Assumed 50/50 split between Carmel River and Salinas watershed basins
Central Salinas Valley		456	61	177	36			Calculated based on population
Greater Salinas		1,395	187	542	110			Calculated based on population
Butterfly Village (3)		1,147	1,147	3,332	-25			Based on Addendum to FEIR for project
North County (4)		1,956	262	760	154			Assumed 60/40 split between Salinas River and Pajaro River
South County		939	125	363	74			Calculated based on population

	Existing Demand	Potential Buildout Units	Potential 2030 Units	2030 New Population (1)	2030 New Water Demand (2)	2030 Total Population	2030 Total Demand	Notes
Toro		4,046	540	1,569	318			Calculated based on population
Wineries/Ancillary in AWCP					326			Assumes all 40 artisan and 10 large-scale wineries and ancillary uses built by 2030
<i>Inland Subtotal</i>		27,326	8,008	23,265	4,343			
North County-Coastal		585	164	477	97			Calculated based on population
Total		27,911	8,172	23,742	4,439	135,375		
City Urban Water Demand								
Gonzales				19,916	4,038	29,145		Calculated based on population
Greenfield				14,757	2,992	29,854		
King City				10,475	2,124	23,360		
Marina				12,185	2,470	35,357		
Salinas				66,376	13,457	213,063		
Soledad				21,987	4,458	51,634		
Total				145,696	29,539	382,413		
Total Urban Water Demand								
Total	50,479			169,438	33,979	517,788	84,458	Existing = 2005 (DEIR Table 4.3-1)
Agricultural Demand								
Agricultural Demand	443,567						358,000	Existing = 2005 average (DEIR Table 4.3-1); 2030 = from SVWP EIR.
Total	443,567						358,000	

	Existing Demand	Potential Buildout Units	Potential 2030 Units	2030 New Population (1)	2030 New Water Demand (2)	2030 Total Population	2030 Total Demand	Notes
Total Water Demand								
Total	494,046	27,911	16,180	169,438	33,979	517,788	442,458	2030 = Existing Urban Demand (2005) + New urban Demand (2030)+ Forecasted Agricultural Demand (2030).
<i>SVWP EIS/EIR (5)</i>						<i>425,611</i>	<i>443,000</i>	

Sources: California Department of Water Resources, 2005 California Water Plan Update.

Fugro West, Inc. 1995. North Monterey County Hydrogeologic Study. Prepared for Monterey County Water Resources Agency. October.

Monterey County. 2008b. Addendum #2 to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Rancho San Juan Specific Plan and HYH Property EIR, SCH No. 2002121142. July 17.

Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA). 2001. Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Salinas Valley Water Project. June.

RMC, 1998. Salinas River Basin Management Plan. 2030 Land Use and Water Needs Conditions. May.

Notes: (1) Assumes persons/housing unit = 2006 to 2030 average (2.91 from Table 3-5 for unincorporated county for 2030).

(2) Per capita water use [urban applied water (including residential, commercial, industrial, and landscape uses) for Central Coast Region] = 181 gpd (CA Water Plan Update 2005), except for butterfly village.

(3) Butterfly Village water demand based on Project FEIR Addendum (Monterey County, 2008b)

(4) 60/40 split based on Fugro West, 1995.

(5) MCWRA 2001 and RMC 1998. SVWP forecast used 1995 urban water use factors which does not take into account improvement in water use efficiencies.

Table 4.3-9d. Water Demands for Salinas Valley Estimated in the 2001 Salinas Valley Water Project EIR

	Population 2030	Water Demand (AF)
Cities		
Marina	24,913	4,400
Salinas	194,407	33,722
Gonzales	14,361	7,862
Soledad (w/ prison)	33,639	7,794
Greenfield	15,027	3,374
King City	29,024	10,851
City Subtotals	311,371	68,003
County		
Castroville	7,088	1,022
Fort Ord	37,370	6,600
Pressure		3,592
Toro/Ft. Ord		1,113
East Side	49,400	3,286
Forebay		1,120
Upper Valley		1,212
North County ¹	20,382	3,039
County Subtotals	114,240	20,984
<i>TOTAL URBAN WATER DEMAND²</i>	<i>425,611</i>	<i>88,987</i>
<i>TOTAL URBAN WATER DEMAND³</i>		<i>85,000</i>
Agricultural Demand		358,000
Total Demand		443,000

Sources: Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA). 2001. Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Salinas Valley Water Project. June 2001.
 RMC, 1998. Salinas River Basin Management Plan. 2030 Land Use and Water Needs Conditions. May.
 Fugro West, Inc. 1995. North Monterey County Hydrogeologic Study. Prepared for Monterey County Water Resources Agency. October.

¹ No population estimate provided for North County portion (Highlands South and Granite Ridge) in SVWP EIS/EIR. Fugro West (1995) study used to estimate forecast for 2030 units, then converted to population using 2.91/household.

² Total Urban water Demand shown above from RMC 1998.

³ DEIR for SVWP used 85,000 AF total, likely reflecting minor adjustment in calculation post-1998.

Table 4.3-9e. Carmel River/Seaside Aquifer Existing and 2030 Estimated Water Demand

	Existing Demand	Potential 2030 Units	2030 New Population (1)	2030 New Water Demand (2)	2030 Total Demand	Notes
Unincorporated Inland Areas (2007 GP)						
Greater Monterey Peninsula		536	1,557	316		
Carmel Mid-Valley AHO		128	372	75		Calculated based on population.
Hwy 68/Airport AHO		836	2,429	492		Calculated based on population.
Cachagua		9	26	5		Assumed 50/50 split between Salinas and Carmel River basins.
Carmel Valley		101	294	60		Calculated based on population.
Total		1,610	4,678	948		Calculated based on population.
Unincorporated Coastal Areas (1982 GP)						
Carmel		63	183	37		
Del Monte Forest		34	100	20		
Total		97	283	57		
Cities (AMBAG 2004)						
Carmel by the Sea				288		MPWMD 2006b
Del Rey Oaks				48		MPWMD 2006b
Monterey				705		MPWMD 2006b
Pacific Grove				1,264		MPWMD 2006b
Sand City				386		MPWMD 2006b
Seaside				582		MPWMD 2006b
Total				3,273		

	Existing Demand	Potential 2030 Units	2030 New Population (1)	2030 New Water Demand (2)	2030 Total Demand	Notes
Total Demand	Total 18,214	1,707		4,279	22,493	Existing Demand from MPWMD 2006a and MPWMD 2008. New Demand from calculations above. Total 2030 = Existing + New Demand
Other 2030 Estimates						
CPUC (2009)	18,214			4,545	22,759	CPUC 2009 based on MPWMD 2006b

Sources: Department of Water Resources, 2005 California Water Plan Update.
California Public Utilities Commission, 2009. Coastal Water Project. Final Environmental Impact Report.
MPWMD, 2006a. Technical Memorandum 2006-02, Existing Water Needs of Cal-Am Customers within MPWMD boundaries and Non Cal-AM Producers Within the Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjusted for Weather Conditions During Water years 1996 through 2006. Value cited is weather - adjusted normal year demand.
MPWMD, 2006b. Existing Long-Term Water Needs by Jurisdiction Based on General Plan Buildout in Acre-Feet, May 18. As noted above totals for cities for buildout assumed to apply to 2030.
MPWMD, 2009. MPWMD 2007-2008 Mitigation Program Report.

Notes: (1) Assumed persons/unit for new to 2030 (2.91)
(2) Per capita water use [urban applied water (including residential, commercial, industrial, and landscape uses) for Central Coast Region] = 181 gpd (CA Water Plan Update 2005)

Table 4.3-9f. Existing and Future Water Supplies Carmel River/Seaside Aquifer

	Existing (2006/2007)	2015 - Existing Demands Only	2030	Source
Water Demand	18,214	18,214	22,493	1, 2, 3,4
Non-Cal-Am users (Carmel River – presumptive right)	3,119	3,119	3,119	2
Carmel River - Cal-Am Water Rights	3,376	3,376	3,376	5
Seaside Aquifer	2,913	2,913	2,913	6
Aquifer Storage and Recovery		920	920	5
<i>Subtotal Existing Sources</i>	<i>9,408</i>	<i>10,328</i>	<i>10,328</i>	
Pebble Beach Recycled Water Project			136	5
Other Water Recovery			300	5
Sand City Desalination			300	5
Coastal Water Project (CWP)		11,280	11,280	5
<i>Total Additional Supply (with CWP)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>11,280</i>	<i>12,016</i>	
Total Supply (with CWP)	9,408	21,608	22,344	
Supply/ Demand Balance	-8,806	3,394	-149	
Regional Water Supply Program (RWSP), Phase 1		15,200	15,200	5
<i>Total Additional Supply (with RWSP)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>15,200</i>	<i>15,936</i>	
Total Supply (with RWSP, Phase 1)	9,408	25,528	26,264	
Supply/Demand Balance	-8,806	7,314	3,771	

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- Sources:
- (1) MPWMD, 2006a. *Technical Memorandum 2006-02, Existing Water Needs of Cal-Am Customers within MPWMD boundaries and Non Cal-AM Producers Within the Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjusted for Weather Conditions During Water years 1996 through 2006*. Value cited is weather - adjusted normal year demand.
 - (2) MPWMD, 2009. MPWMD 2007-2008 Mitigation Program Report. Value of 3,119 AF for WY 2007 added to demand of Cal-AM customers from reference (1).
 - (3) New demand for 2030 based on 2007 GP estimates in Table 4.3-9a for unincorporated county and entire buildout amount for cities from MPWMD 2006b for 2030.
 - (4) MPWMD, 2006b. *Existing Long-Term Water Needs by Jurisdiction Based on General Plan Buildout in Acre-Feet*, May 18. As noted above totals for cities for buildout assumed to apply to 2030.
 - (5) CPUC, 2009. Final EIR, Coastal Water Project, Tables 2-5 and 3-2. Total for CWP includes 380 AF additional for ASR project
 - (6) Adjudicated Natural Safe Yield, from Monterey Superior Court Amended Decision in California-American Water vs. City of Seaside et al, Case No. M66343, filed February 9, 2007.

Note: Although a nominal surplus (25 percent) is shown for existing demands for 2015 (with completion of ASR and CWP projects), the water demand shown is normal-year demand and does not account for dry or critically dry -year demands. Thus, this should not be considered a true surplus in to but rather, mostly a reserve for use during critical years. Of note, the CWP project is limited to replacement of existing Cal-Am supplies and does not provide water to meet new water demands. RWSP Phase 1, includes 15,200 afy to meet the immediate needs of the Monterey Peninsula, and replace a previously approved supply for part of, the former Fort Ord, within the MCWD service area. Similarly, the nominal surplus for 2030 should not be seen as excess supply but rather reserve for dry or critically-dry years.

Table 4.3-9g. Existing and Future Water Supply and Demand Pajaro Groundwater Basin

	Current (2001)	2030 ¹	2040
Agricultural	59,300	63,092	64,400
Urban	12,200	15,100	16,100
Total Demand	71,500	78,192	80,500
Coralitos Creek Diversion	-1,100	-1,100	-1,100
Other Surface Water Diversions	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000
Total Groundwater Pumping	69,400	76,092	78,400
Basin Sustainable Yield	48,000	48,000	48,000
Required Additional Supply	21,400	28,092	30,400
CVP Import Pipeline		10,300	10,300
Recycled Water		4,000	4,000
Harkins Slough		1,100	1,100
Murphy Crossing		1,600	1,600
Supplemental Wells ²			
Coastal Distribution System ³			
Conservation		5,000	5,000
Total Potential New Supply⁴		22,000	17,000
Total Supply	50,100	72,100	67,100
Supply-Demand Balance	-21,400	-6,092	-13,400

Source: Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, Revised Basin Management Plan, Draft EIR, 2004, except for 2030 demand estimates, which are interpolated.

¹ 2030 estimates for demands are an interpolation between 2001 and 2040. Given the limited (255 AF - see Table 4.3-9h) estimated new demands in Monterey County by 2030 in the Pajaro groundwater basin, the urban demand future numbers noted above from PVWMA were not revised as they reasonably approximate future demands across the basin.

² For supply, reliability, and peaking.

³ Facilitates delivery of water from supply projects.

⁴ Excludes Pajaro-Sunny Mesa desalination project due to lack of progress on project at this time. Does not include the Monterey Regional Water Supply Program, Phase 2 which could provide water to North County.

Table 4.3-9h. Pajaro River Basin Estimated New Water Demand from New Development in Unincorporated Monterey County, 2030

	Existing Demand (2004)	Potential 2030 Units	2030 New Population(1)	2030 New Water Demand (2)	2030 Total Water Demand	Notes
Pajaro CA	--	222	645	131	131	Existing demand included in North County
North County	23,345	174	507	103	23,448	New demand in N. County planning area split 60/40 between Salinas/Pajaro basins.
INLAND Unincorporated Total	23,345	396	1,151	233	23,578	

Sources: Department of Water Resources, 2005 California Water Plan Update (for per capita use)

EMC Planning Group. 2005. Rancho Roberto Subdivision Final Environmental Impact Report. Prepared for the Monterey County Planning and Building Inspection Department. Monterey, California. January 3, 2005 (Existing Demand for North County areas within Pajaro groundwater basin).

Notes: (1) Assumed persons/unit for new to 2030 (2.91)

(2) Per capita water use [urban applied water (including residential, commercial, industrial, and landscape uses) for Central Coast Region] = 181 gpd (CA Water Plan Update 2005)

Page 4.3-117, Table 4.3-10. Table 4.3-10 has been revised as follows:

Table 4.3-10. Water Supply Issue Summary for Community Areas

Community Area	Groundwater Basin	Water Supplier	Potable Water Availability Issues
Pajaro	Pajaro Valley basin	Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District	Overdraft; seawater intrusion; <u>nitrate and arsenic contamination</u>
Castroville	Salinas Valley basin (180-Foot/400-Foot Subarea)	Castroville Water District	Overdraft, seawater intrusion; conversion of agricultural land
Boronda	Salinas Valley basin (180-Foot/400-Foot Subarea)	California Water Service Company, Salinas District	Overdraft; seawater intrusion into 180-foot aquifer within 1 mile of Cal-Water's closest well (diverting production)
Chualar	Salinas Valley basin (180-Foot/400-Foot Subarea)	Cal-Am Water Company, Monterey District	Overall supply severely short, but Chualar wells are <u>managed</u> independent of larger basins and represent small fraction of District demand
Fort Ord	Salinas Valley basin (Seaside and Corral de Tierra Subareas)	Marina Coast Water District	Seawater intrusion; supply adequate unless Fort Ord Reuse Authority growth limits lifted (imbalance of 2,548 AFY)

(Note: Fort Ord does not derive water from the Seaside aquifer, nor is expected to in the future)

Page 4.3-117, under Castroville. Revise the first paragraph as follows.

Castroville is in the 180-Foot/400-Foot Subarea of the Salinas Valley basin, where, under current conditions, any additional pumping from the local groundwater would result in further seawater intrusion. Some of Castroville's future development would be through infill and intensification of already urbanized areas within the community.

Page 4.3-118, under Chualar. Revise the paragraph as follows.

Chualar is situated in a portion of the Salinas Valley groundwater basin that receives sufficient groundwater recharge and is not subject to seawater intrusion. Past and current agricultural practices have resulted in water quality degradation of the shallow aquifers (primarily high nitrate levels); however, potable water supply is available from deeper in the aquifer system. According to Cal-Am's 2005 UWMP, Chualar is ~~one of the company's six Highway 68 corridor systems, which are managed independently of the larger basin systems and represents only a small portion~~ 5% of Cal-Am's demand. Consequently, the area is not subject to Cal-Am's overall shortage conditions on the Monterey Peninsula. The level of growth anticipated for the proposed Community Area would not incur significant water supply impacts.

Page 4.3-118, last paragraph. Revise as follows.

Seawater intrusion forced relocation of the former Fort Ord's wells from the Main Garrison to a more inland location. However, these wells are also now at risk of seawater intrusion and therefore are not considered a sustainable source of supply to meet future water demands of the Fort Ord community. MCWD is currently drawing water from three wells in the non-sustainable Deep Zone, which, combined with the risk of further seawater intrusion from continued pumping in the 180- or 400- foot aquifers, rules out possibilities for meeting the Community Area's water demands from local groundwater sources. MCWD is the only current significant user of the Deep Aquifer. (Marina Coast Water District 2005) ~~In response,~~ MCWD ~~recently (2007)~~ constructed a reverse osmosis desalination plant to convert seawater to potable drinking water in 1996, which became operational in 1997. Due to recent rises in energy costs and the lack of need for the water, the plant is currently not in operation. (Marina Coast Water District 2008). When operating, this facility can provide up to 300,000 gallons of potable water per day.

Page 4.3-119, first full paragraph. Revise the paragraph as follows.

Potential water sources for ~~these uses~~ future water demands of the Fort Ord community include development of a new well field in the vicinity of Spreckels (where sufficient recharge occurs to preclude significant impacts) with conveyance facilities to Fort Ord; and a desalination plant proposed by Cal-Am at Moss Landing. The Fort Ord Reuse Plan identified a need to augment available potable water supply by 2,400 AFY to accommodate future development. This projection assumed the availability of an additional 6,600 AFY under an agreement with MCWRA that includes Fort Ord as a beneficiary of the SVWP. (Cal Am Coast Water Project DEIR, Section 5.1.3, *Regional Water Supply and Demand*, pp. 5-6). According to the East Garrison DSEIR, the 6,600 AFY "comes from wells developed in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin," that is, the MCWD's existing source. (Monterey County 2004a) The additional 2,400 AFY identified in the Fort Ord Reuse plan as needed for future development would have to come from an additional supply project such as the regional water augmentation program. (MCWD 2005) but would not come from the Coastal Water Project, which is limited from providing water for future growth. Sources for both the 6,600 AFY and the additional 2,400 AFY remain unclear, uncertain, pending approval of Cal Am's Coastal Water Project. ~~In the summer of 2009, the MCWRA, MCWD, and other agencies entered an agreement to discuss some form of regional project (starting from the 'Regional Project' discussed in the FEIR for the Coastal Water Project) that could provide a more secure water supply for the Fort Ord community. These discussions are ongoing.~~

Page 4.3-120, Third paragraph under "Rural Centers and Development outside Focused Growth Areas". Revise paragraph as follows.

Legal lot development may occur outside the service areas of water districts, in which case it would be served by individual water wells. As noted in the setting discussion, the groundwater basins in the North County and the Seaside aquifer, as well as the Carmel Valley basin, are overdrafted, ~~and future~~ Future development in the North County ~~there~~ will exacerbate that significant effect. The impact of future development within the Seaside basin and Carmel Valley is restricted by the terms of adjudication of that basin, restrictions on CalAm's reliance on water from the Carmel River, as well as the existing regulatory scheme of the MPWMD, which make impacts within that area less than significant to 2030.

Page 4.3-121, Table 4.3-11. The table is replaced in its entirety with the following Table 4.3-11:

Table 4.3-11. Projected AWCP Winery and Ancillary Use Yearly Water Demand

New Wineries						
Type of Winery	Cases per winery	Number of Wineries	Cases	Water Demand per Winery (gallons)	Water Demand per winery (acre-feet)	Total Demand (acre-feet)
Artisan (25K cases per year)	25,000	40	1,000,000	580,500	2	71
Full-scale (75K cases per year)	75,000	5	375,000	1,741,500	5	27
Full-scale (175K cases per year)	175,000	2	350,000	4,063,500	12	25
Full-scale (375K cases per year)	375,000	1	375,000	8,707,500	27	27
Full-scale (750K cases per year)	750,000	1	750,000	17,415,000	53	53
Full-scale (1.5M cases per year)	1,500,000	1	1,500,000	34,830,000	107	107
Total Water Demand—all wineries (acre-feet)		50	4,350,000	67,338,000	207	310
Ancillary Uses						
Ancillary Use	Units	Size	Number	Demand per Unit	Source	Total Demand
Winery Tasting Rooms	seats	20	10	0.02	MPWMD, restaurant	4
Restaurants	seats	50	3	0.02	MPWMD, restaurant	3
Delicatessens	Square feet	1,500	5	0.0002	MPWMD, deli	2
Inns	rooms	10	8	0.1	MPWMD, hotel	8
Subtotal						17
Total Water Demand						
Total Winery and Ancillary Uses						326

Sources for Factors: Winery water demand from Napa County. No Date. Phase 1 Water Availability Analysis worksheet. Includes both process water, landscaping, and domestic use.

Ancillary use factors from MPWMD. No. Date. Non-Residential Water Release Form and Water Permit Application.

Page 4.3-125, under Carmel Valley Master Plan. Revise the fourth sentence as follows.

Water projects designed to address future growth in the Carmel Valley ~~shall~~will be supported (Policy CV-5.2). Conservation and reclamation projects ~~should~~shall be incorporated into project design (Policy CV-5.3).

Page 4.3-125, under Cachagua Area Plan. Revise the second sentence as follows.

CACH-5.1 states that the area should not be deprived of water reasonably required for the beneficial needs of its inhabitants and that water ~~should~~shall not be exported outside the planning area boundaries.

Page 4.3-126, under Significance Determination. Add the following.

Implementation of the 2007 General Plan will increase water demand for urban and other uses. Increased water demand could require additional water supply infrastructure (which is discussed below under Impact WR-5), result in groundwater overdraft (which is discussed below under Impact WR-6), or exacerbate seawater intrusion (which is discussed below under Impact WR-7). Increased water demand could also result in effects to special status species and biological resources that are water dependent including riparian vegetation, steelhead, and California red-legged frog, among others.

Page 4.3-127, second paragraph. Revise the third sentence as follows.

Policy PS-3.1 prohibits approval of new development (except for the first single family dwelling and non-habitable accessory uses on an existing lot of record) that lacks proof of sustainable water supply.

Page 4.3-127, fourth paragraph. Revise as follows.

Salinas Valley

In the Salinas Valley, the SVWP will provide sufficient additional supplies from the system's reservoirs to meet 2030 projected demands and halt further seawater intrusion. The impacts of the 2007 General Plan would be less than significant within the Salinas Valley for water supply during the 2030 planning horizon.

For the Granite Ridge/Highlands South are, impacts to water supply would be less than significant because SVWP brings balance to basin overall and revised Policy PS-3.4 will address localized individual well effects on water quality, well interference, and localized overdraft. The proposed Granite Ridge supply project will also assist to help address local issues.

For discretionary development in the El Toro Creek groundwater subbasin, General Plan policies (including, but not limited to Policy PS-3.1, 3.3, and T-1.7) will delay development (other than single-family residential development on lots of record that do not require a discretionary permit for other reasons) where long-term water supplies do not exist and thus avoid significant impact to water supply and groundwater overdraft due to discretionary development. For ministerial development in the El Toro Creek groundwater subbasin, the minor amount of new well demand (estimated as around ~97

acre-feet due to 194 vacant lots of record) is considered to have a less than significant impact on groundwater overdraft relative to recharge in the basin of 2,000 to 3,000 AFY with implementation of Policy PS-3.4 to assess well water quality and avoid well interference. More specifically, Policy T-1.7 will constrain residential subdivision in residentially designated areas within the El Toro Creek subbasin and Policy PS-3.4 will address localized individual well effects on water quality, well interference, and localized overdraft.

Page 4.3-130, first paragraph under Mitigation Measures. The paragraph is revised as follows:

The following measure is intended to reduce impacts on the Monterey Peninsula during the 2030 planning horizon to below a level of significance. However, for the reasons discussed above and as disclosed below, while this measure will reduce the impact, it will not do so sufficiently to avoid this being a significant and unavoidable impact. However, other regulatory restrictions on water use will reduce the impact below a level of significance. There ~~here~~ are no feasible measures that would reduce the impacts of development on existing lots of record in the ~~North County and the Pajaro River portion of the North County~~ below a level of significance.

Page 4.3-130, Mitigation Measure WR-1. The measure is revised as follows.

WR-1: Support a Regional Solution for the Monterey Peninsula in addition to the Coastal Water Project

The County will revise the draft 2007 General Plan to include the following additional ~~new~~-policy.

PS-3.16 The County will participate in the Water for Monterey County Coalition or similar regional group, for the purpose of identifying and supporting a variety of new water supply projects, water management programs, and multiple agency agreements that will provide additional domestic water supplies for the Monterey Peninsula and Seaside basin, while continuing to protect the Salinas and Pajaro River groundwater basins from saltwater intrusion. The County will also participate in regional groups including representatives of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency and the County of Santa Cruz to identify and support a variety of new water supply, water management and multiple agency agreement that will provide additional domestic water supplies for the Pajaro Groundwater Basin. The County's general objective, while recognizing that timeframes will be dependent on the dynamics of each of the regional groups, will be to complete the cooperative planning of these water supply alternatives within five years of the adoption of the General Plan and to implement the selected alternatives within five years after that time.

Page 4.3-130, Mitigation Measures. The following measure is added above "Significance Conclusions"

Mitigation Measure BIO-2.3: Add Considerations regarding Riparian Habitat and Stream Flows to Criteria for Long-Term Water Supply and Well Assessment

Public Services Policies PS-3.3 and PS-3.4 establish the criteria for proof of a long-term water supply and for evaluation and approval of new wells. The following criteria shall be added to these policies:

- Policy PS-3.3.i—Effects on instream flows necessary to support riparian vegetation, wetlands, fish, and other aquatic life including migration potential for steelhead.
- Policy PS-3.4.g—Effects on instream flows necessary to support riparian vegetation, wetlands, fish, and other aquatic life including migration potential for steelhead.

Page 4.3-130, third paragraph under Significance Conclusion. The paragraph is revised as follows:

On the Monterey Peninsula and in the Pajaro Valley, while current planning is underway to address current problems and provide water for new development, none of the major supply projects is sufficiently developed (i.e., none are at the DEIR phase) to conclude that they will provide adequate water to address current problems and future needs. Mitigation Measure WR-1 puts the County on record as supporting a regional solution (but not necessarily those currently proposed). 2007 General Plan policies will constrain development until long-term water supplies are assured. Until then, non-discretionary development on legal lots of record will exacerbate existing water supply problems in the North County, including the Pajaro Valley. Restrictions on the development of legal lots of record along the Carmel River and requirements of the adjudication of the Seaside basin, as well as the regulatory standards of the MPWMD will ensure that development of lots of record on the Monterey Peninsula will not exacerbate existing problems. General Plan Policies PS 3-1 and PS 3-3 delay discretionary development until long-term sustainable water supplies are available. Thus impacts of new water demand from development allowed by the 2007 General Plan are less than significant on water supply since the aforementioned policies will properly control demands in light of extant and future supplies. ~~and this~~ However, due to the lack of current and future supplies to address current and future water supply shortfalls, this is considered a significant and unavoidable water supply impact (see separate discussion under Impact WR-5 below regarding water supply infrastructure) in the North County, including the Pajaro Valley.

Page 4.3-131, fourth paragraph. The paragraph is revised as follows:

The SVWP has the capacity to provide additional water to the Salinas Valley with expansion of the distribution system, capture of additional flows through changes in operational management of the dams, and continued trends of per capita conservation. The MCWRA estimates this to be as much as 10,000 AFY, which would be slightly more than estimated as needed for new post-2030 demand (~9,000 acre-feet; see Table 4.3-9a which includes raw demand of 10,905 acre-feet after 2030; when taking into account 20 percent mandated reduction, new demand would be approximately 8,724 acre-feet).

Page 4.3-132. The third full paragraph is revised as follows:

Global climate change will have some effect on future precipitation patterns in this part of California in the future. That might in turn affect available water supplies in the reservoirs at the upper end of the Salinas River. What that effect will be is unknown and is not reasonably foreseeable. The California Department of Water Resources reports that California's precipitation is on an upward trend since the 1960s, but that the yearly amount of precipitation is increasingly variable (i.e., wet years can be followed by dry years; California Department of Water Resources 2006). Present climate models do not have the precision to determine with any certainty what will be the case in Monterey County. If global climate change does adversely affect the county's water storage, the county's water supply from groundwater and surface water sources will be reduced. ~~Additional development would result in a significant and unavoidable impact should that~~

~~occur.~~ However, because it is not reasonably foreseeable given the limits of today's models any firm conclusion would be speculative.

Page 4.3-133, Mitigation Measure WR-2. The measure is revised as follows.

The County will revise the draft 2007 General Plan to include the following additional ~~new~~-policies.

PS 3.17 The County will pursue expansion of the SVWP by investigating expansion ~~initiating investigations~~ of the capacity for the Salinas River water storage and distribution system. ~~to be further expanded.~~ This shall also include, but not be limited to investigations of expanded conjunctive use, use of recycled water for groundwater recharge and seawater intrusion barrier, and changes in operations of the reservoirs.

The County's overall objective is to have an expansion planned and in service by ~~2030.~~ the date that extractions from the Salinas Valley groundwater basin are predicted to reach the levels estimated for 2030 in the EIR for the Salinas Valley Water Project. The County shall review this extraction data trends at five year intervals. The County shall also assess the degree to which the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (Zone 2C) has responded with respect to water supply and the reversal of seawater intrusion based upon the modeling protocol utilized in the Salinas Valley Water Project EIR. If the examination indicates that the growth in extractions predicted for 2030 are likely to be attained within ten years of the date of the review, or the groundwater basin has not responded with respect to water supply and reversal of seawater intrusion as predicted by the model, then the County shall implement PS-3.18.

PS-3.18 ~~As required by PS-3.17, the~~ County will convene and coordinate a working group made up of the Salinas Valley cities, the MCWRA, and other affected entities. The ~~for the purpose of the working group~~ will be to identifying ~~identify~~ new water supply projects, water management programs, and multiple agency agreements that will provide additional domestic water supplies for the Salinas Valley. These may include, but not be limited to, expanded conjunctive use programs, further improvements to the upriver reservoirs, additional pipelines to provide more efficient distribution, and expanded use of recycled water to reinforce the hydraulic barrier against seawater intrusion. The county's objective will be to complete the cooperative planning of these water supply alternatives ~~by 2020 and have projects online by 2030, within five years and to have the projects on-line five years following identification of water supply alternatives.~~

Page 4.3-134, first sentence under "Significance Conclusion." Revise the sentence as follows.

A second phase of the Salinas Valley Water Project is feasible, according to MCWRA. (Weeks, 2009)

Page 4.3-142, under "Impacts of Water Facilities for the AWCP and Agriculture." Revise the first three paragraphs as follows.

New water supply facilities would be needed to support the artisan and full-scale wineries, to support other permitted uses, such as inns and delicatessens, and to support agriculture. These would typically be onsite wells and treatment facilities.

A portion of the water demand from these wineries and other permitted uses would be met by existing water supply. The size and type of new facilities would depend on the

size and location of the specific winery or other permitted use and the availability of existing water supplies. Where agriculture expands into new areas, new infrastructure would also be required to provide water supply.

Typically, water supply facilities for new wineries, other permitted uses or expanded agricultural activity would consist of wells, wellhead facilities, pipelines, and storage reservoirs/tanks.

Page 4.3-143, under “Salinas Valley”. Insert after the first paragraph the following.

As stated above, new treatment, storage, and conveyance facilities and services would serve the Rural Centers (please see Section 3.4.9, *Rural Centers* and Exhibits 3.3 and 3.19 through 3.24 for the location of Rural Centers). While mitigation can likely address most of the significant impacts identified for these facilities, it is possible that some significant impacts may not be feasibly mitigated to a less-than-significant level, and unavoidable impacts may occur.

Page 4.3-147, first full paragraph. Revise the paragraph as follows.

Once groundwater resources have been adversely affected (i.e., lowering of groundwater levels and intrusion of seawater), recovery is more difficult. Significant groundwater declines already have occurred in many areas of the county, resulting in seawater intrusion into coastal aquifers—including both of the productive 180- and 400-foot aquifers. ~~Some groundwater level declines have occurred in the Deep Zone, and s~~erious groundwater declines have occurred in the coastal zone of the North County area.

Page 4.3-148, second to last paragraph. Revise the first sentence as follows.

The SVWP will balance supply with ~~substantially reduce summer demand for~~ ~~on~~ groundwater resources in the Salinas Valley.

Page 4.3-152, under South County Area Plan. The paragraph is revised as follows.

South County Area Plan SC-5.1 states that new development shall not diminish the groundwater recharge capabilities in the South County Planning Area where valuable natural groundwater recharge areas, or artificial groundwater recharge projects have been identified. ~~and~~ SC-5.3 states that new development may not encroach on the main channels and associated floodways of the Nacimiento, San Antonio, and Salinas Rivers in order to conserve groundwater recharge, preserve riparian habitats, and protect flood flow capacity. ~~each require new development to maximize groundwater recharge capabilities.~~

Page 4.3-154. Revise the first paragraph as follows.

2001). Implementation of the AWCP would depend on individual groundwater wells for its water; however, it would not substantially change the assumptions supporting the conclusions of the SVWP EIR/EIS. AWCP projects would be subject to regulation under 2007 General Plan Policies PS-3.1 (requiring proof of a long-term water supply), PS-3.4 (criteria for new wells), PS-3.5 (testing of new high-capacity wells), and PS-3.12 (conservation ordinance for agricultural use), among others. This would avoid groundwater overdraft as a result of new wineries and related facilities in the Salinas Valley during the planning period to 2030.

For the Granite Ridge/Highlands South area, impacts to overdraft would be less than significant because the SVWP addresses overall basin overdraft and revised Policy PS-3.4 will address localized individual well effects on water quality, well interference, and localized overdraft. The Granite Ridge supply project will also assist to help address local issues. For the El Toro Creek sub-basin the impacts to overdraft will be less than significant because Policy T-1.7 will constrain residential subdivision in residentially designated areas within the El Toro Creek subbasin and Policy PS-3.4 will address localized individual well effects on water quality, well interference, and localized overdraft.

Page 4.3-154. Revise the second and third full paragraph as follows.

Separately, the activities of Cal-Am and the MPWMDA on the Monterey Peninsula, and ~~the SVWP and~~ the Pajaro River IRWMP's projects in the ~~Salinas River and~~ Pajaro River basins ~~would~~ are intended to increase the supply available for domestic use, increase the supply of water available for summer recharge, and reduce demand for groundwater during those periods.

Until that occurs, Policies PS-3.1 and PS-3.3 will delay discretionary development until long-term sustainable water supplies are available, Policy 3.4 will control extractions from the Carmel Valley aquifer, and small water user demands from the Seaside aquifer have been determined to be less than significant in the seaside aquifer adjudication. With implementation of General Plan policies, new water demands from development allowed by the 2007 General Plan on the Monterey Peninsula would have a less-than-significant impact on groundwater overdraft. Mitigation Measure WR-1 is proposed to ultimately facilitate the development of long-term sustainable water supplies for future growth on the Monterey Peninsula, but it is the General Plan policies that avoid the significant impact.

~~With implementation of mitigation measure MM WR 1, the Monterey Peninsula would maintain this impact at a less than significant level.~~

However, areas in North County, that are in the Pajaro Valley watershed, would not avoid significant and unavoidable groundwater impacts. Policies PS-3.1 and 3.3 would act to limit development within the Pajaro Community Area until a sustainable water supply can be assured. However, they would not apply to the many existing lots of record in the North County in the Pajaro basin ~~these~~ areas. As described above, no comprehensive solution to provide adequate water to avoid overdraft has been established in the Monterey County portion of the North County in the Pajaro Valley.

Page 4.3-162, first and second paragraph under Significance Determination. Revise the paragraph as follows.

~~New and existing nondiscretionary land use and development entitlements would result in increased seawater intrusion associated with agricultural well development, low-density development, and urban development within the Pajaro basin and North County.~~

Policy PS 3.1 and Policy 3.3 will limit discretionary development throughout the County until long-term sustainable water supplies are available, meaning that new discretionary development will not be able to proceed if they will occur in an area without adequate planning to halt further seawater intrusion.

This impact would be less than significant in the Salinas Valley groundwater basin (including the Granite Ridge/Highlands South area) due to the ameliorating effect of the SVWP relative to the current baseline of seawater intrusion and due to General Plan policies previously noted.

Limited small-scale development potential in the Seaside basin (due to current restrictions on new water connections and as a result of the adjudication of the basin) would avoid this a significant impact on seawater intrusion in the short run., and new desalination projects in the planning stages by Cal-Am and the would halt any potential intrusion during the 2030 planning horizon, avoiding this impact. However, other areas face challenges in halting seawater intrusion. Seawater intrusion will be controlled in the Salinas Valley through the SVWP to 2030. Large-scale development will be limited due to the terms of the adjudication until additional water supplies are made available for future development in the Seaside aquifer. Policies PS 3-1 and PS-3-3 will delay discretionary development until long-term sustainable water supplies are available. Thus, impacts related to seawater intrusion in the Seaside aquifer will be less than significant.

Seawater intrusion is not an issue in the Carmel Valley alluvial aquifer and constraints to new water demand, per PS 3-1, 3-3, and 3-4 will address future demands such that impacts to seawater intrusion are considered less than significant. Seawater intrusion is also not an issue in the El Toro Creek sub-basin.

Mitigation Measure WR-1, in conjunction with the Coastal Water Project, would avoid a significant impact from seawater intrusion on the Monterey Peninsula.

Mitigation Measure WR-1 is proposed to ultimately facilitate the development of long-term sustainable water supplies for future growth on the Monterey Peninsula, but it is the General Plan policies that avoid the significant impact related to seawater intrusion.

New and existing nondiscretionary land use and development entitlements would result in increased seawater intrusion associated with agricultural well development, low-density development, and urban development within the Pajaro basin portion of the and North County.

A solution for the Pajaro basin is not available. Although several 2007 General Plan policies would assist in managing wells in areas where seawater has intruded into groundwater, a feasible comprehensive solution to the Pajaro Valley seawater intrusion has not been advanced at this time.

Page 4.3-180, under “Mitigation Measures.” The paragraph is revised as follows.

Implementation of the 2007 General Plan policies and Area Plan goals and policies would reduce potential impacts on water quality associated with increased erosion from alterations to drainage patterns to a less-than-significant level. In addition, Mitigation Measure BIO-2.1: Stream Setback Ordinance will require the County to develop and adopt a county-wide Stream Setback Ordinance to establish minimum standards for the avoidance and setbacks for new development relative to streams. This will reduce the potential for erosion along streams that might otherwise occur as a result of new development. No additional mitigation is required.

Section 4.3 Exhibits. New Exhibit 4.3-7a was added to illustrate the County’s major water basins. Exhibit 4.3-8 was updated to correct its title. Exhibit 4.3-9 was amended to illustrate recent seawater intrusion maps. Exhibit 4.3-9a was added to illustrate the 400-foot aquifer seawater intrusion level. Exhibit 4.3-10 was amended to correct its title. These exhibits are at the end of this chapter.

Section 4.6, “Transportation”

Page 4.6-3, under Section 4.6.2.3 Tourism Traffic. Revise the second paragraph as follows:

Tourism is the county’s second largest industry, and the continued expansion of the tourism industry in Monterey County will further exacerbate this source of impact. Present alternatives to the automobile are not attractive to casual weekend travelers or to long-distance tourists. Although visitors comprise a high percentage of commercial airline passengers arriving at Monterey Peninsula Airport (62 percent, according to a 1996 AMBAG study), the relatively low number of airline trips in and out of the Peninsula accounts for only a very small percentage of the annual tourist volume. Monterey Salinas Transit’s popular ~~Waterfront Area Visitor Express (WAVE)~~ MST Trolley service is an example of a non-impact transportation mode specifically tailored to tourist demand. Line 22 is another bus route that is tailored to tourist demand as it serves the Big Sur coastline with a limited number of daily roundtrips year round. MST’s Line 24 Carmel Valley Grapevine Express also is attractive with visitors and provides an alternative to driving between wine tasting venues while reducing congestion on Carmel Valley Road. ~~However,~~ The increasing demand for access to Monterey County’s relatively inaccessible areas such as the Big Sur coastline, along with the over-capacity conditions already in place as a result of resident and commuter traffic, may warrants additional measures to facilitate other modes of tourist-oriented transportation.

Page 4.6-6, Under section 4.6.2.7 Road and Highway Capacities. Revise the last sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

The County’s current standard for road performance is ~~LOS C under the undefined in the 1982 General Plan and is proposed to be LOS D under~~ established by Policy C-1.1 in the 2007 General Plan.”

Page 4.6-9, first full paragraph. Delete the last sentence of the paragraph as follows:

In addition, the Area Plan for Carmel Valley specifies an acceptable LOS of “C” or “D” for Carmel Valley Road depending on the roadway segment (see Impact TRAN-2B for identification of segments and associated LOS standards), as opposed to a LOS “C” that is proposed to be the acceptable level for other Carmel Valley roadways and LOS D in the remainder of the unincorporated County. ~~Integration of this analysis into the 2007 General Plan EIR allows for consistency between documents.~~

Page 4.6-10, last paragraph. Revise the last sentence as follows:

These external networks were selected because they ~~either~~ represent the extents of the AMBAG model network for which future traffic volumes can be projected.

Page 4.6-11. The first three paragraphs under 4.6.2.8, Public Transit Services are revised as follows.

The Monterey Salinas Transit (MST) system is an inter-city and intra-city bus service. MST serves a ~~275~~ 280 square-mile area of ~~Northern~~ Monterey County, ~~and~~ Southern Santa Cruz County, ~~and Santa Clara County.~~ providing Intercity bus service is provided between Monterey-Salinas, Marina and Watsonville-Salinas, and Watsonville-Marina, Monterey-San Jose, and Salinas-King City. and south from Salinas as far as King City. ~~Inter~~ Intra-city service is provided in Carmel, Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Seaside, and Soledad. Gonzales, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Salinas, and Seaside. MST offers 37 routes that serve an estimated 352,000 people residing within three-quarters of a mile from ~~established routes~~ a fixed-route bus line. ~~These Three MST lines~~ bus routes connect with Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District routes ~~originating~~ at the Watsonville Transit Center. One MST route offers daily express service to cities in southern Santa Clara County as well as downtown San Jose and provides connections to Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) bus and light rail transit lines. This express route serves the Diridon Station in San Jose with direct connections to AMTRAK, Altamont Commuter Express (ACE), as well as CALTRAIN commuter rail service. MST's rural service is provided to Carmel Valley and to Big Sur as well as to unincorporated areas of the county such as Castroville, Prunedale, and Chualar. The MST Trolley offers locals and tourists service to popular tourist destinations within the city of Monterey.

~~MST's rural service is provided to Carmel Valley and seasonally to Big Sur. The Waterfront Area Visitor Express (WAVE) offers locals and tourists service to popular tourist destinations within the City of Monterey.~~

~~Monterey County's paratransit program, MST RIDES, Monterey County's paratransit program, provides transportation service for individuals who have a with disabilities who are unable to use MST's regular fixed route transit services. disability that prevents them from using MST's regular fixed route transit services.~~ The MST RIDES program also provides the RIDES Special Transportation (RIDES ST) service for persons living outside of the ADA-required service corridor (up to ¾-mile from any MST fixed route bus line). MST RIDES serves 14 municipalities in two counties and 10 additional communities in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County. Service coverage spans the Monterey Peninsula, ~~Carmel, Carmel Valley, Salinas Valley, Chualar, Gonzales, Greenfield, Soledad, King City,~~ and the Watsonville Transit Center in Santa Cruz County. As of ~~February 2006~~ October 2008, there are ~~2,145~~ 3,171 people certified as ADA Paratransit eligible within the service area. About one half of that population resides either in Monterey or Salinas. ~~or Monterey, approximately 38 percent in Salinas, and 13 percent in Monterey.~~

Page 4.6-17, under 4.6.2.11 Water Transportation. Modify the second paragraph as follows:

Nearly 25 per cent of the vessels in the Monterey Harbor have commercial uses. Moss Landing Harbor provides 620 berths. In Monterey Harbor, the ~~The~~ demand for berths exceeds the supply, and waiting periods for berths vary based on the size of the vessel. The estimated waiting periods for small vessels range from: three (3) years to five (5) years; mid-size vessels, eight (8) to ten (10) years; and up to 15 years for large vessels. Most slip sizes are readily available with little or no waiting at Moss Landing Harbor.

Page 4.6-17, under Table 4.6-10. Modify the footnote as follows:

[1] ~~The AMBAG 2000 network represents the year 2000 baseline network for which the model was validated. To reflect 2008 conditions, the 2000 network was modified to reflect completed projects on County roads. The AMBAG 2004 forecast was used to estimate the total amount of growth by 2030, but the location of the growth was determined by using the 2007 General Plan to assign development to the different TAZs.~~

Page 4.6-33, under Significance Conclusion. Revise the paragraph as follows:

Implementation of the 2007 General Plan consistent with policies related to project-specific localized impacts (Policy C-1.4 requires circulation improvements that mitigate Tier 1 direct on-site and off-site project impacts concurrently with new development, ~~new development is required to mitigate project specific local impacts to maintain the County's LOS standard and to provide adequate access and circulation facilities. Policy C-1.3 restricts new development or requires the phasing of new development so that it is concurrent with transportation improvements~~) would have a less than significant impact and no mitigation is required.

Page 4.6-42, under Carmel Valley Master Plan. Revise the paragraph as follows:

The Carmel Valley Master Plan Policies 37.4.2 (CV), 38.1.4.1 (CV), 39.2.2.1 (CV) through 39.2.2.5 (CV), 2.1, 2.3 through 2.6, and 2.13 through 2.15 encourage alternate modes of transportation including transit, bicycle, and pedestrian access to provide viable alternatives to driving and to reduce traffic impacts. They also consider improvements to Carmel Valley Road which would mitigate existing deficiencies and future LOS impacts. Policy 39.3.1.5 (CV) 2.12 provides recommendations for road improvements to Highway 1, Laureles Grade, and Carmel Valley Road to achieve LOS standards C or LOS D as specified in the plan. Policy 39.3.2.1 (CV) 2.19 requires evaluation and monitoring of streets and highways to identify when to implement improvements to meet LOS standards.

Page 4.6-44, third paragraph. Revise the paragraph as follows:

~~Despite development contributions to local impacts (through project level mitigation), county impacts (through countywide traffic impact fee) regional impacts (through regional traffic impact fee) Even with implementation of project-specific mitigation measures, implementation of improvements funded through payment of a countywide impact fee., and implementation of improvements funded through the TAMC regional impact fee,~~ there will remain a funding shortfall for the implementation of the financially constrained capital facilities in the Regional Transportation Plan. Implementation of the mitigation listed above in conjunction with the 2007 General Plan policies, and working collaboratively with cities and regional agencies would contribute to the mitigation of roadway LOS impacts. However, even with the adoption of county and regional impact fees, which fund a limited number of transportation facilities, traffic impacts to County and regional roadways will remain significant and unavoidable.

Page 4.6-45, under Significance Conclusion. Revise the paragraph as follows:

Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would have a significant and unavoidable impact on County roads, and Regional roads both within and external to Monterey County. The County has developed a list of capital improvements to be included in a countywide traffic impact fee, as described above. In addition, TAMC has adopted a list

of capital improvements to be funded by their adopted Regional Traffic Impact Fee. ~~Implementation of Neither the planned County nor and-TAMC projects transportation improvements will not fully mitigate the impacts of the 2007 General Plan. Implementation of these improvements, however, but provide significantly improvement to County and Regional roadways segments beyond existing conditions and Existing plus Project Development to the Year 2030 conditions. Therefore, the impacts remain significant and unavoidable.~~

Page 4.6-53, under Impact of Development with Policies. Revise the first two sentences of the second paragraph as follows:

~~Bicycling and walking, and transit are less attractive alternatives to the automobile for shorter local trips. Transit is attractive for longer trips when it competes in cost and convenience with the automobile, and for households that choose to own fewer or no automobiles. Further, lower density higher density compact and mixed-use communities have been demonstrated to encourage more trips by walking, bicycling and transit. spread over a larger area is effective to serve by transit than higher density, mixed use communities.~~

Page 4.6-56, under Significance Determination. Revise the second paragraph as follows:

The land uses allowed under the General Plan, if consistent with policy, would increase the need for transit service with concentrations of development in existing transit-served corridors, community areas, and near incorporated cities. ~~The transit-supportive~~ The increase in demand for transit service is consistent with MST's strategic goals of increasing transit ridership, expanding service, and introducing new services such as BRT in major corridors (Peninsula Area Service Study, 2006 and Business Plan and Short Range Transit Plan, FY 2008 through 2008). Therefore, this impact is less than significant.

Page 4.6-62, last paragraph. Revise as follows:

The General Plan daily analysis in Table ~~4.6-174.6-16~~ shows three roads exceeding the CVMP LOS standard of "C", County Road G20 (Laureles Grade), Carmel Ranch Boulevard, and Rio Road. The General Plan analysis indicates that these roads are significantly impacted.

Page 4.6-63. Insert the following heading before the last paragraph.

Impact of Development on Regional Roads

Page 4.6-66. Insert the following heading before the last paragraph.

Impact of Development on Facilities External to Monterey County

Page 4.6-71, Mitigation Measure TRAN-2B, under Policy CV-2.18, subdivision a). Revise item 12 as follows:

12. Rio Road between its eastern terminus at Val Verde Drive and SR 1

Page 4.6-116, Mitigation Measure TRAN-5A. Revise this measure as follows.

TRAN-5A: The roadway segments exceeding LOS standards are two-lane rural roads that provide left turn lanes at some intersections. These segments include County Road G14 between US 101 and San Lucas Road, and Spreckels Boulevard between SR-68 and Harkins Road. Improvement of these segments would be funded through a combination of project-specific mitigation for individual developments, and through a Capital Improvement and Financing Plan fair-share funding mechanism established for the Corridor by the Public Works Department. These improvements would be implemented when:

1. A proposed development's project-specific assessment identifies a direct impact to the facility in terms of either LOS or safety.
2. A proposed development gains access from an intersection within the segment.
3. A corridor-wide nexus study prepared for the required Capital Improvement and Financing Plan identifies the level of development that can occur before triggering the improvements.

To maintain the rural character of the area, there are no plans to widen these roadways to four lane facilities. Therefore, the capacity of these segments will be increased by:

1. Providing left turn lanes at intersections without left turn lanes and where the frequency of turning vehicles affects through vehicle movement; and/or
2. Increasing the width of the roadway shoulder at intersections to allow vehicles to pass turning vehicles; and/or
3. Constructing passing lanes as determined in the Capital Improvement and Financing Plan.

Until such time as the County Traffic Impact Fee Program and CIFP for the AWCP are adopted, all new development in the AWCP will be required to prepare a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) regardless of the level of CEQA analysis conducted for the Project. Project-specific (Tier 1) mitigation measures identified in the TIA will be required to be implemented concurrently. If a TIA identifies a Traffic Tier impact, the development will be required to make a "fair share" payment for that impact. For discretionary permits and approvals, Policies C-1.3 and C-1.4 shall apply. In addition, all projects are subject to payment of the TAMC Regional Development Impact Fee.

Section 4.6 Exhibits. Exhibit 4.6-11 was revised to show the correct extent of the designated wine corridors.

Section 4.7, "Air Quality"

Page 4.7-2, under Ozone. The second and third paragraphs are revised as follows.

Ozone is a photochemical pollutant and needs volatile organic compounds (VOCs), NO_x, and sunlight to form. Therefore, VOCs and NO_x are ozone precursors. The primary sources of VOC within the planning area are on- and off-road motor vehicles, cleaning and surface coatings, solvent evaporation, landfills, petroleum production and marketing, and prescribed burning. The primary sources of NO_x are on- and off-road motor vehicles, stationary source fuel combustion, and industrial processes (MBUAPCD 2008).

According to the MBUAPCD Air Quality Management Plan, rough estimates of current NCCAB VOC emissions are ~~approximately 70 in the range of 100 to 125~~ tons per day (MBUAPCD 2008). The majority of these are thought to be produced in Monterey County's oak woodlands and coastal chaparral environments. Rough estimates of NO_x ~~are in the range of 1 to 5~~ is 81 tons per day, and are the highest during wildfire events. Significant ozone formation generally requires an adequate amount of precursors in the atmosphere and several hours in a stable atmosphere with abundant sunlight. They are emitted from various sources throughout the Basin, and to reduce ozone concentrations, their emission needs to be controlled. However, high ozone concentrations can form over large regions when emissions from motor vehicles and stationary sources are carried hundreds of miles from their places of origin. Although ozone in the stratosphere protects the earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation, high concentrations of ground-level ozone in the troposphere can adversely affect the human respiratory system and other tissues. Many respiratory ailments, as well as cardiovascular disease, are aggravated by exposure to high ozone levels. Ozone also damages natural ecosystems such as forests and foothill plant communities, as well as agricultural crops and human-made materials such as rubber, paint, and plastics. Societal costs from ozone damage include increased healthcare costs, the loss of human and animal life, accelerated replacement of industrial equipment, and reduced crop yields.

In 1997, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) adopted the 0.08 ppm 8-hour standard, and on ~~On April June~~ 15, 2004, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated the NCCAB as an attainment area for the 8-hour standard. The 1979 one-hour standard was then revoked one year later on June 15, 2005. On March 12, 2008, the EPA adopted a more stringent 8-hour standard of 0.075 ppm, formally replaced the 1979 federal 1-hour ozone standard with a more stringent 8-hour standard (0.08 ppm, not to be exceeded) as part of the Clean Air Rules of 2004. To remain consistent with the stricter federal standards, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) approved a new 8-hour ozone standard (0.070 ppm, not to be exceeded) for ozone on April 28, 2005. Additionally, CARB retained the current 1-hour-average standard for ozone (0.09 ppm) and its current ultraviolet (uv) photometry monitoring method.

Page 4.7-3, under Carbon Monoxide. The paragraph is revised as follows.

Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, colorless, toxic gas that is emitted by mobile and stationary sources as a result of incomplete combustion of hydrocarbons and other carbon-based fuels. In urban areas, automobile exhaust can cause as much as 95% of all CO emissions. At high concentrations, CO can reduce the oxygen-carrying capacity of blood and cause headaches, dizziness, unconsciousness, and death. State and federal standards for CO were not exceeded in the North Central Coast Air Basin between ~~2000~~ 2005 and ~~2005~~2007, which is the most recent three years of data. In addition, ambient CO readings in the NCCAB are low and have a history of being well within applicable standards.

Page 4.7-4, under Particulate Matter. The first paragraph is revised as follows:

Particulate matter pollution consists of very small liquid and solid particles floating in the air. Particulate matter is a mixture of materials that can include ~~smoke, soot, dust, salt, acids, and metals~~ fugitive dust from unpaved roads, agricultural tilling, agricultural wind-blown fugitive dust, prescribed fires and construction dust. Particulate matter also forms when gases emitted from motor vehicles and industrial sources undergo chemical reactions in the atmosphere. Natural sources of particulates include sea spray, forest fires, volcanic debris, etc. Human-made sources include fuel combustion and industrial

processes, industrial and nonindustrial fugitive sources and transportation. PM₁₀ particles are less than or equal to 10 microns in aerodynamic diameter. PM_{2.5} particles are less than or equal to 2.5 microns in aerodynamic diameter and are a subset, or portion of PM₁₀.

Page 4.7-4, under Reactive Organic Gases and Volatile Organic Compounds. The first paragraph is revised as follows. The paragraphs discussing wine making, beginning with “In very brief terms...” are deleted and moved to the impact discussion on Page 4.7-16.

Hydrocarbons are organic gases that are made up of hydrogen and carbon atoms. There are several subsets of organic gases including ROG and VOCs. ROG are defined by state rules and regulations; VOCs are defined by federal rules and regulations. Both ROG and VOCs are emitted from the incomplete combustion of hydrocarbons or other carbon-based fuels, or as a product of chemical processes. ~~The major sources of hydrocarbons are combustion engine exhaust, oil refineries, and oil-fueled power plants; other common sources are petroleum fuels, solvents, dry cleaning solutions, and paint (via evaporation).~~ Within the NCCAB, major sources of VOCs include exhaust emissions from on-road motor vehicles, solvent evaporation, and exhaust emissions from off-road mobile sources. Wineries also contribute hydrocarbons through their fermentation activities, although winery VOC emissions represent less than 1% of the NCCAB VOC inventory.

Page 4.7-5, end of sixth paragraph.

Although we tend to think of winemaking as taking place in one spot—the winery—its steps may actually take place in different facilities. Grapes may be crushed in one facility and the juice sold to wineries. Fermented wine may be exported for blending and aging elsewhere. Wineries may also transport fermented, aged wines to off-site bottling plants.

Page 4.7-7, under Attainment Status. Insert the following table after the second paragraph.

Table 4.7-1a. Attainment Status for the North Central Coast Air Basin – January 2009

Pollutant	State Standards	National Standards
Ozone (O ₃)	Nonattainment ¹	Attainment ²
Inhalable Particulates (PM ₁₀)	Nonattainment	Attainment
Fine Particulates (PM _{2.5})	Attainment	Unclassified/Attainment ³
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	Monterey Co. – Attainment San Benito Co. – Unclassified Santa Cruz Co. – Unclassified	Attainment
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂)	Attainment	Attainment
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂)	Attainment	Attainment
Lead	Attainment	Unclassified/Attainment ⁴

Source: Monterey Bay Unified APCD 2009a.

Note: Nonattainment pollutants are highlighted in **Bold**.

¹ Effective July 26, 2007, the ARB designated the NCCAB a nonattainment area for the State ozone standard, which was revised in 2006 to include an 8-hour standard of 0.070 ppm.

² On March 12, 2008, EPA adopted a new 8-hour ozone standard of 0.075 ppm, while temporarily retaining the existing 8-hour standard of 0.08 ppm. EPA is expected to issue new designations by March 2010.

³ In 2006, the Federal 24-hour standard for PM_{2.5} was revised from 65 to 35 µg/m³. Although final designations have yet to be made, it is expected that the NCCAB will remain designated unclassified/attainment.

⁴ On October 15, 2008 EPA substantially strengthened the national ambient air quality standard for lead by lowering the level of the primary standard from 1.5 µg/m³ to 0.15 µg/m³. Initial recommendations for designations are to be made by October 2009 with final designations by January 2012.

Page 4.7-8, under Air Quality Monitoring Data. Revise the first two paragraphs and insert the following table after the second paragraph.

The existing air quality conditions in the project study area can be characterized by monitoring data collected in the region. PM₁₀, CO, and ozone concentrations are the pollutants of greatest concentration within the MBUAPCD and, therefore, are the pollutants of most concern from the proposed project. MBUAPCD maintains the following monitoring stations in Monterey County: Carmel Valley, Salinas, and King City. It also maintains a monitoring station in nearby Watsonville in southern Santa Cruz County (MBUAPCD 2009b). Air quality monitoring data for the last three years is presented in ~~Table 4.7-24.7-1b for the~~ Table 4.7-24.7-1b. The monitoring station in Monterey County is the Salinas #3 monitoring station, located at 855 E Laurel Drive in Salinas.

As shown in ~~Table 4.7-24.7-1b~~ Table 4.7-24.7-1b, the Salinas #3 monitoring station has experienced no violations of the state 1- and 8-hour ozone standard and one violation of the state PM₁₀ standard during the three most recent years for which data are available. In addition, there have been no violations of the state or federal CO or PM_{2.5} standard for this time period. Given the proximity of the Salinas station to multiple regional pollutant sources due to mobile sources, agricultural sources, and industrial sources, it is considered representative of the most affected portion of the County. The Carmel Valley and King

City locations are representative of local conditions, but less representative of worst-case conditions than the Salinas station.

Table 4.7-1b2. Exceedances and Monitored Levels at the Salinas Air Quality Management Station 2006-2008. State and National 8-hour Ozone Standard. State 24-hour PM10 Standard and National PM2.5 Standard

State 8-hour Ozone Standard and 24-hour PM10 Standard									
2006		2007		2008		3 year Totals		Design Value	
O ₃	PM ₁₀	O ₃	PM ₁₀	O ₃	PM ₁₀	O ₃	PM ₁₀	O ₃	PM ₁₀
0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	0.060 ppm	57.9 ug/m ³

National 8-hour Ozone Standard and 24-hour PM2.5 Standard									
2006		2007		2008		3 year Totals		Design Value	
O ₃	PM _{2.5}	O ₃	PM _{2.5}	O ₃	PM _{2.5}	O ₃	PM _{2.5}	O ₃	PM _{2.5}
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.055 ppm	14 ug/m ³

Sources: Monterey Bay Unified APCD 2009c; Monterey Bay Unified APCD 2009d.

- ¹⁾ The 2008 State 8-hour ozone standard is 0.070 ppm; the National 8-hour ozone standard, adopted by EPA in 2008, is 0.075 ppm.
- ²⁾ The State 24-hour PM₁₀ standard is 50µg/m³; the National 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard is 35µg/m³.
- ³⁾ Many of the 2008 exceedances of the National ozone standard were affected by smoke from the 2008 California Wildfire Siege, whereby over 1,000,000 acres of wildland vegetation burned statewide including over 250,000 acres in Monterey County alone.

Page 4.7-8. The second sentence of the fifth paragraph is revised as follows:

The FCAA established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) that set levels of criteria pollutants that are considered the maximum safe levels of breathable ambient (background) pollutant concentration, allowing an adequate margin of safety to protect human health.

Page 4.7-9, under California Air Resources Board. The first paragraph is revised as follows.

CARB, part of the California EPA, monitors compliance with the California Clean Air Act (CCAA) and the 1989 amendments to the CCAA. Similar to the federal legislation, the CCAA sets forth ambient air quality standards and legal mandates to achieve these standards by the earliest practicable date. These standards apply to the same criteria pollutants as the FCAA, and include sulfate, visibility, hydrogen sulfide, and vinyl chloride. In addition, State law vests CARB with direct authority to regulate pollution from motor vehicles registered in California, as well as fuels and consumer products sold in the State.

Page 4.7-9, under Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District. The following description is inserted before the first paragraph.

As required by the California Clean Air Act and Amendments (FISC Section 40910 et seq.) and the Federal Clean Air Act and Amendments (42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq.),

the MBUAPCD is responsible for air monitoring, permitting, enforcement, long-range air quality planning, regulatory development, education and public information activities related to air pollution. California Health and Safety Code Sections 39002, et seq. and 40000, et seq. require local air districts to be the primary enforcement mechanism for controlling pollution from local business and industry. Air districts must have rules and regulations for the attainment and maintenance of federal and state ambient air standards.

Page 4.7-10. The first non-bulleted paragraph is revised as shown, as well as the fourth bullet in that list for mitigation measures for heavy-duty equipment. No changes are made to the other bullets.

The MBUAPCD sets forth the following mitigation measures for heavy duty diesel equipment:

- Undertake project during ~~non-zone~~ non-ozone season.

Page 4.7-11, under MBUAPCD Air Quality Management Plan. The first paragraph is revised as follows.

MBUAPCD is one of 35 air pollution management districts that have prepared an Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). The MBUAPCD adopted the 2008 AQMP for the Monterey Bay region in ~~June-August~~ 2008. The 2008 AQMP relies on a multi-level partnership of federal, state, regional, and local agencies, and proposes policies and measures to achieve federal and state air quality standards for improved air quality in its jurisdictional area.

Table 4.7-2 is revised as follows.

Table 4.7-2. MBUAPCD Air Quality Management Plan VOC Emissions from Wine Fermenting and Ageing

	2008(tons/day)	2008 (lbs/day)	2030(tons/day)	2030(lbs/day)
Wine Fermentation	0.1608	322	0.2877	575
Wine Ageing	0.3648	730	465 10.8257	1651
Total	0.5256	1,051	1.1134	2,227

Source: Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District. 2008b.

The following informational paragraphs are inserted after Table 4.7-2 on page 4.7-12.

SB 656 Particulate Matter Plan

This plan, developed in December 2005, outlines measures to make progress toward achieving the State particulate matter standards by reducing fugitive dust, especially along the agriculture/urban interface, as well as emissions of particulate matter from diesel exhaust through education about Best Management Practices and grant incentives.

2007 Federal Maintenance Plan

This plan describes how the federal ozone standard will be maintained in the area.

Page 4.7-12, under Rules 201. The second bullet is revised as shown here.

- New or reconstructed wineries, as defined in District Rule 207 (Review of New or Modified Sources, ~~wineries~~ with an annual production rate of less than 150,000 gallons (570 kiloliters).

Page 4.7-12, under Rules 201. The last paragraph is clarified as shown here.

In addition, if the a winery does not fit into Rule 201, it is may be subject to the MBUAPCD’s Rule 417-Storage of Organic Liquids if vapor pressure and tank size met the criteria of Rule 417. Rule 417 lists the requirements and standards for the storage of organic liquids, seals, record keeping, and vapor controls.

Page 4.7-12, under 4.7.4.1. The last paragraph (beginning with “Construction-Related Emissions...””) is clarified as follows.

Construction-Related Emissions (pounds per day) for non-typical construction equipment. Temporary emissions of ozone precursor emissions from typical construction equipment (i.e., scrapers, tractors, dozers, graders, loaders and rollers) have been accommodated in State- and federally-required air plans (MBUAPCD 2008).

Page 4.7-15, under Significance Determination. The first paragraph is clarified as shown here.

Population growth under the 2007 General Plan is consistent with the growth projected in the MBUAPCD 2008 AQMP Clean Air Plan. Table 4.7-3 shows the housing, population, employment, and VMT data for 2000, 2030, and 2092 buildout conditions under the 2007 General Plan.

Table 4.7-3. Projected population and Daily VMT growth in Monterey County

Scenario	Housing Units	Population	Employment	<u>Daily</u> VMT
2000	129,571	-	222,471	8,162,834
2000 With <u>Project Buildout</u>	168,904	509,692	304,388	9,846,752
<u>2008A</u>	==	==	==	<u>8,291,307</u>
<u>2008B</u>	==	==	==	<u>8,674,387</u>
2030 With Project	143,009	437,665	253,060	8,532,513
2030 Cumulative	187,022	602,790	335,362	14,290,852
Cumulative 2092 Buildout	290,631	937,373	520,531	18,822,215

Source: Kimley-Horn (2008) for 2000, 2000 with Buildout, 2030 with Project, 2030 Cumulative, and cumulative 2092 Buildout. 2008A (2000 + unincorporated growth to 2008), 2008B (all county) calculated as described in Master Response 2 using California Department of Finance Data. 2030 with Buildout scenario in Tables 4.7-5 and 4.7-6 uses same assumptions as 2000 with Buildout, but used 2030 emission rates.

Page 4.7-16, under Significance Determination. Beginning with the second paragraph (starting with “New wineries would result...”), the following text is inserted and revised.

New wineries would result in increased VOC emission from wine fermenting and ageing.

In very brief terms, the wine making process involves several steps including fermentation. Fermentation is the chemical process by which the natural sugars in the wine grapes are converted to alcohol through the action of yeast (either from the grape skins, or more commonly, cultured yeasts) introduced into the fermentation tank. Grapes are brought to the winery where they are passed through a destemmer-crusher that separates the grapes from their stems and breaks them open to release their juice. For white wine production, the resultant crushed grapes are then transferred to a press that separates the juice from the skins. The juice will then be transferred to fermentation tanks. For red wine, the crushed grapes (juice and skins, or “must”) are sent directly to the fermentation tanks.

Fermentation occurs under temperature-controlled conditions in either stainless steel or wooden tanks. Temperature is important to the development of flavor and character. In general, white wine is fermented at a lower temperature than red wine. Red wines are generally allowed to ferment for up to 14 days. During fermentation, the nascent red wine will be circulated from time to time to prevent the skins from simply floating on top. White wine will be allowed to ferment for a week to two months.

During fermentation, the grape juice is converted to ethyl alcohol and carbon dioxide. This process also releases a number of organic compounds, including (but not limited to) volatile compounds such as aldehydes, hydrogen sulfide, and mercaptans, that will affect the flavor and aroma of the wine.

After the primary fermentation process is done, the wine may, depending on the variety of grapes, the results of the primary fermentation, and the objectives of the winemaker, be put through secondary or “malolactic” fermentation. In malolactic fermentation, bacteria are released into the wine to soften its character (removing bitterness or tartness).

At the end of the fermentation process, the resultant wine is removed from the tanks. Solids are removed from the liquid by a variety of processes. Then, the wine is transferred to barrels or other containers for aging. (Encarta 2008)

Although we tend to think of winemaking as taking place in one spot—the winery—its steps may actually take place in different facilities. Grapes may be crushed in one facility and the juice sold to wineries. Fermented wine may be exported for blending and aging elsewhere. Wineries may also transport fermented, aged wines to off-site bottling plants.

Winemaking is a complex chemical process that is as much an art as a science. Winemakers must balance innumerable natural and process-related factors to result in a wine that meets their expectations for color, aroma, and taste.

Ethanol and carbon dioxide are the primary compounds emitted during the fermentation step in the production of wines and brandy. Acetaldehyde, methyl alcohol (methanol), n-propyl alcohol, n-butyl alcohol, sec-butyl alcohol, isobutyl alcohol, isoamyl alcohol, and hydrogen sulfide also are emitted but in much smaller quantities compared to ethanol emissions. In addition, a large number of other compounds are formed during the fermentation and aging process. Selected examples of other types of compounds formed and potentially emitted during the fermentation process include a variety of acetates,

monoterpenes, higher alcohols, higher acids, aldehydes and ketones, and organosulfides (United States Environmental Protection Agency 1995).

During the fermentation step, large quantities of CO2 are also formed and emitted. Fugitive ethanol emissions also occur during the screening of the red wine, pressing of the pomace cap, and later during aging in oak cooperage and the bottling process. In addition, small amounts of liquefied SO2 are often added to the grapes after harvest, to the "must" prior to fermentation, or to the wine after the fermentation is completed, as a preservative. As a result, small amounts of SO2 emissions can occur during these steps. There is little potential for VOC emissions before the fermentation step in wine production. Except for harvesting the grapes and possibly unloading the grapes at the winery, there is essentially no potential for particulate (PM) emissions from this industry (United States Environmental Protection Agency 1995).

The health effects of hydrocarbons result from the formation of ozone and its related health effects. High levels of hydrocarbons in the atmosphere can interfere with oxygen intake by reducing the amount of available oxygen through displacement. Carcinogenic forms of hydrocarbons are considered toxic air contaminants (air toxics). There are no separate health standards for VOCs, although some are also toxic; an example is benzene, which is both a VOC and a carcinogen.

Table 4.7-4 summarizes VOC emissions under 2030 project conditions. The estimate of gallons per year is based on per-winery production from 10 full-scale and 40 artisan wineries of varying sizes.

Table 4.7-4. VOC Emissions for 2030 Conditions of 10 Full-Scale and 40 Artisan Wineries

	Emission Factor (lbs/1000 gallons) ¹	Gallons per Year ² Year ³ (in 1,000s)	VOC Emissions (lbs/ year)	VOC Emissions (lbs/ day)
Fermentation-Red	6.2 ¹	4,141.2	25,675.4	187.4
Fermentation-White	2.5 ¹	6,211.8	15,529.5	113.4
Pomace Screening-Red	0.5 ²	4,141.2	2,070.5	15.1
Pomace Press-Red	0.1 ²	4,141.2	414.12	3.0
Storage/Ageing-Red	0.02782 ³ <u>27.83</u> ⁴	4,141.2	115,250	315.8
Storage/Ageing-White	0.02583 ³ <u>25.83</u> ⁴	6,211.8	160,451	439.6
Total			318,390.5	905.31,074.2
MBUAPCD Threshold				137 pounds per day

¹ Source: California Air Resources Board 2005

²⁻² Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency 2001

²⁻³ 1 case = 2.38 gallons

³⁻⁴ Source: SBCAPCD 2008

Page 4.7-19, under Agricultural Winery Corridor Plan. The paragraph is revised as follows.

~~The AWCP overlays the Toro, Central Salinas Valley, and South County Area Plans, and policies relating to air quality are applicable to the AWCP under this plan. Implementation of these policies would reduce air quality impacts. There are no policies applicable to construction-related emissions in the AWCP area.~~

Page 4.7-20, under Significance Determination. The second paragraph and mitigation are clarified as shown here.

As described above in the Regulatory Setting section, the MBUAPCD has developed an extensive PM₁₀ mitigation program to control the generation of fugitive dust from for construction activities. ~~MBUAPCD CEQA guidelines state that regional impacts from ozone precursor emissions in equipment exhaust (NO_x and ROG) have been incorporated into the regional emissions budget. Even with implementation of these measures, This~~ this is a potentially significant impact because PM₁₀ emissions could violate air quality thresholds. In addition, the MBUAPCD CEQA guidelines state that temporary emissions of ozone precursor emissions from typical construction equipment (i.e., scrapers, tractors, dozers, graders, loaders and rollers) have been accommodated in State- and federally-required air plans (MBUAPCD 2008). However, projects with non-typical construction equipment may generate emissions not incorporated into the regional emissions budget. Although this is a potentially significant impact, the Mitigation ismitigation required ~~to~~will reduce this impact to a level of less than significant.

Mitigation Measure AQ-1:

The County of Monterey will update General Plan policy OS-10.59 as follows:

OS-10.9 The County of Monterey shall require that future development implement applicable Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District control measures. Applicants for discretionary projects shall work with the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District to incorporate feasible measures that assure that health-based standards for diesel particulate emissions are met. The County of Monterey will require that future construction operate and implement MBUAPCD PM₁₀ control measures to ensure that construction-related PM₁₀ emissions do not exceed the MBUAPCD's PM₁₀ threshold of 82 pounds per day. The County shall implement MBUAPCD measures to address off-road mobile source and heavy duty equipment emissions as conditions of approval for future development to ensure that construction-related NO_x emissions from non-typical construction equipment do not exceed the MBUAPCD's NO_x threshold of 137 pounds per day.

Mitigation Measure AQ-2:

Implement MBUAPCD Mitigation Measures for Off-Road Mobile Source and Heavy Duty Equipment Emissions.

General Plan Policy OS-10.69 will be revised as follows:

OS-10.9 The County of Monterey shall require that future development implement applicable Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District control measures. Applicants for discretionary projects shall work with the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District to incorporate feasible measures that assure that health-based

standards for diesel particulate emissions are met. The County of Monterey will require that future construction operate and implement MBUAPCD PM₁₀ control measures to ensure that construction-related PM₁₀ emissions do not exceed the MBUAPCD's PM₁₀ threshold of 82 pounds per day. The County shall implement MBUAPCD measures to address off-road mobile source and heavy duty equipment emissions as conditions of approval for future development to ensure that construction-related NO_x emissions from non-typical construction equipment do not exceed the MBUAPCD's NO_x threshold of 137 pounds per day. The County shall implement MBUAPCD measures to address off-road mobile source and heavy duty equipment emissions as conditions of approval for future development.

Page 4.7-20, under Significance Conclusion. Revise the first paragraph as follows.

In summary, ~~buildout~~ 2030 development of the 2007 General Plan would result in new development, and increased emissions would result from construction activities. Mitigation Measures AQ-1 ~~through AQ-3~~ and AQ-2 would reduce this impact to a less than significant level.

Page 4.7-21, under Significance Determination. Revise the first paragraph as follows.

Buildout of the 2007 General Plan includes increased development and roadway improvements. Construction emissions could potentially result in adverse impacts on air quality. The 2007 General Plan and Area Plan policies include measures to comply with MBUAPCD's standards and regulations regarding construction emissions. Mitigation Measures AQ-1 through ~~AQ-3~~ AQ-2 are required to reduce this impact to a level of less than significant.

Page 4.7-22, under "Impact of Development with Policies." Revise the first two paragraphs as follows.

Mobile sources are sources of emissions associated with vehicle trips, and include employees, deliveries, and maintenance activities. The primary operational emissions associated with the proposed project are ozone precursors, CO, particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}), and carbon dioxide (CO₂), emitted as vehicle exhaust. Emission of ozone precursors, CO, and particulate matter for existing year (2007) and future year (2030) project conditions were calculated using the EMFAC 2007 model and traffic data provided by the 2007 General Plan traffic engineers. ~~Appendix A describes the methodology and model inputs for existing year, future year, and buildout of the 2007 General Plan. (See the Technical Supporting Data at the end of the FEIR)~~ Emissions of CO₂ are analyzed in Section 4.16, Climate Change.

Table 4.7-5 summarizes emissions associated with each project condition. Table 4.7-6 summarizes the differences in emissions between project conditions. As Table 4.7-6 indicates, implementation of the 2007 General Plan to 2030 compared to the 2008 conditions would result in net decreases in ROG, NO_x, CO, and PM_{2.5} emissions, while PM₁₀ emissions would increase. Vehicular emission rates are anticipated to lessen in future years due to continuing improvements in engine technology and the phasing out of older, higher-emitting vehicles. These decreases in emission rates are sufficient to offset the increases in VMT between existing and 2030 project conditions. PM₁₀ emissions are shown to increase slightly with implementation of the proposed project to 2030 due to increased VMT outpacing the reductions in emission rates that would occur for future conditions relative to existing conditions. However, these increases are below the MBUAPCD threshold of 82 pounds per day.

Page 4.7-22. Table 4.7-5 is revised as follows.

Table 4.7-5. Criteria Pollutant Emissions from Mobile Sources (pounds per day)

Condition	Basis	Daily VMT	ROG	NO _x	CO	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}
2000	<u>2000 VMT at 2000 emission rates</u>	<u>8,162,834</u>	13,875	37,737	225,144	1,656 <u>4,495</u>	1,296
2000 With <u>Buildout Project</u>	<u>Full Buildout at 2000 emission rates</u>	<u>9,846,752</u>	16,737	45,522	271,589	1,997 <u>5,423</u>	1,563
<u>2008A</u>	<u>2008 VMT at 2008 emission rates (Uninc. County only)</u>	<u>8,291,307</u>	<u>6,763</u>	<u>26,194</u>	<u>114,207</u>	<u>3,981</u>	<u>1,005</u>
<u>2008B</u>	<u>2008 VMT at 2008 emission rates (All County)</u>	<u>8,674,387</u>	<u>7,076</u>	<u>27,404</u>	<u>119,483</u>	<u>4,165</u>	<u>1,052</u>
2030 With Project	<u>2030 with project VMT at 2030 emission rates</u>	<u>8,532,513</u>	1,223	4,872	26,053	1,072 <u>4,041</u>	734
<u>2030 With Buildout</u>	<u>Full Buildout at 2030 emission rates</u>	<u>9,846,752</u>	<u>1,411</u>	<u>5,622</u>	<u>30,066</u>	<u>4,663</u>	<u>847</u>
2030 Cumulative	<u>2030 cumulative VMT at 2030 emission rates</u>	<u>14,290,852</u>	2,048	8,160	43,635	1,796 <u>6,768</u>	1,229
<u>2030-Cumulative Buildout</u>	<u>Cumulative buildout VMT at 2030 emission rates</u>	<u>18,822,215</u>	2,697	10,747	57,471	2,365 <u>8,913</u>	1,618

Page 4.7-23. Table 4.7-6 is revised as follows.

Table 4.7-6. Differences in Criteria Pollutant Emissions from Mobile Sources (pounds per day)

Project Condition	Basis	Yearly VMT	ROG	NO _x	CO	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}
<u>Existing</u>		<u>8,162,834</u>	<u>13,875</u>	<u>37,737</u>	<u>225,144</u>	<u>1,656</u>	<u>1,296</u>
2030 Project Increase (>2000)	<u>2030 With Project - 2000</u>	369,679	-12,652	-32,865	-199,091	-583 <u>-455</u>	-562
<u>2030 Project Increase (>2008)</u>	<u>2030 With Project - 2008A</u>	<u>241,206</u>	<u>-5,540</u>	<u>-21,322</u>	<u>-88,154</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>-272</u>
<u>2030 Cumulative</u>		<u>14,290,852</u>	<u>2,048</u>	<u>8,160</u>	<u>43,635</u>	<u>1,796</u>	<u>1,229</u>
Buildout Project Increase (> 2000)	<u>2000 with Project - 2000</u>	1,683,918	2,862	7,785	46,445	342 <u>927</u>	267
<u>Buildout Project Increase (>2008)</u>	2030 Buildout-2008A	1,555,445	-5,352	-20,571	-84,141	682	-159
<u>2030 Cumulative Change</u>	<u>2030 Cumulative - 2008B</u>	<u>5,616,465</u>	<u>-5,028</u>	<u>-19,244</u>	<u>-75,848</u>	<u>2,602</u>	<u>177</u>
<u>Cumulative Buildout Cumulative Change</u>	<u>Cumulative Buildout - 2008B</u>	<u>18,822,215</u> <u>10,147,828</u>	<u>2,697</u> <u>-4,379</u>	<u>10,747</u> <u>-16,657</u>	<u>57,471</u> <u>-62,012</u>	<u>2,365</u> <u>4,748</u>	<u>1,618</u> <u>566</u>
<i>MBUAPCD Thresholds</i>			<i>137</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>550</i>	<i>N/A</i> <u>82</u>	<i>N/A</i>

Notes: See Table 4.7- 5 for basis for different conditions.

Page 4.7-24. The following revisions are inserted in Table 4.7-7.

Table 4.7-7. VOC Emissions for Typical Single Full-Scale and Single Artisan Wineries)

	Emission Factor (lbs/1000 gallons)¹	Gallons per Year²⁴	VOC Emissions (lbs/year)	VOC Emissions (lbs/ day)
Single Artisan Winery				
Fermentation-Red	6.2 ¹	23,800	147.56	1.1
Fermentation-White	2.5 ¹	35,700	89.25	0.65
Storage/Ageing-Red	0.02783 27.83 ²	23,800	662	1.81
Storage/Ageing-White	0.02583 25.83 ²	35,700	922	2.53
Pomace Screening-Red	0.5 ³	23,800	11.9	0.09
Pomace Press-Red	0.1 ³	23,800	2.38	0.02
Total			1,835.09	6.2
Single Full-Scale Winery				
Fermentation-Red	6.2 ¹	1,428,000	8,853.6	64.6
Fermentation-White	2.5 ¹	2,142,000	5,355	39.1
Storage/Ageing-Red	0.02783 27.83 ²	1,428,000	39,741	108.88
Storage/Ageing-White	0.02583 25.83 ²	2,142,000	55,328	151.58
Pomace Screening-Red	0.5 ³	1,428,000	714	5.2
Pomace Press-Red	0.1 ³	1,428,000	142.8	1.04
Total			110,134.4	370.37
MBUAPCD Threshold				137 lbs/day

¹ Source: California Air Resources Board 2005
² Source: SBCAPCD 2008
³Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency 2001
²⁴case = 2.38 gallons

Page 4.7-26, under Agricultural Winery Corridor Plan. The paragraph is revised as follows.

~~The AWCP overlays the Toro, Central Salinas Valley, and South County Area Plans, and policies relating to air quality are applicable to the AWCP under this plan. Implementation of these policies would reduce air quality impacts~~
There are no policies applicable to air quality in the AWCP area.

Page 4.7-26, under Significance Determination. The first paragraph is revised as follows.

~~Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would result in increased emissions of criteria pollutants and VOCs. Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would result in increased mobile and area source emissions due to increased vehicle trips and VMT, and increased development.~~

Page 4.7-26. The final paragraph is revised as follows.

As indicated in Table ~~4.7-54.7-6~~, 2030 conditions (2030 With Project – ~~2008(A)~~ 2000 conditions) would result in a net decrease in ROG, NO_x, CO, ~~and PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀~~ emissions. Vehicular emission rates are anticipated to lessen in future years due to continuing improvements in engine technology and the phasing out of older, higher-emitting vehicles. These decreases in emission rates are sufficient to offset the increases in VMT seen between 2000 and 2030 project conditions, resulting in the decreased ROG, NO_x, CO, ~~and PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀~~ emissions observed in Table ~~4.7-54.7-6~~. PM₁₀ emissions will increase, but would be less than the MBUAPCD daily threshold. Additionally, the 2007 General Plan and Area Plan goals and policies set forth comprehensive measures to avoid and minimize adverse impacts on air quality to the maximum extent practicable.

Page 4.7-29. The first full paragraph is revised as follows.

As seen from Table ~~4.7-54.7-7~~, the VOC emissions from winery operations that would occur under 2030 project conditions would exceed the District's threshold of 137 pounds per day. Consequently, VOC impacts from winery operations are considered significant and unavoidable.

Page 4.7-29. The fourth paragraph under "Impact of Development with Policies" is revised as follows.

Emission factors are not currently available for future year 2092, and as such a ~~qualitative~~ quantitative analysis ~~is required for this condition~~ was conducted using 2030 emissions factors. As indicated above in Table ~~4.7-6~~, buildout of the 2007 General Plan would result in net decreases in ROG, NO_x, CO, ~~and PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀~~ emissions compared to 2008 (A) conditions, but would result in increases in PM₁₀ emissions above the MBUAPCD threshold. Vehicular emission rates are anticipated to lessen in future years due to continuing improvements in engine technology and the phasing out of older, higher-emitting vehicles. These decreases in emission rates ~~would~~ likely offset the increases in VMT between existing and 2092 project conditions.

Page 4.7-33, under Mitigation Measure AQ-7. The bullet is revised as follows.

- ~~Ensure development~~ Development of new sensitive land uses (schools, hospitals, facilities for the elderly) ~~should not be~~ located any closer than 500 feet of a freeway carrying more than 100,000 vehicles per day.

Section 4.9, “Biological Resources”

Page 4.9-4 Table 4.9-1 is replaced in its entirety as follows

Table 4.9-1. Monterey County Vegetation Communities (Estimated for 2006)
(Includes Cities and Coastal Areas)

Vegetation Community	Acres
Annual Grassland	711,714
Oak Woodland	416,786
Agriculture	262,199
Baccharis Scrub	204,258
Oak Savanna	201,194
Gabilan Scrub	115,040
Urban/Non-Veg	62,284
Sparse Vegetation/Bare Soil	32,789
Mixed Conifer	25,532
Riparian/Wetland	24,891
Redwood Forest	21,734
Maritime Chaparral	12,115
Coastal prairie	9,426
Blue Oak Woodland	5,606
Saltwater Marsh	5,304
Dune Scrub	2,812
Baccharis Chaparral	2,138
Monterey Pine Forest	2,010
Eucalyptus	1,158
Golf Course	580
Coastal Scrub	512
Valley Needlegrass Grassland	392
Dune	281
Freshwater Marsh	148
Coastal Terrace Prairie	97
Native Grassland	81
Total	2,121,082

Methodology: No existing mapping for current vegetation coverage for the County was identified. Vegetation community acreages for 2006 were identified by comparing a 1982 base vegetation map to the 2006 FMMP maps for County using GIS with the exception of Monterey pine forest (for which a current map of Monterey pine forest extent from 2004 was used (Monterey County 2004b). The FMMP coverage was used to identify urban land and important farmland (prime, statewide importance, unique). Where the FMMP maps show grazing land, land is not presumed to be urban or to be intensive agriculture, but is presumed to be original 1982 land cover. A minimum mapping unit of 2.5 acres was used for conversions. See Figure 4.9-1 for the resultant estimated 2006 land cover, and Figures 4.9-3 through 4.9-6 for habitat conversions between 1982 and 2006.

Page 4.9-5 Table 4.9-2 is revised as follows:

Table 4.9-2. Monterey County GP 2007 Natural Communities by New Plan Areas (Estimated Extant as of 2006)

	Annual Grassland	Baccharis and Other Scrub	Coastal Prairie	Baccharis and Maritime Chaparral	Mixed Conifer	Monterey Pine Forest/ Redwood Forest	Native Grassland	Oak Woodland and Savanna	Riparian/ Wetland	Total
Community Areas										
Chualar CA										0
Fort Ord CA	3,320	356		9,805	1		460	4,005	273	18,219
Boronda CA										0
Pajaro CA	0								1	1
Castroville CA	29									29
Community Areas Subtotal	3,349	356	0	9,805	1		460	4,005	273	18,249
Rural Centers										
Pine Canyon RC	427	110			2			28		567
San Lucas RC	15									15
Bradley RC	34								0	34
Lockwood RC	92	6								97
Pleyto RC	359	33								393
San Ardo RC										0
River Road RC	171	25			14			35	26	272
Rural Centers Subtotal	1,098	173	0	0	16		0	63	26	1,377
AHOs										
Carmel Mid-Valley AHO	1									1
Hwy 68/Airport AHO	1	<u>1</u>	<u>55</u>			<u>10</u>		<u>5</u>		<u>72</u>
			<u>58</u>					<u>12</u>		<u>71</u>
Hwy 68/Reservation AHO	6			1						6
AHOs Subtotal	8	<u>1</u>	<u>55</u>	1	0	<u>10</u>	0	<u>5</u>	0	79
		<u>0</u>	<u>58</u>					<u>12</u>		
Total of Focused Growth Areas	4,455	<u>530</u>	<u>55 58</u>	9,806	18	<u>10</u>	460	<u>4,073</u>	299	<u>19,705</u>
		<u>529</u>						<u>4,080</u>		<u>19,706</u>

	Annual Grassland	Baccharis and Other Scrub	Coastal Prairie	Baccharis and Maritime Chaparral	Mixed Conifer	Monterey Pine Forest/ Redwood Forest	Native Grassland	Oak Woodland and Savanna	Riparian/ Wetland	Total
Planning Areas outside the Focused Growth Areas Designated for Development										
Areas designated for Development in	<u>89,427</u>	<u>61,171</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>2,238</u>	<u>4,690</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>85,772</u>	<u>3,161</u>	<u>249,747</u>
Rest of Unincorporated County	<u>93,975</u>	<u>63,620</u>	<u>1,493</u>	<u>377</u>	<u>4,267</u>	<u>317</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>90,613</u>	<u>3,258</u>	<u>257,937</u>
Agricultural Wine Corridors (Note: these areas overlap with some of the Development areas in the Planning Areas)										
Central/Arroyo Seco/River Road Segment	<u>4,364</u>	<u>420</u>			<u>45</u>			<u>93</u>	<u>1,590</u>	<u>6,512</u>
Jolon Road Segment	<u>12,617</u>	<u>2,755</u>			<u>86</u>			<u>1,379</u>	<u>2,366</u>	<u>19,203</u>
Metz Road Segment	<u>10,400</u>	<u>3,394</u>			<u>134</u>			<u>1,432</u>	<u>281</u>	<u>15,642</u>
	<u>40,854</u>	<u>0,111</u>			<u>95</u>			<u>8,912</u>	<u>1,975</u>	<u>72,147</u>
	<u>1,877</u>	<u>5</u>			<u>8</u>			<u>11</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>2,106</u>
	<u>5,220</u>	<u>45</u>			<u>24</u>			<u>23</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>5,783</u>
Agricultural Wine Corridor Subtotal	<u>16,641</u>	<u>3,819</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>187</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>1,536</u>	<u>2,077</u>	<u>24,260</u>
	<u>58,691</u>	<u>22,911</u>			<u>405</u>			<u>10,314</u>	<u>4,812</u>	<u>97,133</u>

Methodology: No existing mapping for current vegetation coverage for the County was identified. Vegetation community acreages for 2006 were identified by comparing a 1982 base vegetation map to the 2006 FMMP maps for County using GIS. The FMMP coverage was used to identify urban land and important farmland (prime, statewide importance, unique). Where the FMMP maps show grazing land, land is not presumed to be urban or to be intensive agriculture, but is presumed to be original 1982 land cover. A minimum mapping unit of 2.5 acres was used for conversions. See Figures 4.9-17 through 4.9-410 for habitats by plan area.

Page 4.9-40, last page of Table 4.9-5. Insert text as follows:

Common and Scientific Names	Status Fed/State	Geographic Distribution	Habitat Requirements
MAMMALS			
Big-eared kangaroo rat <i>Dipodomys elephantinus</i>	-/SSC	Restricted to the southern Gabilan Range near the Pinnacles National Monument, San Benito and Monterey Counties	Grassland and sparse chaparral habitats where it forages in open areas and nests in underground burrows
California condor <i>Gymnogyps californianus</i>	<u>E/E</u>	<u>Portions of Kern, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Barbara, Tulare, and Ventura Counties</u>	<u>Oak savannah, chapparel, coniferous forest and beaches. Nesting on cliffs, large rock outcrops, or large trees</u>
Monterey dusky-footed woodrat <i>Neotoma fuscipes luciana</i>	-/SSC	Occurs throughout Monterey and northern San Luis Obispo Counties where appropriate habitat is available	Coast live oak woodland and chaparral habitats with moderate canopy cover and moderate to dense understory and abundant deadwood for nest construction
Pallid bat <i>Antrozous pallidus</i>	-/SSC	Occurs throughout California except the high Sierra from Shasta to Kern County and the northwest coast, primarily at lower and mid elevations	Occurs in a variety of habitats from desert to coniferous forest. Most closely associated with oak, yellow pine, redwood, and giant sequoia habitats in northern California and oak woodland, grassland, and desert scrub in southern California. Relies heavily on trees for roosts
Salinas pocket mouse <i>Perognathus inornatus psammophilus</i>	-/SSC	The known range extends from near Soledad to Hog Canyon in the Salinas Valley, Monterey County	Dry, open grasslands with sandy soils
San Joaquin kit fox <i>Vulpes macrotis mutica</i>	E/T	Principally occurs in the San Joaquin Valley and adjacent open foothills to the west; recent records from 17 counties extending from Kern County north to Contra Costa County	Saltbush scrub, grassland, oak, savanna, and freshwater scrub
<u>Southern sea otter</u> <u><i>Enhydra lutris nereis</i></u>	<u>T/FP</u>	<u>California coast from Half Moon Bay to Point Conception</u>	<u>Hard- and soft-sediment marine habitats from the littoral zone to depths of less than 100 meters, including protected bays</u>

Notes:

Status explanations:

Federal

- E = listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act.
- T = listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act.
- PR = protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.
- D = species that has been delisted under the Endangered Species Act.
- = no listing.

State

- E = listed as endangered under the California Endangered Species Act.
- T = listed as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act.
- FP = fully protected under the California Fish and Game Code.
- SSC = species of special concern in California.
- = no listing.

Page 4.9-41, second paragraph under Critical Habitat. The paragraph is revised as follows:

The USFWS has designated critical habitat for the western snowy plover, California red-legged frog, California tiger salamander, Monterey spineflower, Santa Cruz tarplant, Yadon's rein orchid, and purple amole in Monterey County. NOAA Fisheries has designated several rivers and stream in Monterey County as critical habitat (FR 70: 52488) for the South-Central California Coast Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). These streams and rivers include those found in the Carmel River and Salinas River watersheds, along with several coastal rivers, such as the Big Sur and Little Sur Rivers (Exhibit 4.9.5)

Page 4.9-45, second to last paragraph and last paragraph. The paragraphs are revised as follows:

Wine industry data (Monterey County Agricultural Commission 2008) was also reviewed to identify historic trends in vineyard acreage. In 1982 there were about 33,771 acres of vineyards and overall acreage had not changed by 1996 when 33,319 acres were in vineyard. Acreage rose to 45,043 acres in 2001 and then declined to 37, 116 acres by 2003 with a slight increase to 41,309 acres by 2006. The overall ~~2425~~-year trend is an average increase of about ~~310300~~ acres per year, but between 1996 and 2006, there was an annual average increase of about 800 acres per year in vineyard acreage.

The analysis above of habitat conversion is used as the basis for impact analysis below of potential future agricultural conversions of habitat. Specifically, the ~~2425~~-year trend of habitat conversion from 1982 to 2006 (approximately ~~466450~~ acres per year on average) is used to estimate potential future habitat conversion in the impact analysis as more representative of long-term conditions than the last 10 years.

Page 4.9-46. Table 4.9-6 is revised to read:

Table 4.9-6. Monterey County Habitat Conversions, 1982 to 2006 (Includes Cities and Coastal Areas)

Conversion Type	Acres Converted 1982–2006	Acres Converted 1982–1996	Acres Converted 1996–2006
Habitat to Urban	14,692	9,830	4,862
Annual Grassland	5,370	3,179	2,191
Oak Woodland	4,896	3,538	1,358
Mixed Conifer	1,453	1,096	357
Monterey Pine Forest	566	515	51
Maritime Chaparral	474	379	95
Coastal Prairie	460	342	118
Baccharis Scrub	415	201	214
Riparian/Wetland	315	203	112
Dune	178	44	134
Oak Savanna	151	67	84
Baccharis Chaparral	111	77	34
Dune Scrub	97	60	37
Coastal Terrace Prairie	85	56	29
Coastal Scrub	60	33	27

Conversion Type	Acres Converted 1982–2006	Acres Converted 1982–1996	Acres Converted 1996–2006
Saltwater Marsh	33	32	1
Freshwater Marsh	16	8	8
Gabilan Scrub	4	0	4
Native Grassland	4	0	4
Redwood Forest	4	0	4
Habitat to Farmland	11,185	2,976	8,209
Annual Grassland	8,564	1,484	7,080
Oak Woodland	653	473	180
Riparian/Wetland	641	251	390
Coastal Prairie	428	219	209
Mixed Conifer	388	349	39
Baccharis Scrub	269	93	176
Gabilan Scrub	93	22	71
Oak Savanna	49	49	0
Saltwater Marsh	38	0	38
Baccharis Chaparral	33	15	18
Freshwater Marsh	21	21	0
Maritime Chaparral	8	0	8

Note: The totals for Monterey pine conversion from 1982 to 2006 in this table are based on different mapping data than shown in Exhibit 4.9-1 and used in Table 4.9-1. While a 2004 map of the current extent of Monterey pine forest is available, a 1982 map showing Monterey pine forest extant at that time is not available that uses the same conventions as the 2004 mapping of Monterey pine forest (Monterey County 2004b). Thus, the Monterey pine conversion shown in this table is based on a 1982 map which shows far less Monterey pine forest (1,800 acres) than is now thought to have existed at that time. As a result, this table understates the amount of Monterey pine forest converted from 1982 to 2006 and overstates the amount of mixed conifer, oak woodland, and grassland conversion (as areas that would now be defined as Monterey pine forest were defined as mixed conifer, oak woodland, and grassland in the 1982 vegetation map).

Page 4.9-54, under Other Local Programs. The following paragraphs are added to the end of this section.

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

The MPWMD, pursuant to its Rule 124, requires property owners to obtain a permit from the District prior to undertaking work within the riparian area of the Carmel River. The riparian area is defined as being within 25 linear feet of the 10-year flood waterline defined by the Nolte and Associates for the 1984 Flood Insurance Study for Monterey County. Rule 124 specifically prohibits the following actions:

- A. Damage, remove, alter, or otherwise injure the riverbank, riverbed, canal, or reservoir which lies within the riparian corridor of the Carmel River, or take water from any canal, ditch, flume, pipe or reservoir installed or operated by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.
- B. Damage, remove, alter or otherwise injure any sprinkler or irrigation system installed or operated by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.
- C. Damage, remove, alter, deface, or otherwise injure any sign, barrier, or obstruction erected by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District upon the riverbank or riverbed of the Carmel River, or within the riparian corridor of the Carmel River.

- D. Damage, remove, or otherwise injure any tree within or upon the riverbank or riverbed of the Carmel River.
- E. Damage, remove, or otherwise injure native vegetation, excluding poison oak, within the riparian corridor.
- F. Construct, alter, damage, or otherwise injure any dike or trail within or upon the riparian corridor.
- G. Drive, ride, park or travel in a motorized vehicle upon the riverbank, riverbed, or riparian corridor of the Carmel River without a valid river access permit issued by this District.
- H. Fail, willfully, to observe any sign, marker, warning, notice, or direction which restricts or closes the Carmel River, or any portion of its bed or banks, to motorized vehicles.

Page 4.9-57. Table 4.9-7 is replaced in its entirety

Table 4.9-7. Monterey County GP 2007 Estimated Impacts on Natural Vegetation Communities due to Development

Natural Community	Area of Potential Effect in Planning Areas outside Fort Ord	Estimated Area of Effect in Planning Areas outside Fort Ord	Fort Ord Potential Effects (b)	Total Effects
Annual Grassland	90,419	7,230	1,513	8,743
Baccharis and Gabilan Scrub	63,278	1,231		1,231
Baccharis Chaparral	316	25		25
Coastal Scrub	6	2		2
Coastal Prairie	952	25		25
Mixed Conifer	2,260	152		152
Maritime Chaparral	8	1	2,796	2,797
Monterey Pine Forest	4,619	247		247
Native Grassland	13	11		11
Oak Savannah and Woodland	85,814	2,045	1,505	3,550
Redwood Forest	71	1		1
Riparian and Wetland Areas	3,161	165	0	165
Total	250,917	11,133	5,814	16,947

Notes:

(a) Vegetation mapping described in Table 4.9-2 was overlaid with land use designations in the 2007 General Plan for all locations outside Fort Ord. Where the land use designation allows development (residential, commercial, industrial, public/quasi-public, etc.), the area was identified as a potential effect. Assumptions were made about percentage of conversion for each land use designation. Conversions for certain categories (medium density residential, industrial, mineral extraction) were assumed to be total (100%), whereas other categories were assumed to result in partial conversion (such as commercial assumed to convert 50% of the designated land) or very limited conversion (such as public-quasi public and rural density residential - both assumed to convert only 1% of designated land due to the large acreage in these designations). Assumptions are rough estimates only and may overstate or understate actual impacts as the exact amount of conversion on any specific parcel cannot be estimated accurately on a landscape level. Castroville acres and the Jefferson STA were not in the GIS land use layer and were added manually from the vegetation map GIS.

(b) Fort Ord impacts were identified based on unpublished data from the Fort Ord HCP. The total for Maritime Chaparral for Fort Ord includes coastal scrub as the HCP data did not disaggregate the totals.

Page 4.9-61, under Affordable Housing Districts. The third bullet is revised as follows:

The Highway 68 AHO near the Monterey Airport is mostly undeveloped and includes 55 ~~58~~ acres of coastal prairie, 5 ~~12~~ acres of oak woodland, 10 acres of Monterey pine forest and small areas of annual grassland, scrub, and previously disturbed areas. ~~The oak woodland areas may also contain areas of native Monterey pine forest.~~

Page 4.9-63, under Agriculture. The second paragraph is revised as follows:

~~Although no net expansion of agricultural acreage is forecast,~~ There will still be expansion of agriculture onto natural lands due to the loss or agricultural lands to urban use and ~~likely~~ also due to expansion of cropland and wine growing in ~~on slopes of~~ the Salinas Valley and other locations in the County

Page 4.9-64. Table 4.9-8 is revised to read:

Table 4.9-8. Monterey County Agricultural Habitat Conversions, 2030 and Buildout (Includes Cities and Coastal Areas)

Conversion Type	Acres Converted 1982–2006	Average Annual 1982–2006	Estimated Acres converted by 2030	Estimated Acres converted by Buildout
Habitat to Farmland	11,185	<u>466</u> 447	<u>10,253</u> 9,843	<u>39,148</u> 37,582
Annual Grassland	8,564	<u>357</u> 343	<u>7,850</u> 7,536	<u>29,974</u> 28,775
Oak Woodland	653	<u>27</u> 26	<u>599</u> 575	<u>2,286</u> 2,194
Riparian/Wetland	641	<u>27</u> 26	<u>588</u> 564	<u>2,244</u> 2,154
Coastal Prairie	428	<u>18</u> 17	<u>392</u> 377	<u>1,498</u> 1,438
Mixed Conifer	388	<u>16</u> 16	<u>356</u> 341	<u>1,358</u> 1,304
Baccharis Scrub	269	11	<u>247</u> 237	<u>942</u> 904
Gabilan Scrub	93	4	<u>85</u> 82	<u>326</u> 312
Oak Savanna	49	2	<u>45</u> 43	<u>172</u> 165
Saltwater Marsh	38	2	<u>35</u> 33	<u>133</u> 128
Baccharis Chaparral	33	1	<u>30</u> 29	<u>116</u> 111
Freshwater Marsh	21	1	<u>19</u> 18	<u>74</u> 71
Maritime Chaparral	8	0	7	<u>28</u> 27

Methodology: See Table 4.9-6. Forecast for 2030 and buildout based on 1982 to 2006 averages.

Page 4.9-65. The third paragraph on this page is revised to read:

The installation of new vineyards, row crops, and other actively managed agricultural uses (including routine and ongoing agriculture), mining extraction, and other activities could also result in the elimination of essential habitat for CEQA-defined special-status species. Even if the sensitive habitat is deliberately avoided at the project level, new

development and intensively managed land practices would result in fragmentation of the existing habitat and leave the CEQA-defined special-status species population at risk of extirpation (local extinction). The exact amount of habitat conversion due to agricultural expansion onto uncultivated lands is not known. Based on recent trends from 1982 to 2006 when approximately 466,450 acres of habitat were converted each year on average, if this trend continued to 2030, then approximately 10,253 ~~9,850~~ acres of habitat would be converted across the County.

Page 4.9-69. The first full paragraph on this page is revised to read:

Policy OS-5.16, as revised, requires biological surveys and implementation of mitigation measures for development that would potentially disturb species or habitat that are to be protected under the terms of CEQA ~~disturbed listed species or its critical habitat~~. Policy OS-5.17 requires the County to develop a program to mitigate the loss of critical habitat. Policy OS-5.18 requires all applicable federal state permitting requirements to be met before disturbing any federal or state jurisdictional areas.

Page 4.9-73, under Significance Determination. The three paragraphs in this section are revised as follows.

The definition of “special status species” in the 2007 General Plan (Glossary, p. 13) has been deleted in the revised General Plan in favor of an expanded Glossary definition of “Listed Species” and revised Policy OS-5.16, which offers protections for species identified under CEQA’s mandatory finding of significance. is limited to those listed under the ESA and the CESA and “Critical habitat” is defined as areas designated under the ESA. 2007 General Plan Policies OS-5.1, -5.2, -5.3, -5.4, -5.12, -5.16, -5.17, and -5.18 require avoidance, minimization, and compensation of impacts to listed “special-status species”. However, there is a landscape-level concern related to new discretionary development in the Salinas Valley that may occur in potential kit fox habitat that is not fully addressed by the previously ~~currently~~ proposed General Plan policies. The revised General Plan includes Policy OS-5.19 that calls for development of a conservation strategy that will provide a ~~There is no~~ specific mechanism for mitigating potential impacts to this species from conversion of its habitat due to discretionary development. Additionally, proposed Policies OS-5.20 (5-year reconsideration of growth areas), OS-5.21 (5-year reconsideration of species vulnerability and conservation strategy), OS-5.22 (stream setback ordinance), OS-5.23 (oak woodlands mitigation program), OS-5.24 (retention of wildlife movement corridors), and OS-5.25 (protection of migratory birds and raptors) will work individually and together to minimize impacts on what CEQA considers to be special status species. Because the ~~Given the General Plan definition of “special status policies”, the aforementioned policies in the 2007 General Plan for biological resources in the Open Space and Public Services Elements concerning “special status species” do not provide for the assessment or mitigation of impacts to species that are not listed under the FESA or CESA. While there are a number of Area Plan policies that provide for protection or mitigation of impacts to certain CEQA defined special-status species, and the policies for the protection for habitats of listed species will produce co-benefits for non-listed (but rare) other species, the 2007 General Plan, as revised, provides~~ does not provide a systematic approach to address impacts of development to CEQA-defined special-status species as described above in this document.

This impact is considered potentially significant, because ~~However, in consideration of revised Policy OS-5.16 and new Policies OS-5.20 through OS-5.25, development under the 2007 General Plan would be required to mitigate for reduction in~~ result in reduced

numbers, range, and habitat quantity and quality for plant, wildlife, and fish species that are considered “rare, threatened, or endangered” as defined covered by CEQA guidelines Section 15065-15380 but which are not protected by the federal or state endangered species acts. The following mitigation measures are recommended for implementation by the County, along with Policy OS-5.16.

Page 4.9-73, under Mitigation Measures. Mitigation Measure BIO-1.1 is deleted.

~~Mitigation Measure BIO-1.1: Baseline Inventory of Landcover, CEQA-Defined Special Status Species Habitat, Sensitive Natural Communities, Riparian Habitat, and Wetlands in Monterey County~~

~~The County shall expand the inventory of listed species suitable and critical habitat required by Policy OS 5.1 and OS 5.2 to include an updated vegetation land cover map, identification of suitable habitat for CEQA defined special status species (as defined in this document), sensitive natural communities, and riparian habitat in Monterey County. The inventory shall include wetlands inventory as feasible based on existing data sources and aerial interpretation. This inventory should be updated at a minimum of ten year intervals. The inventory can exclude areas that are not under the control of Monterey County (e.g., cities, state and federal lands).~~

Page 4.9-74. Mitigation Measure BIO-1.2 is revised as follows:

Mitigation Measure BIO-1.2: Salinas Valley Conservation Plan to preserve habitat for the San Joaquin kit fox in the Salinas Valley

The County shall, in concert with the ~~USFWS~~ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ~~CDFG~~ California Department of Fish and Game, cities in the Salinas Valley, and stakeholders develop a conservation ~~plan~~ strategy for the Salinas Valley to provide for the preservation of adequate habitat to sustain the San Joaquin kit fox population. The general focus area of the plan shall be the Salinas Valley south of the community of Chualar. The conservation ~~plan~~ strategy, at a minimum, shall be adopted by Monterey County and shall be applied to all discretionary approvals (and their associated CEQA documents) with potential to affect the San Joaquin kit fox within the conservation ~~plan~~ strategy area. The County shall complete the conservation strategy within 4 years of General Plan adoption. The conservation strategy funding program shall be developed and shall ~~include~~ consider a mitigation fee program for which development projects will be assessed a fee based on a proportional basis of impact to the San Joaquin kit fox as one of the options. The compensation ~~plan~~ strategy shall be developed and implemented in coordination with the appropriate state or federal agency and may provide mechanisms to mitigate impacts of an individual project through one or more of the following means: identifying an agency-approved mitigation bank or other compensation site (on- or off-site); and/or preserving habitat; monitoring the compensation site; and funding the management of the compensation site.

Until the adoption of the conservation strategy, habitat loss due to discretionary projects shall be mitigated on a project-by-project basis.

Page 4.9-74. Mitigation Measure BIO-1.3 is deleted. The revisions to General Plan Policy OS-5.16 provide for site-specific analysis and mitigation of site-specific effects on at the development project level.

~~Mitigation Measure BIO-1.3: Project Level Biological Survey and Avoidance, Minimization, and Compensation for Impacts to CEQA-defined Special-Status Species and Sensitive Natural communities.~~

~~The County shall require that any development project that could potentially impact a CEQA defined special status species or sensitive natural community shall be required to conduct a biological survey of the site. If CEQA defined special status species or sensitive natural communities are found on the site, the project biologist shall recommend measures necessary to avoid, minimize, and/or compensate for identified impacts to CEQA defined special status species and sensitive natural communities. An ordinance establishing minimum standards for a biological report shall be enacted. This policy shall only apply to the following:~~

- ~~■ Development in Focused Growth Areas (Community Areas, Rural Centers and Housing Overlays)~~
- ~~■ Development requiring a discretionary permit~~
- ~~■ Large scale wineries in the AWCP.~~

Page 4.9-75, under Significance Conclusion. The first two paragraphs are revised as follows:

Over 80% of the development in Monterey County within the 2030 Planning Horizon will occur in areas designated for focused growth. Discretionary permits will be required for this development as well as for any large scale residential and commercial development that might occur outside of these areas (and is subject to the ~~Subdivision Development Evaluation System~~). The ~~Subdivision Development Evaluation System under Policy LU-1.19~~ examines subdivisions of 5 or more lots or projects of equivalent intensity and quantitatively evaluates development in light of the policies of the General Plan and the implementing regulations, resources and infrastructure, and the overall quality of the development. This analysis includes consideration of environmental impacts and mitigation. Additionally, revised Policy OS-5.16 requires preparation of a biological study for any development project requiring a discretionary permit and having the potential to substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, or substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of an endangered, rare or threatened species (this comprises CEQA-defined special status species). When the project may adversely affect any of these species, feasible measures to reduce significant impacts to a less than significant level shall be adopted as conditions of approval. For discretionary development, implementation of the General Plan policies alone would have resulted in significant impacts to the San Joaquin kit fox ~~and to CEQA-defined special status species. Mitigation Measure BIO-1.1 creates a biological resources inventory (including CEQA defined special status species) that will be periodically updated.~~ Mitigation Measure BIO-1.2 would address impacts to kit fox habitat that might occur from development. ~~Mitigation Measure BIO-1.3 requires preparation of a biological report that includes measures to avoid impacts or minimize impacts to CEQA-defined special status species for focused growth allowed under the General Plan, other large scale projects and projects requiring discretionary permits in the County.~~

These General Plan policies and mitigation measures would address impacts from discretionary large-scale residential, commercial, public infrastructure and agricultural development. In combination with the application of Area Plan policies targeting specific CEQA-defined special-status species, impacts to special-status species (both

listed and CEQA-defined) from discretionary development would be considered less than significant.

Page 4.9-76. The second paragraph is revised as follows:

The remaining development consists of conversion of previously uncultivated agricultural lands to new farmland. Previously uncultivated lands are those areas that have not been cultivated during the past 20 years. As shown in the pattern of historic conversion (see Exhibits 4.9.6, 4.9.7, 4.9.8, and 4.9.9), conversion of natural communities would be widely dispersed geographically throughout the ranges of CEQA-defined special-status species addressed in this document. Thus future habitat conversions are expected to be dispersed and not concentrated in a way that they would substantially change overall populations of CEQA-defined special-status species. New agricultural development would be subject to the Agricultural Waiver Program concerning water quality protection, which will protect downstream aquatic species habitat that contain CEQA-defined special-status species from indirect water quality effects. For agricultural conversions on slopes greater than 25%, Policy OS-3.5 includes requirements to address water quality, erosion and biological resources, which would reduce potential impacts to CEQA-defined special-status species and their habitat. Based on the assumption that conversion of previously uncultivated lands is not anticipated to exceed the previous ~~2425~~ year trend (1982 – 2006) in the County (approximately ~~466450~~ acres per year), the sporadic and discontinuous pattern of crop expansion, the extensive geographic distribution of agricultural operations especially within the Salinas Valley, and the application of current regulatory requirements to address off-site water quality impacts, agricultural conversion is not considered to result in a significant impact to CEQA-defined special-status species or their habitat.

Page 4.9-77. The discussion under “Mitigation Measures” is revised as follows:

Mitigation Measures ~~BIO-1.21.1 through BIO-1.3~~ as described above.

Mitigation Measure BIO-1.4: By 2030, prepare an Update to the General Plan to identify expansion of existing focused growth areas and/or to identify new focused growth areas to reduce loss of natural habitat in Monterey County

~~The County shall update the County General Plan by no later than January 1, 2030 and shall consider the potential to expand focused growth areas established by the 2007 General Plan and/or the designation of new focused growth areas. At five year intervals, the County shall examine the degree to which thresholds predicted in the General Plan EIR for the timeframe 2006-2030 for increased population, residential construction and commercial growth have been attained. If the examination indicates that actual growth is within 10% of the thresholds (10,015 new housing units; 500 acres new commercial development; 3111 acres new industrial development and 10,253 acres of land converted to agriculture) the County shall initiate a General Plan Amendment process to consider the expansion of focused growth areas established by the General Plan and/or the designation of new focused growth areas.~~ The purpose of such expanded/new focused growth areas would be to reduce the loss of ~~CEQA defined special status species and habitat addressed by Policy OS-5.16~~ due to continued urban growth after 2030. The new/expanded growth areas shall be designed to accommodate at least 80% of the projected residential and commercial growth in the unincorporated County from 2030 to buildout. This update will also address expansion of agricultural operations and potential impacts to ~~CEQA defined special status the species and habitat addressed by policy OS-5.16.~~

Page 4.9-78. Mitigation Measure BIO-1.5 is revised as follows:

Mitigation Measure BIO-1.5: By 2030, prepare a Comprehensive County ~~Natural Communities Conservation Plan~~ Strategy

At five year intervals, the County shall examine the degree to which thresholds for increased population, residential construction and commercial growth predicted in the General Plan EIR for the timeframe 2006-2030 have been attained. If the examination indicates that actual growth is within 10% of the growth projected in the General Plan EIR (10,015 new housing units; 500 acres new commercial development; 3111 acres new industrial development and 10,253 acres of land converted to agriculture), then the County shall assess the vulnerability of currently non-listed species becoming rare, threatened or endangered due to projected development. The County shall complete the preparation of a NCCP for all incorporated areas in Monterey County by no later than January 1, 2030 to address all state and federal listed species and all CEQA defined special status species conservation strategy for those areas containing substantial suitable habitat for plant and wildlife species with the potential to become listed species up to buildout of the County due to development. The County shall invite the participation of the incorporated cities, the federal land agencies, Caltrans and other stakeholders. The NCCP conservation strategy shall also cover preservation of sensitive natural communities, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and wildlife movement corridors and include mechanisms including such as on and off-site mitigation ratios and fee programs for mitigating impacts or their equivalent.

Page 4.9-78. The first paragraph under “Significance Conclusion” is revised as follows:

Implementation of General Plan policies and Mitigation Measures BIO-1.1 through BIO-1.2, 1.4, and 1.5 would reduce impacts of buildout on CEQA-defined special-status species and their habitat to a less than significant level.

Page 4.9-81. Insert the following at the end of the “Open Space and Conservation” section:

Revised Policy OS-5.16 will require a biological study to be prepared for any development project requiring a discretionary permit and having the potential to substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, or substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of an endangered, rare or threatened species. The results of the study will be used in the site-specific environmental analysis for that project.

Page 4.9-86. Revise the first paragraph under “Project Level Mitigation Measure,” as follows:

Mitigation Measure BIO-1.1 Revised Policy OS-5.16, as described above under Impacts to CEQA-defined special-status species, will act to mitigate this impact.

Page 4.9-86. Mitigation Measure BIO-2.1 is revised as follows:

Mitigation Measure BIO-2.1: Stream Setback Ordinance.

The In order to preserve riparian habitat, conserve the value of streams and rivers as wildlife corridors and reduce sediment and other water quality impacts of new development, the county shall develop and adopt a county-wide Stream Setback Ordinance. The ordinance shall to establish minimum standards for the avoidance and setbacks for new development relative to streams. The ordinance shall identify standardized inventory methodologies and mapping requirements. A stream classification system shall be identified to distinguish between different stream types (based on hydrology, vegetation, and slope, etc.) and thus allow application of standard setbacks to different stream types. The ordinance shall identify specific setbacks relative to inland portions of the following rivers and creeks so they can be implemented in the Area Plans: Salinas, Carmel River, Arroyo Seco, Pajaro River, Nacimiento, San Antonio, Gabilan Creek, and Toro Creek. The ordinance may identify specific setbacks for other creeks or may apply generic setbacks based on the stream classification developed for the ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance will be to preserve riparian habitat and reduce sediment and other water quality impacts of new development shall identify appropriate uses within the setback area that would not cause removal of riparian habitat, compromise identified riparian wildlife corridors, or compromise water quality of the relevant stream.

The Stream Setback Ordinance shall apply to all discretionary development, County public projects within the County and to conversion of previously uncultivated agricultural land (as defined in the General Policy Glossary) on normal soil slopes over 15% or on highly erodible soils on slopes over 10%. The stream setback ordinance shall be adopted within three (3) years of adoption of the General Plan.

Page 4.9-86. Mitigation Measure BIO-2.2 is revised as follows:

Mitigation Measure BIO-2.2: Oak Woodlands Mitigation Program.

The County shall prepare, adopt and implement a program that allows project to mitigate the loss of oak woodlands. The program would include shall be consistent with California Public Resources Code Section 21083.4, and will identify a combination of the following mitigation alternatives: a) ratios for replacement, b) payment of fees to mitigate the loss or direct replacement for the loss of oak woodlands and monitoring for compliance, and c) conservation easements. The program would identify criteria for suitable donor sites. Mitigation for the loss of oak tree woodlands may be either on-site or off-site. The program would allow payment of fees to either a local fund established by the County or a state fund. Until such time as the County program is implemented, consistent with Public Resources Code section 21083.4 (b), payment of projects shall pay a fee may be made to the State Oak Woodlands Conservation Program Fund (OWCF). Replacement of oak woodlands shall be on a minimum 1:1 ratio provide for equivalent acreage and ecological value at a minimum of 1:1 ratio. The program shall prioritize the conservation of oak woodlands that are within known wildlife corridors as a high priority. The oak woodlands mitigation program shall be adopted within 5 years of adoption of the General Plan.

Page 4.9-87. Mitigation Measure BIO-2.3 is revised as follows:

Mitigation Measure BIO-2.3: Add Considerations Regarding Riparian Habitat and Stream Flows to Criteria for Long-Term Water Supply and Well Assessment.

Public Services Policies PS-3.3 and PS-3.4 establish the criteria for proof of a long-term water supply and for evaluation and approval of new wells. The following criteria shall be added to these policies:

- Policy PS-3.3.i—Effects on instream flows necessary to support riparian vegetation, wetlands, fish, and other aquatic life including migration potential for steelhead, for the purpose of minimizing impacts to those resources and species.
- Policy PS-3.4.g—Effects on instream flows necessary to support riparian vegetation, wetlands, fish, and other aquatic life including migration potential for steelhead, for the purpose of minimizing impacts to those resources and species.

h— A discretionary permit shall be required for new wells in the Carmel Valley alluvial aquifer. All new wells shall be required to fully offset any increase in extractions from this aquifer. These requirements shall be maintained until such a time that the Coastal Water project (or its equivalent) results in elimination of all Cal-Am withdrawals in excess of its legal rights.

i— A discretionary permit shall be required for all new wells in fractured rock or hard rock areas in the North County Area Plan in order to provide for case by case review of potential water quality and overdraft concerns. This requirement shall be maintained until such a time that a water supply project or projects are completed that addresses existing water quality and water supply issues in fractured rock or hard rock areas.

Page 4.9-87. Revise the first paragraph under “Project Level Mitigation Measure,” as follows:

~~Mitigation Measure BIO-1.3~~ Revised Policy OS-5.16, as described above under Impacts to CEQA-defined special-status species, will act to mitigate this impact.

Page 4.9-88. Revise the first paragraph under “Mitigation Measures,” as follows:

Mitigation Measures ~~BIO-1.1, 1.2, 1.3,~~ 1.4, and 1.5 as described above under Impacts to CEQA-defined special-status species.

Page 4.9-88. Revise the first paragraph under “Significance Conclusion,” as follows:

Implementation of General Plan policies, in particular Policy OS-5.16, Mitigation Measures BIO-1.1 through BIO-1.2, 1.4 and 1.5, and Mitigation Measures BIO-2.1 through 2.3 would reduce impacts of buildout on sensitive natural communities, riparian habitat, and wetlands to a less than significant level.

Page 4.9-91. Revise the second full paragraph, as follows:

Policy OS-5.11 promotes conservation of large, continuous expanses of native trees and vegetation as the most suitable habitat for maintaining abundant and diverse wildlife. Policy OS-5.13 encourages efforts to obtain and preserve natural areas of particular biologic, scientific, or educational interest and restrict incompatible uses from

encroaching upon them. Policy OS-5.16, as revised, will require a biological study to be prepared for any development project requiring a discretionary permit and having the potential to substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, or substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of an endangered, rare or threatened species. Policy OS-17 requires the County to develop a program to mitigate the loss of critical habitat.

Page 4.9-91, Safety Element. Delete this paragraph.

Safety Element

~~Goal S-2 and Policies S-2.1 through 2.8 address reducing development in the floodplain and reducing impacts that would occur within the floodplain.~~

Page 4.9-94, under Mitigation Measure BIO-3.1: The measure is revised as follows:

The County shall require discretionary projects to retain movement corridors of adequate size and habitat quality to allow for continued wildlife use based on the needs of the species occupying the habitat. The County shall require that expansion of ~~consider the need for wildlife movement in designing and expanding~~ major roadways and public infrastructure projects ~~to provide movement opportunities for terrestrial wildlife and to ensure that existing stream channels and riparian corridors continue to provide opportunities~~ for wildlife movement and access. Among others, sources of information about wildlife corridors in Monterey County can be found in the following references:

- California Wilderness Coalition. 2001. Missing Linkages: Restoring Connectivity to the California Landscape.
- The Nature Conservancy. 2006. California Central Coast Ecoregional Plan Update. October.

Page 4.9-95. Revise the first paragraph, as follows:

Over 80% of the development in Monterey County within the 2030 Horizon will occur in areas designated for focused growth. Discretionary permits will be required for this development as well as for any large scale residential and commercial development that might occur outside of these areas (subject to the Subdivision Evaluation System). For discretionary development, implementation of the General Plan policies alone would have potentially resulted in significant impacts to wildlife movement corridors. Mitigation Measure BIO-3.1 requires consideration of wildlife movement for all discretionary projects. Mitigation Measure BIO-1.2 would address impacts to kit fox habitat that might occur from development and will have co-benefits for the protection of wildlife movement for other species. ~~Mitigation Measure BIO-1.3 requires preparation of a biological report that includes measures to avoid impacts or minimize impacts to CEQA defined special status species, which may also have some co-benefits for wildlife movement corridors.~~ Mitigation Measure BIO-2.1 would further protection riparian corridors for wildlife movement.

The biological study required pursuant to Policy OS-5.16, as revised, will identify wildlife corridors on a site-specific basis. This will enable the County to apply pertinent conditions of approval to the project.

Page 4.9-95. Revise the last paragraph, as follows:

The remaining development consists of conversion of previously uncultivated agricultural lands to new farmland. As shown in the pattern of historic conversion (see Exhibits 4.9.6, 4.9.7, 4.9.8, and 4.9.8), conversion of natural communities would be widely dispersed geographically throughout the County. Based on the assumption that conversion of previously uncultivated lands is not anticipated to exceed the previous ~~2425~~ year trend (1982 – 2006) in the County (approximately ~~466450~~ acres per year), the sporadic and discontinuous pattern of crop expansion, and the geographic distribution of agricultural operations (especially within the Salinas Valley), agricultural conversion is not considered to result in a significant impact to wildlife movement corridors.

Page 4.9-96. Delete the second paragraph under “Mitigation Measures,” as follows:

~~Mitigation Measure BIO-1.3 as discussed above under Impacts to CEQA-Defined Special-Status Species.~~

Page 4.9-97, first paragraph under “Significance Conclusion.” Revise the paragraph as follows:

Implementation of General Plan policies would focus growth to 2030 and Mitigation Measure BIO-1.4 would focus growth for the period after 2030. Implementation of a NCCP for the County would provide for long-term conservation needs, which to be effective, must include effective preservation of wildlife movement corridors. Mitigation Measures BIO-1.2 would address conservation needs for the San Joaquin kit fox which will produce co-benefits for wildlife movement corridors. The new Stream Setback Ordinance would further protection of riparian corridors beyond the level provided in the General Plan. ~~Mitigation Measure BIO-1.3 would~~ Policy OS-5.16, as revised, will require consideration of preservation of wildlife movement areas as part of the biological study prepared during project-review. The combined effect of these measures is to identify and plan for the long-term vitality of wildlife movement corridors in the County and thus this impact is less than significant.

Page 4.9-98. Revise Mitigation Measure BIO-3.2 as follows:

Mitigation Measure BIO-3.2: Remove Vegetation during the Nonbreeding Season and Avoid Disturbance of Nesting Migratory Birds, Including Raptors, as Appropriate (generally ~~September 16 to January 31~~ February 1 to September 15).

~~Vegetation removed in the course of development will be removed only during the nonbreeding season (generally September 16 to January 31). Occupied nests of statutorily protected migratory birds, including and raptors will be avoided during this period shall not be disturbed during the breeding season (generally February 1 to September 15).~~ The county shall consult, or require the developer to consult, with a qualified biologist prior to any site preparation or construction work in order to (1) determine whether work is proposed during nesting season for migratory birds or raptors, (2) determine whether site vegetation is suitable to nesting migratory birds or raptors, (3) identify any regulatory requirements for setbacks or other avoidance measures for migratory birds and raptors which could nest on the site, and (4) establish project-specific requirements for setbacks, lock-out periods, or other methods of avoidance of disruption of nesting birds. The county shall require the development to follow the recommendations of the biologist. This measure may be implemented in one of two ways: (1) preconstruction surveys can be conducted to identify active nests and if found,

adequate buffers shall be provided to avoid active nest disruption until after the young have fledged; or (2) vegetation removal can be conducted during the non-breeding season (generally September 16 to January 31); however, removal of vegetation along waterways shall require approval of all appropriate local, state, and federal agencies.

This policy would not apply in the case of an emergency fire event requiring tree removal. This policy would apply for tree removal that addresses fire safety planning, since removal can be scheduled to reduce impacts to migratory birds and raptors.

Page 4.9-104. Revise the third paragraph under “Mitigation Measures,” as follows:

Mitigation Measure BIO-1.5: By 2030, prepare a Comprehensive ~~County Natural Communities~~ Conservation ~~Plan~~ Strategy

Section 4.9 Exhibits. Exhibit 4.9-1 was revised to incorporate the latest mapping of Monterey pine forest extent. Exhibit 4.9-2 was updated to note the Monterey pine forest within the Highway 68/Airport AHO and the correct extent of the designated wine corridor. Exhibits 4.9-3 and 4.9-4 were updated to note the d the correct extent of the designated wine corridor. New Exhibit 4.9-5a was added to show the critical habitat for Yadon’s piperia. These exhibits are at the end of this chapter.

Section 4.10, “Cultural Resources”

Page 4.10-7. Insert the following after the discussion of the Esselen peoples at the top of the page.

Salinan

The Salinan culture inhabited eastern and southern Monterey County though the precise extent of their territory is uncertain. According to mission records, their territory roughly extended in the interior from Soledad in the north to San Luis Obispo in the south and along the coast from Lucia in the north to Morro Bay in the south. Prior to European contact, the Salinan spoke a language tentatively classified as a member of the Californian branch of the Hokan language family (Hester 1978). The number of prehistoric dialects remains unknown, and because no known native speakers survive, the language is considered extinct.

The Salinan have been conventionally subdivided into two main bodies: the Antoniano or Northern of the northwest half of the range, and the Migueleno or Southern who occupied the southeastern half of the range. As the names imply, the division assumes association with either of the two Spanish missions established on Salinan lands: Mission San Antonio de Padua, established 1771, and Mission San Miguel, to the south, founded in 1797 (Hester 1978). Population estimates are based largely on mission-era documents, and estimates from neighboring groups for which more information is available. Common population estimates for the Salinan area as a whole range from 2,000 and 3,000, during the early 19th century (Kroeber 1925). All known village locations for which names are recorded occur along the Estrella, San Antonio, Salinas, and Nacimiento Rivers, along Cholame Creek to the east, and along the coast.

The Salinan dietary breadth accommodated a wide variety of animal and vegetal resources. The material culture of the Salinan reflects a broad economic and subsistence foundation. Use of the bowl mortar and pestle, as well as the mano and metate is evident, in addition to wooden and hopper mortars, and stone bowls. General-purpose tools and task-specific items such as fishhooks were crafted from materials such as shell and bone (Hester 1978). Salinan economy was based primarily on procurement and manufacture of local resources, and evidence suggests moderate amounts of local and distant trade. Contact with the Yokuts to the east and the Chumash to the south appears to have been fairly consistent in areas with common cultural boundaries. Archaeological expressions suggest the Chumash and Yokuts had influence on the Salinan, based on shared material culture and, with the Chumash, possible common ancestry. Reciprocal visits allowed groups of each nation limited access to lands and resources once considered exclusive (Hester 1978).

Limited information allows for only the broadest interpretation of Salinan social and political organization. It is not unlikely that the social and political organization of these people differed greatly from patterns observed among neighboring groups in the region. Observed in its basic structure, the primary social entity is the tribelet, composed of a single village or multiple affiliated villages. Neighbors and outsiders were considered as such with respect to the distances between the Salinan and those outside the tribelet. Similar to other Native American groups in California, there appears to be no concept of a chief, but rather a headman, whose position was most likely based on family wealth or descent but whose power may have extended over multiple villages (Harrington 1942).

Page 4.10-9, under State Historic Preservation Programs. Revise the second bullet as follows.

- California Register of Historical ~~Places~~ Resources

Page 4.10-15, under Mitigation Measures. Revise Mitigation Measure CUL-1 as follows.

Policy CSV-1.1 of the Central Salinas Valley Area Plan will be revised to read:

CSV-1.1 Special Treatment Area: Paraiso Hot Springs—The Paraiso Hot Springs properties shall be designated a Special Treatment Area. Recreation and visitor serving land uses for the Paraiso Hot Springs Special Treatment Area may be permitted in accordance with a general development plan and other discretionary approvals such as subdivision maps, use permits, and design approvals. The Special Treatment Area may include such uses as a lodge, individual cottages, a visitor center, recreational vehicle accommodations, restaurant, shops, stables, tennis courts, aquaculture, mineral water bottling, hiking trails, vineyards, and orchards. The plan shall address cultural resources protection, fire safety, access, sewage treatment, water quality, water quantity, drainage, and soil stability issues (APN: 418-361-004, 418-361-009, 418-~~381361~~-021, 418-~~381361~~-022).

Page 4.10-27, under Level of Significance after Mitigation. Revise the paragraph as follows.

All impacts on cultural resources would be less than significant with implementation of the measures in the 2007 General Plan, and ~~no additional~~ mitigation measure CUL-1, as discussed under Impact CUL-1 would be required.

Section 4.11 Public Services and Utilities

Page 4.11-5, second paragraph under “Wastewater Treatment Facilities”. Revise the paragraph as follows:

The Carmel Area Water District (CAWD) is the other regional district providing wastewater services in the county. The CAWD operates and maintains sewage collection, treatment, and disposal facilities. The District’s facilities are located at the mouth of the Carmel River and serve the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Monte Forest/Pebble Beach, and portions of the Carmel Valley. The permitted wastewater treatment plant capacity is 3.04-0 MGD (about 9.22-2 acre-feet per day) and current demand is 2.04-7 MGD (about 6.15-2 acre-feet per day).

Page 4.11-6, Table 4.11-4. The table is revised as follows:

Table 4.11-4. Municipal Wastewater Disposal in Monterey County

Wastewater Treatment System	Service Area	Treatment Level	Capacity	Current Use	Remaining Capacity
Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency	Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Sand City, Seaside	Tertiary	29.6 MGD (27.0 MGD permitted)	21 MGD	8.6 MGD
Carmel Area Wastewater District	Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pebble Beach, portions of Carmel Valley	Tertiary	4.0 MGD (3.0 MGD permitted)	<u>2.04-7</u> MGD	<u>1.02-7</u> MGD
Gonzales	Gonzales	Primary	<u>1.30-706</u> MGD	<u>0.5240-35</u> MGD	<u>0.7760-356</u> MGD
Greenfield	Greenfield	Primary	1.0 MGD	<u>0.90-8</u> MGD	<u>0.10-2</u> MGD
King City	King City	Secondary	<u>3.04-2</u> MGD	<u>1.20-734</u> MGD	<u>1.80-469</u> MGD
Soledad	Soledad	Secondary	5.6 MGD (<u>4.13-4</u> MGD permitted)	<u>3.42-5</u> MGD	<u>0.73-4</u> MGD

MGD = Million gallons per day.

Sources: Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments 1999; Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County 2006a, 2006b, 2007; Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, 2006.

Page 4.11-8, last paragraph under “Water Diversion Rates”. Revise the paragraph as follows:

The State requires that each jurisdiction achieve a diversion rate of at least 50 percent. As of 2006, Monterey County ~~is was currently~~ in compliance with this requirement.

Page 4.11-34, under Mitigation Measure PS-1. Revise the measure as follows:

PS-1: The County will add the following policy to the 2007 General Plan:

Policy S-3.9: require all future developments to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) as approved in the Monterey Regional Storm Water Management Program which are designed to incorporate the most feasible number of Low Impact Development (LID) techniques into their stormwater management plan. ~~BMPs~~The LID techniques may include, but are not limited to, grassy swales, rain gardens, bioretention cells, tree box filters, and preserve as much native vegetation as feasible possible on the project site.

Page 4.11-37, under Significance Determination. Revise the first paragraph as follows:

Implementation of the 2007 General Plan would increase solid waste generation, and therefore would ~~consume~~require additional landfill capacity and require new or expanded transfer stations and recycling facilities. As summarized in Table 4.11-5, the four active landfills located in Monterey County have adequate capacity to accommodate additional solid waste generated by implementation of the 2007 General Plan.

Section 4.13, “Hazards and Hazardous Materials”

Page 4.13-29, first paragraph. The first sentence is revised as follows.

Policies S-6.1 (emergency service availability consideration), S-6.2 (emergency service priority based on highest population), S-6.3 (establishment of Development Impact Ordinance for protection coverage and emergency services facilities), S-6.4 (Community Area development based on emergency response time), S-6.5 (~~countywide~~ fire and ambulance service-level goals), and S-6.6 (development of informational brochures regarding level of fire and ambulance service) establish specific performance standards such as staffing ratios and response times so that the County’s emergency response systems are always adequate.

Page 4.13-29, second paragraph. The second sentence is revised as follows.

Policy S-6.5 establishes ~~countywide~~ service level goals for fire and ambulance/emergency service as:

Section 4.16, “Climate Change”

Page 4.16-1. Third paragraph is revised as follows:

For buildout within the County beyond the 2030 planning horizon, not all of the technology has been developed to implement reductions to meet the goals of Executive Order S-3-05, which requires reduction of GHG emissions to levels 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. Mitigation identified in this chapter requires continuation of the GHG Reduction Plan beyond 2030 as well as adoption of a new General Plan by 2030 that would examine options to focus growth for the period after 2030. These measures would identify feasible means along with state and federal actions that might be able to

reduce emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels, but given that the means to effect such emissions are not known at present, buildout within the County beyond 2030 is determined to make a ~~considerably~~ considerable contribution to cumulative GHG emissions and global climate change

Page 4.16-4. The second paragraph is deleted:

~~The California Energy Commission's Inventory of California Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990 to 2004 estimates that California is the second largest emitter of GHG emissions of the United States (only Texas emits more GHG). The CEC estimates that in 2004, California's gross GHG emissions were 492 million metric tons (MMT) of CO₂ equivalent (CO₂E)₂. The transportation sector produced approximately 41 percent of California's GHG emissions in 2004. Electric power production accounted for approximately 22 percent of emissions (including estimated emissions from out of state coal fired power plants), the industrial sector contributed 21 percent of the total; agriculture and forestry contributed 8 percent, and other sectors contributed 8 percent (California Energy Commission 2006).~~

Page 4.16-5. The second paragraph is revised as follows:

An inventory of current Monterey County GHG emissions was prepared estimated on the basis of estimated vehicle miles traveled, natural gas consumption, electricity use, industrial process activity, landfill activity, fugitive methane from natural gas pipelines and ~~agricultural offroad~~ equipment use and is presented in Table 4.16-1. The methodology for preparation of the current GHG inventory is presented in the Technical Supporting Data at the end of this FEIR ~~Appendix B~~. The inventory methodology for the local community emissions~~government operations~~ is consistent with the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR) General Protocol (CCAR 2008) and The Climate Registry General Protocol (The Climate Registry 2008).

Page 4.16-5. Table 4.16-1 is revised as follows:

Table 4.16-1. Monterey County Greenhouse Gas Emissions Estimate, 2006

Source	GHG Emissions	% of Total	Notes
Vehicle Emissions	647,175	46% <u>45%</u>	Includes miles on County roads and 25% of state highway miles.
Natural Gas Consumption	190,848	14% <u>13%</u>	Residential, commercial, and industrial consumption from PG&E.
Electricity Consumption	209,103	15%	Residential, commercial, and industrial consumption from PG&E.
Industrial Processes	201,290	14%	Based on MBUAPCD inventory data.
Landfill Emissions	32,829	2%	Based on CIWMB data.
<u>Offroad Equipment Use</u>	<u>152,114</u>	<u>11%</u>	<u>Based on OFFROAD model with apportionment.</u>
<u>Fugitive Methane from Nat. Gas Pipelines</u>	<u>5,417</u>	<u>0%</u>	<u>Based on California per capita average</u>
Agricultural Equipment Fuel Use	113,159	8%	Based on farm acreage and state averages.
Total	<u>1,394,404</u> <u>1,438,778</u>	100%	

Source: See Technical Supporting Data at the end of this FEIR

Page 4.16-6. First paragraph, is revised as follows:

Comparing Monterey County to California, the 2006 emissions related to unincorporated Monterey County represent approximately 0.3 % of 2004 California emissions (~~CARB has not yet released a 2006 emissions estimate~~).

Page 4.16-7. First paragraph, third line from last is revised as follows:

It cited several risks that California faces from climate change, including reduction in the state’s water supply, increased air pollution creation by higher temperatures, harm to agriculture, and increase in wildfires, damage to the coastline, and economic losses caused by higher food, water, energy, and insurance prices. Further the legislature stated that technological solutions to reduce GHG emissions would stimulate California economy and provide jobs.

Page 4.16-8, under AB 32. Fifth bullet is revised as follows:

- January ~~2,4101~~ 2011—Adoption of GHG emission limits and reduction measures by regulation.

Page 4.16-8, under AB 32 Early Actions. First bullet is revised as follows:

- Group 1—Three new GHG-only regulations are proposed to meet the narrow legal definition of “discrete early action greenhouse gas reduction measures” in Section 38560.5 of the Health and Safety Code. These include the Governor’s Low Carbon Fuel Standard, reduction of refrigerant losses from motor vehicle air conditioning maintenance, and increased methane capture from landfills. These actions are estimated to reduce GHG emissions between 13 and 26 MMT of CO₂e annually by 2020 relative to projected BAU levels. If approved for listing by the Governing Board, these measures will be brought to hearing in the next 12 to 18 months and take legal effect by January 1, 2010.

Page 4.16-9. Second paragraph from the bottom, third line from the bottom is revised as follows:

On a per-capita basis, that means reducing annual emissions of 14 tons of carbon dioxide ~~for~~ per person in California down to about 10 tons per person by 2020. Below is a summary of the recommended reduction strategies.

Page 4.16-11. Table 4.16-2 is revised as follows:

Table 4.16-2. Summary of AB 32 Draft Scoping Plan Recommendations

Recommended Reduction Strategies	Sector	2020 Reductions (MMTCO ₂ e)
The Role of State Government Reduce carbon footprint Set an example	Various	1-2 (under evaluation)
<u>Estimated Reductions Resulting from the Combination of Cap-and-Trade Program and Complementary Measures</u>		
California Cap and Trade Program Linked to WCI: Emissions cap of 365 MMTCO₂e covering electricity, transportation, residential/commercial and industrial sources by 2020. Shaded reductions below contribute to achieving the cap.		
California Light-Duty Vehicle GHG Standards · Implement Pavley standards Develop Pavley II light-duty vehicle standards	Transportation	31.7
Energy Efficiency	Electricity & Commercial and Residential	<u>26.3</u> 26.4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building and appliance energy efficiency and conservation 32,000 GWh reduced electricity demand · 800 million therms reduced gas use • Increase Combined Heat and Power (CHP) electricity production by 30,000 GWh • Solar Water Heating (AB 1470 goal) 		
Renewables Portfolio Standard (33% by 2020)	Electricity	<u>21.3</u> 21.2
Low Carbon Fuel Standard	Transportation	<u>15</u> 16.5
<u>Regional Transportation-Related GHG Targets High Global Warming Potential Gas Measures</u>	<u>Transportation High GWP</u>	<u>5.0</u> 16.2
Sustainable Forests	Forests	5

Recommended Reduction Strategies	Sector	2020 Reductions (MMTCO₂e)
Water Sector Measures	Water	4.8
Vehicle Efficiency Measures	Transportation	<u>4.5</u> 4.8
Goods Movement	Transportation	3.7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ship Electrification at Ports System-Wide Efficiency Improvements 		
Heavy/Medium Duty Vehicles	Transportation	<u>1.4</u> 2.5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavy-Duty Vehicle GHG Emission Reduction (Aerodynamic Efficiency) Medium-and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Hybridization Heavy-Duty Engine Efficiency 		
Million Solar Roofs (Existing Program Target)	Electricity	2.1
<u>Industrial Measures (for sources covered under cap-and-trade program)</u>	<u>Industrial Land Use and Local Government</u>	<u>0.3</u> 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Refinery Measures</u> <u>Energy Efficiency and Co-benefits Audits</u> 		
Local Government Actions and Regional GHG Targets		
High Speed Rail	Transportation	<u>1.0</u>
Landfill Methane Control	Recycling & Waste	1
Methane Capture at Large Dairies	Agriculture	1
Energy Efficiency and Co-Benefits Audits for Large Industrial Sources	Industrial	<u>0.3</u> TBD
<u>Additional Reductions Necessary to Achieve the Cap Emissions Reduction from Capped Sectors</u>		<u>34.4</u> 35.2
<u>Estimated Reductions from Uncapped Sources/Sectors</u>		
<u>High Global Warming Potential Gas Measures</u>	<u>High GWP</u>	<u>20.2</u>
<u>Sustainable Forests</u>	<u>Forests</u>	<u>5.0</u>
<u>Industrial Measures (for sources not covered under cap-and-trade program)</u>	<u>Oil and Gas Extraction and Transmission</u>	<u>1.1</u>
<u>Recycling and Waste (landfill methane capture)</u>	<u>Recycling and Waste</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Total Reductions Counted Toward 2020 Target</u>		<u>174</u> 169

Source: California Air Resources Board 2008e.

Notes:

- (1) An emissions cap of 365 MMTCO₂e covering electricity, transportation, residential/commercial and industrial sources by 2020 is adopted as part of the California Cap-and-Trade Program Linked to Western Climate Initiative.
- (2) Regional Transportation-Related GHG Targets is an estimate of what may be achieved from local land use changes and is not the SB 375 regional target. The regional targets will be set separately.

Page 4.16-14 through 4.16-17. The discussion of the greenhouse gas emissions significance threshold is revised as follows:

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

AB 32 states, in part, that “Global warming poses a serious threat to the economic well-being, public health, natural resources, and the environment of California.” Because global warming is the result of GHG emissions, and GHGs are emitted by innumerable sources worldwide, global climate change is clearly a significant cumulative impact. However, the global increase in GHG emissions that has occurred and will occur in the future are the result of the actions and choices of individuals, businesses, local governments, states, and nations. Thus, the analysis below should be understood as an analysis of cumulative contributions to a significant global impact.

The Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) developed ~~is developing~~, and the California Resources Agency (Resources Agency) ~~will certify and~~ adopted amendments to the CEQA Guidelines ~~on or before January 1, 2010~~, pursuant to Senate Bill 97 (Dutton, 2007). These new CEQA Guidelines, which are scheduled to take effect march 18, 2010, ~~will~~ provide regulatory guidance on the analysis and mitigation of GHG emissions in CEQA documents. These guidelines specify that CEQA document should disclose the baseline GHG emissions, project GHG emissions, make a significance determination, and adopt mitigation where significant impacts are identified.

~~In the interim, OPR has released a technical advisory (*CEQA and Climate Change: Addressing Climate Change through California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review*, Office of Planning and Research, June 19, 2008). OPR offers informal guidance regarding the steps lead agencies should take to address climate change in their CEQA documents. This guidance was developed in cooperation with the Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA), and the CARB. The technical advisory provides the following guidance regarding significance determination:~~

- ~~■ “When assessing a project’s GHG emissions, lead agencies must describe the existing environmental conditions or setting, without the project, which normally constitutes the baseline physical conditions for determining whether a project’s impacts are significant.~~
- ~~■ As with any environmental impact, lead agencies must determine what constitutes a significant impact. In the absence of regulatory standards for GHG emissions or other scientific data to clearly define what constitutes a “significant impact”, individual lead agencies may undertake a project-by-project analysis, consistent with available guidance and current CEQA practice.~~
- ~~■ The potential effects of a project may be individually limited but cumulatively considerable. Lead agencies should not dismiss a proposed project’s direct and/or indirect climate change impacts without careful consideration, supported by substantial evidence. Documentation of available information and analysis should be provided for any project that may significantly contribute new GHG emissions, either individually or cumulatively, directly or indirectly (e.g., transportation impacts).~~
- ~~■ Although climate change is ultimately a cumulative impact, not every individual project that emits GHGs must necessarily be found to contribute to a significant cumulative impact on the environment. CEQA authorizes reliance on previously approved plans and mitigation programs that have adequately analyzed and~~

~~*mitigated GHG emissions to a less than significant level as a means to avoid or substantially reduce the cumulative impact of a project.”*~~

CEQA currently has no thresholds for GHG emissions. As described by the OPR ~~guidelines technical advisory~~, in absence of ~~established thresholds regulatory guidance or standards~~, lead agencies must undertake a project-by-project analysis, consistent with available guidance and current CEQA practice. What follows is Monterey County’s significance criteria framework for this EIR on the 2007 General Plan

Scientific studies (as best represented by the IPCC’s periodic reports) demonstrate that climate change is already occurring due to past GHG emissions. Forecasting of future growth and related GHG emissions under “business as usual (BAU)”¹ conditions indicates large increases in those GHG emissions accompanied by an increasing severity of changes in global climate. Thus, the best scientific evidence concludes that global emissions must be reduced below current levels.

On a state level, AB 32 identified that an acceptable level of GHG emissions in California 2020 is 427 million metric tons of CO₂e, which, according to the ARB AB-32 Scoping Plan (CARB 2008) is the same as 1990 GHG emissions level, is about ~~15%~~44% less than current ~~(480 million metric tons CO₂e in 2004)~~ GHG emissions, and is about 28% less than projected 2020 BAU conditions (596 million metric tons CO₂e). Further, CARB specifically recommended that local municipalities throughout California seek to lower their emissions by 15 percent compared to current levels (CARB 2008).

Thus, on a state level, if California can achieve these reductions, California as a whole will not contribute considerably to global GHG emissions. California’s emissions in 2020 will still make a cumulative contribution to global GHG emissions, but relative to current baseline emissions will be substantively reduced.

In order to achieve these GHG reductions, there will have to be widespread reductions of GHG emissions from sources in many various sectors across the California economy including in Monterey County. Some of those reductions will need to come from the existing sources of emissions in the form of changes in vehicle emissions and mileage, changes in the sources of electricity, and increases in energy efficiency by existing residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural development as well as other measures. While County action can help to promote GHG reductions from the existing economy, existing development is not under the discretionary land use authority of the County, and thus most of these reductions will come as the result of state and federal mandates. The remainder of the necessary GHG reductions will need to come from requiring new development to have a lower carbon intensity than BAU conditions. County land use discretion can substantially influence the GHG emissions from new development.

¹ “Business as usual” (BAU) conditions are defined as population and economic growth in the future using current (2008) building practices and current (2008) regulatory standards energy consumption averages. ~~For this EIR, reference to BAU conditions are specifically defined as including current mandatory requirements such as Title 24 (Energy Efficiency Standards), current federal vehicle mileage standards (but not California AB1493 vehicle emission standards which are not currently in force due to lack of issuance of a federal waiver), current renewable portfolio standards (RPS, SB 1078/SB107) for California regulated utilities, current County water efficiency requirements, and other existing local and state requirements.~~ BAU conditions presume no improvements in energy efficiency, water efficiency, fuel efficiency beyond that existing today ~~or as required by existing (2008) statute.~~ Specifically, BAU conditions do not include the GHG reduction measures included in the CARB ~~Draft~~ Scoping Plan (~~June~~December 2008) which are not yet fully enacted in statute.

In terms of determining whether GHG emissions in Monterey County will be cumulatively considerable, one has to evaluate whether Monterey County, is doing its part to ensure that California, as a whole, meets the AB 32 target. While there can and likely will be variation in how much reductions each city or county or region can realistically achieve by 2020, on the average, they must all be approximately ~~2830~~ percent compared to BAU conditions or 15 percent compared to current conditions.

Thus, the simplest measure of whether Monterey County emissions will contribute considerably to GHG emissions in 2020 is whether they are ~~1528~~ % less than ~~BAU~~ current conditions. If they are, Monterey County would not contribute considerably to state or global GHG emissions and related climate change effects. Put another way, if Monterey County emissions are greater than ~~8572% percent of BAU~~current GHG emissions, then the emissions of new development allowed by the 2007 GP (along with the ongoing emissions of existing development) would contribute considerably to state and global GHG emissions and related climate change effects.

Thus, for this EIR, the 2007 GP would result in a cumulatively considerable contribution to a significant cumulative impact if:

- GHG emissions associated with unincorporated Monterey County (including the GHG emissions of Monterey County government and the GHG emissions in unincorporated part of the County) are greater than ~~8572~~ percent of current ~~forecasted BAU~~ GHG emissions.

The 2007 GP requires preparation of a detailed current GHG inventory and GHG forecast for the County for 2020 within 24 months of GP adoption. As discussed below, the recommended goal for the GHG reduction plan required by Policy OS-10.11 is to reduce County GHG emissions by ~~1528~~% relative to current~~BAU~~ emissions in 2020.

For the interim, this EIR will rely on the estimate of GHG emissions prepared for this EIR for 2030, adjusted to the year 2020. As discussed below, based on current estimated ~~BAU~~ emissions, the 2007 GP will result in GHG emissions that exceed the significance criteria. Mitigation measures are included accordingly. As discussed above, in the next years the State will be adopting comprehensive regulations to reduce the GHG emissions from vehicles, industry, building, and other sources. These regulations are expected to play a major part in reaching the goal of reducing currently projected 2020 emissions levels by fifteen ~~twenty-eight~~ percent.

Page 4.16-18, under Impact of Development with Policies is revised as follows:

New GHG Emissions from transportation, ~~and~~ direct and indirect energy consumption from residential, commercial, and industrial growth, landfill emissions, offroad equipment, fugitive methane from natural gas pipelines, wineries/ancillary uses in the AWCP, the Coastal Water Project, and changes in carbon stock/sequestration were estimated for the 2030 Planning Horizon for development allowed by the 2007 General Plan and are shown in Table 4.16-3. ~~Emissions associated with land use change were not estimated for the reasons discussed below.~~

Transportation Emissions

New vehicle carbon dioxide emissions will result from new residential, commercial, industrial and public service development. The results of the EMFAC2007 modeling indicate that as of 2030, vehicular traffic within the Monterey County planning area with implementation of the 2007 General Plan (without consideration of City or adjacent County growth) would increase CO₂e emissions by 73,000 ~~136,000~~ metric tons in 2030. Taking into account the adopted AB 1493 standards for GHG emissions, there could be a reduction of 11% in the carbon dioxide emissions of light duty vehicles and therefore the increased emissions for 2030 would be 68,000 ~~126,000~~ metric tons instead of 73,000 ~~136,000~~ tons.

The AB-32 Draft Scoping Plan calls for implementation of AB 1493 standards (commonly called Pavley I) for GHG emissions and a more stringent enhancement named Pavley II, which would result in a reduction in GHG emissions from passenger vehicles of 20% by 2020. In addition, the Scoping Plan includes the implementation of a Low Carbon Fuel Standard that will reduce GHG emissions from passenger vehicles by 10%. The Pavley I and II efforts and Low Carbon Fuel Standard would result in an increase in GHG emissions of 49,522 ~~109,000~~ metric tons in 2030 instead of 73,000 ~~136,000~~ tons.

Page 4.16-19. Table 4.16-3 is replaced in full as follows:

Table 4.16-3. Monterey County Greenhouse Gas Increase in Emissions, 2020 and 2030

Source	GHG Emissions (MT CO ₂ e)	% of Total	Notes
<i>Business as Usual Conditions</i>			
Vehicle Emissions	73,093	27%	Based on growth in VMT (2030 factors)
Natural Gas Consumption	26,000	10%	Residential, commercial, and industrial consumption.
Electricity Consumption	24,935	9%	Residential, commercial, and industrial consumption.
Industrial processes	51,230	19%	Based on growth in industrial employment
Landfill Emissions	8,988	3%	Based on growth in population.
Offroad Equipment Use	49,899	18%	Based on OFFROAD model with apportionment.
Fugitive Methane from Nat. Gas Pipelines	1,483	1%	Based on growth in population.
AWCP Wineries and Ancillary Uses	5,327	2%	Building energy only (transportation included above). Assumes all built by 2030.
Coastal Water Project	2,890	0%	Apportioned emissions to County based on population served.
Annualized Stock/Sequestration Loss	26,046	10%	Includes loss in sequestration and average stock loss (2006 - 2030)
Total from New Development 2030	269,891	100%	
Total from New Development 2020	157,436		Scaled based on years (+14 years to 2020/+24 years to 2030)
Total from Existing Development	1,438,776		Assumed no change since 2006.
Total for 2020	1,596,212		
<i>Percent Change relative to 2006</i>		<i>11%</i>	
Total for 2030	1,708,667		

Source	GHG Emissions (MT CO ₂ e)	% of Total	Notes
<i>With AB 1493 vehicle emissions standards and SB 1078, SB 107 RPS requirement of 20% renewable energy</i>			
Vehicle Emissions	67,654	26%	Adjusted for Pavely 1
Natural Gas Consumption	26,000	10%	Not adjusted
Electricity Consumption	22,941	9%	Adjusted for SB 1078/SB 107 (8 percent)
Industrial processes	51,230	20%	Not adjusted for potential improvements in process efficiency.
Landfill Emissions	8,988	3%	Not adjusted for potential improvements in landfill capture.
Offroad Equipment Use	49,899	19%	Not adjusted for equipment efficiency improvement.
Fugitive Methane from Nat. Gas Pipelines	1,483	1%	Not adjusted
AWCP Wineries and Ancillary Uses	4,901	2%	Adjusted for SB 1078/SB 107 (8 percent)
Coastal Water Project	2,659	0%	Adjusted for SB 1078/SB 107 (8 percent)
Annualized Stock/Sequestration Loss	26,046	10%	Not adjusted
Total from New Development 2030	261,799	100%	
Total from New Development 2020	152,716		Scaled based on years (+14 years to 2020/+24 years to 2030)
Total from Existing Development	1,350,859		Assumes similar percentage reduction for existing development relative to BAU as estimated for new development (due to Pavely 1 and SB 1078/SB 107).
Total for 2020	1,503,575		
<i>Percent Change relative to 2006</i>		5%	
<i>Percent of 2020 BAU</i>		94%	
Total for 2030	1,612,658		

Source	GHG Emissions (MT CO ₂ e)	% of Total	Notes
<i>With Pavley II vehicle emissions standards, Governor's Low Carbon Fuel Standard and Draft Scoping Plan RPS goal of 33% renewable energy</i>			
Vehicle Emissions	49,522	22%	Adjusted for AB-32 measures (Pavley 1/2, LCFS, efficiency measures, and HD/MD measures) resulting in 26.8% reduction for transportation emissions
Natural Gas Consumption	23,530	10%	Adjusted for AB-32 measures (Title 24/ Other State Energy Efficiency Improvements) resulting in 9.5% reduction for natural gas sector
Electricity Consumption	15,485	7%	Adjusted for AB-32 measures (RPS goal of 33%, Title 24/Other State Energy Efficiency Improvements, million solar roofs) resulting in total of 32.5% reduction from electricity sector.
Industrial processes	51,230	22%	Not adjusted for potential improvements in process efficiency.
Landfill Emissions	7,819	3%	Adjusted for state measure on landfills (13%)
Offroad Equipment Use	46,306	20%	Adjusted for LCFS (7.2%)
Fugitive Methane from Nat. Gas Pipelines	1,483	1%	Not adjusted
AWCP Wineries and Ancillary Uses	3,899	2%	Adjusted for AB-32 electricity and natural gas measures (26.8%)
Coastal Water Project	2,448	1%	Adjusted for RPS (15.3%)
Annualized Stock/Sequestration Loss	26,046	11%	Not adjusted
Total from New Development 2030	227,769	100%	
Total from New Development 2020	132,865		Scaled based on years (+14 years to 2020/+24 years to 2030)
Total from Existing Development	1,188,613		Assumes similar percentage reduction for existing development relative to BAU as estimated for new development due to AB-32 measures
Total for 2020	1,321,478		
<i>Percent Change relative to 2006</i>		-8%	
<i>Percent of 2020 BAU</i>		83%	
Total for 2030	1,416,381		

Source: See the Technical Supporting Data at the end of this FEIR

Page 4.16-21, under Indirect Electricity GHG Emissions as follows:

New buildings allowed by the 2007 General Plan would also consume electricity. By 2030, residential and commercial development allowed by the 2007 General Plan would result in estimated increase in annual indirect GHG emissions of 25,000 metric tons related to electricity under BAU conditions.

Taking into account the adopted SB0178/SB107 RPS standards, there could be a reduction of 8% in the GHG emissions related to electricity production by PG&E and thus the increase in indirect GHG emissions would be reduced to 23,000 metric tons. The Scoping Plan calls for an increase in RPS standards to 33%, as well as the million solar roof initiative, and improvements in energy efficiency which would result in a reduction of 32.524% in the GHG emissions related to electricity production by PG&E and thus the increase in indirect GHG emissions would be reduced to 15,000 ~~20,000~~ metric tons.

Page 4.16-21 and 4.16-22 under Emissions Associated with Landfills is revised as follows:

Development allowed by the 2007 General Plan would result in increased generation of waste which would require disposal in a landfill, which would increase methane emissions.

Based on population data, there would be an increase of population in the unincorporated County by 27% by 2030 and by 9895% at buildout. Landfill emissions in 2006 were estimated as 33,000 metric tons of CO₂e. Thus increased GHG emissions by 2030 due to new growth are estimated to be 9,000 metric tons of CO₂e.

Off-Road Equipment Emissions

Off-Road equipment emissions were estimated using the CARB OFFROAD model and apportioned to the unincorporated County area and increased by approximately 57,000 metric tons CO₂e per year in 2030 compared to 2006. Offroad equipment for agriculture is included in this total

Page 4.16-22 under Agricultural Emissions is revised as follows:

Agricultural Emissions

~~Based on trends in agricultural employment (AMBAG 2004; AMBAG 2008), no net expansion in agricultural development is projected for 2030 or buildout as virtually no increase in agricultural employment is forecast by AMBAG to 2030 for the Monterey County in the most recent (2008) and the immediately prior (2004) economic forecasts. Thus, no estimate of additional agricultural emissions was made.~~

~~Traffic, electricity demand, and direct energy use for agricultural sector, including the new wineries is taking into account broadly in the calculation of vehicle emissions and of growth in electricity and direct energy use related emissions. Specific process emissions associated with new wineries were not estimated. Although emissions associated with wineries may rise compare to baseline, on a broad scale, with no increase in agricultural~~

~~employment overall, it is expected that overall, there will not be substantial changes on overall agricultural emissions.~~

On-Road Agricultural transportation emissions are included in the overall transportation emissions. Energy-related emissions associated with wineries and ancillary uses in the AWCP were specifically estimated for the new development allowed by the 2007 General Plan and total just over 5,000 metric tons CO₂e per year at 2030. Offroad equipment for agriculture is included in the total for offroad equipment.

Fugitive Methane from Natural Gas Pipelines

Fugitive methane emissions associated with natural gas pipelines serving unincorporated areas were estimated by applying a per capita emissions factor from the California inventory to the unincorporated population in 2030. The estimated increase in fugitive methane emissions is 1,500 metric tons CO₂e per year at 2030 compared to 2006.

Coastal Water Project

GHG emissions from the proposed Coastal Water Project were added to the inventory given that this project (or an equivalent desalination project) appears reasonably foreseeable to address current water deficits. An estimated 2,890 metric tons of CO₂e per year (CPUC 2009) were added to the forecast emissions at 2030

Page 4.16-22 under Emissions Associated with Land Use Changes is revised as follows:

Emissions Associated With Land Use Changes

Development allowed by the 2007 General Plan would result in the conversion of natural vegetation and agricultural lands that would result in the loss of carbon sinks. Although there are Given the uncertainties associated with estimated GHG fluxes associated with natural vegetation and agricultural lands, the potential loss of carbon sinks was ~~not~~ quantified, ~~but would nevertheless contribute GHG emissions along with other sources.~~ Using literature values for the carbon stock and carbon sequestration value for different broad land cover types, and the estimate changes in those land cover types to 2030, a rough approximation was made of the net change in GHG fluxes associated with natural vegetation and agricultural lands. Annualizing the one-time carbon stock losses due to conversions and adding the changes in annual sequestration, land use changes would result in a net increase of 26,000 metric tons of CO₂e per year. As discussed below a number of 2007 General Plan policies seek to limit the amount of natural land conversion due to urban growth.

Page 4.16-29, under Significance Determination. The second and third paragraph are revised as follows:

As shown above in Table 4.16-3, GHG emissions in Monterey County under BAU conditions would result in 2020 emissions that are ~~1140%~~ higher than current (2006) GHG emissions without consideration of currently adopted programs (AB 1493 and SB 1078/SB 107). With consideration of currently adopted programs, County GHG emissions would be ~~54% less~~ higher than current (2006) GHG emissions and would be an estimated ~~9594%~~ of BAU GHG emissions. This amount exceeds the significance threshold of ~~8572%~~ of ~~current~~ BAU GHG emissions.

Implementation of the GHG Reduction Plan by the County ~~could, in theory, would~~ reduce emissions to the significance threshold. However, preparation of the plan is at least 24 months in the future, and current policies do not provide a comprehensive framework for reducing GHG emissions in the County for discretionary development, and thus without the articulation of specific requirements for GHG reductions, the 2007 General Plan would result in a considerable contribution to cumulative GHG emissions and global climate change.

Page 4.16-30. Mitigation Measure CC-1a is revised as follows:

Mitigation Measure CC-1a: Modify Policy OS-10.11 regarding the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan

Revise Policy OS-10.11 as follows:

OS-10.11 Within 24 months of the adoption of the General Plan, Monterey County ~~shall~~will develop ~~and adopt~~ a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan with a target to reduce emissions by 2020 ~~by 28% relative to estimated "business as usual" 2020 emissions, to a level that is 15% less than 2005 emission levels.~~

At a minimum the Plan shall:

- a. establish an inventory of current (2006) GHG emissions in the County of Monterey including but not limited to residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural emissions;
- b. forecast GHG emission for 2020 for County operations;
- c. forecast GHG emissions for areas within the jurisdictional control of the County for "business as usual" conditions;
- d. identify methods to reduce GHG emissions;
- e. quantify the reductions in GHG emissions from the identified methods;
- f. requirements for monitoring and reporting of GHG emissions;
- g. establish a schedule of actions for implementation;
- h. identify funding sources for implementation; and
- i. identify a reduction goal for the 2030 Planning Horizon.

During preparation of the greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, the County shall also evaluate potential options for changes in County policies regarding land use and circulation as necessary to further achieve the 2020 and 2030 reduction goals and measures to promote urban forestry and public awareness concerning climate change.

Page 4.16-30. Mitigation Measure CC-2 is revised as follows:

Mitigation Measure CC-2: Add Policy OS-10.12: Adoption of a Green Building Ordinance

OS-10.12 Within 24 months of adoption of the General Plan, the County shall adopt a Green Building Ordinance to require green building practices and materials for new civic buildings and new private residential, commercial and industrial buildings that will

include, but are not limited to, the following technologies, strategies or their functional equivalent:

- All new County government projects and major renovations shall meet, at a minimum, LEED-Silver standards or an equivalent rating system
- All new commercial buildings shall meet requirements of ~~be certified under~~ the LEED rating system for commercial buildings or an equivalent rating system.
- All new residential projects of 6 units or more shall meet the Green Point Rating System for residential buildings, or an equivalent alternative rating system
- The county shall require consideration of solar building orientation, solar roofs, cool pavements, and planting of shade trees in development review of new commercial and industrial projects and new residential projects of 6 units or more.
- Prioritized parking within new commercial and retail areas for electric vehicles, hybrid vehicles and alternative fuel vehicles shall be provided for new commercial and institutional developments.
- New commercial and industrial projects greater than 25,000 square feet shall be required to provide on-site renewable energy generation as part of their development proposal. This requirement can be met through a solar roof or other means.

Page 4.16-31. Mitigation Measure CC-3 is revised to read:

CC-3: New Policy OS-10.13—Promote Alternative Energy Development

OS-10.13: The County shall use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to map and assess local renewable resources, the electric and gas transmission and distribution system, community growth areas anticipated to require new energy services, and other data useful to deployment of renewable technologies.

The County shall adopt an Alternative Energy Promotion ordinance that will:

- identify possible sites for production of energy using local renewable resources such as solar, wind, small hydro, and, biogas;
- consider the potential need for exemption from other General Plan policies concerning visual resources, ridgeline protection, biological resources;
- evaluate potential land use, environmental, economic, and other constraints affecting renewable energy development; and
- adopt measures to protect ~~both~~ renewable energy resources, such as utility easement, right-of-way, and land set-asides as well as visual and biological resources.

The County shall also complete the following:

- Evaluate the feasibility of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) for the County. CCA allows cities and counties, or groups of them, to aggregate the electric loads of customers within their jurisdictions for purposes of procuring electrical services. CCA allows the community to choose what resources will serve their loads and can significantly increase renewable energy.
- If CCA is ultimately not pursued, the County shall evaluate the feasibility of purchasing renewable energy certificates to reduce the County's contribution to GHG emissions related to County electricity use.

- The County shall develop a ministerial permit process for approval of small-scale wind and solar energy systems for on-site home, small commercial, and farm use.

Page 4.16-32. Mitigation Measure CC-4 is revised to read:

Mitigation Measure CC-4: New Policy PS-5.5 – Promote Recycling and Waste Reduction

PS-5.5 The County shall promote waste diversion and recycling and waste energy recovery as follows:

- The County shall adopt a 75% waste diversion goals
- The county shall support the extension of the types of recycling services offered (e.g. to include food and green waste recycling).
- The County shall support waste conversion and methane recovery in local land fills to generate electricity.
- The County shall support and require the installation of anaerobic digesters or equivalent technology for ~~winery facilities and~~ wastewater treatment facilities under County jurisdiction.

Page 4.16-32. Mitigation Measure CC-5 is revised to read:

Mitigation Measure CC-5: Adopt GHG Reduction Plan for County Operations

Within 12 months of adoption of the General Plan, the County shall quantify the current and projected (2020) GHG emissions associated with County operations and adopt a GHG Reduction Plan for County Operations. The goal of the plan shall be to reduce GHG emissions associated with County operations by at least 28% relative to BAU 2020 conditions.

Potential elements of the County Operations GHG Reduction Plan shall include, but are not limited to, the following measures or their technological or functional equivalent: an energy tracking and management system; energy-efficient lighting; lights-out-at-night policy; occupancy sensors; heating; cooling and ventilation system retrofits; ENERGY STAR appliances; green or reflective roofing; improved water pumping energy efficiency; central irrigation control systems; energy-efficient vending machines; preference for recycled materials in purchasing; use of low or zero-emission vehicles and equipment and recycling of construction materials in new county construction; conversion of fleets(as feasible) to electric and hybrid vehicles; and solar roofs.

Page 4.16-33, Significance Conclusion. The second paragraph is revised to read:

As shown above in Table 4.16-3, with consideration of currently adopted programs, County GHG emissions would be ~~52%~~ higher than current (2006) GHG emissions and would be an estimated ~~943%~~ of BAU GHG emissions. This amount exceeds the significance threshold of ~~8572%~~ of current BAU GHG emissions. The GHG reductions associated with full implementation of 2007 General Plan policies and the proposed mitigation have not been quantified but will be quantified during the GHG reduction planning required by Policy OS-10.11. ~~and recommended mitigation,~~

Page 4.16-34, Transportation Emissions is revised to read:

The results of the modeling indicate that at buildout (assumed to be 2092), under BAU conditions, vehicular traffic in the Monterey County planning area would result in increased CO₂e emissions related to increased VMT would be 331,000 ~~400,000~~ metric tons at buildout.

Taking into account the proposed Pavley II standards, vehicle efficiency measures and the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, there could be a reduction of 27~~30~~% in the carbon dioxide emissions of passenger vehicles compared to BAU. If Pavley II and the Low Carbon Fuel Standard are implemented as part of the ARB Draft Scoping Plan, the increased emissions would be 243,000 ~~320,000~~ metric tons compared to 331,000 ~~400,000~~ metric tons under BAU conditions.

Page 4.16-34, Direct Energy Consumption Emissions is revised to read:

New buildings would consume natural gas for heating, cooking, and other processes and other area sources. At buildout, residential, commercial and industrial development allowed by the 2007 General Plan would result in estimated new annual carbon dioxide emissions of 952,000 metric tons.

Page 4.16-35. Table 4.16-4 is replaced in full as follows:

Table 4.16-4. Monterey County Greenhouse Gas Increase in Emissions, Buildout

Source	GHG Emissions (MT CO ₂ e)	% of Total	Notes
<i>Business as Usual Conditions</i>			
Vehicle Emissions	331,419	34%	Based on growth in VMT (2040 factors)
Natural Gas Consumption	95,289	10%	Residential, commercial, and industrial consumption.
Electricity Consumption	91,040	9%	Residential, commercial, and industrial consumption.
Industrial processes	194,226	20%	Based on growth in industrial employment
Landfill Emissions	32,242	3%	Based on growth in population.
Offroad Equipment Use	178,805	18%	Scaled from 2030 estimate based on growth in population
Fugitive Methane from Nat. Gas Pipelines	5,321	1%	Based on growth in population.
AWCP Wineries and Ancillary Uses	5,327	1%	
Coastal Water Project	2,890	0%	
Annualized Stock/Sequestration Loss	31,882	3%	Includes loss in sequestration and average stock loss (2006 - 2092)
Total from New Development	968,441	100%	
Total from Existing Development	1,438,776		Assumed no change since 2006.
Total	2,407,217		
<i>Percent Change relative to 2006</i>		<i>67%</i>	

Source	GHG Emissions (MT CO ₂ e)	% of Total	Notes
<i>With Pavley II vehicle emissions standards, Governor's Low Carbon Fuel Standard and Draft Scoping Plan RPS goal of 33% renewable energy</i>			
Vehicle Emissions	242,599	30%	Adjusted for AB-32 measures (Pavley 1/2, LCFS, efficiency measures, and HD/MD measures) resulting in 26.8% reduction for transportation emissions
Natural Gas Consumption	86,237	10%	Adjusted for AB-32 measures (Title 24/ Other State Energy Efficiency Improvements) resulting in 9.5% reduction for natural gas sector
Electricity Consumption	61,452	7%	Adjusted for AB-32 measures (RPS goal of 33%, Title 24/Other State Energy Efficiency Improvements, million solar roofs) resulting in total of 32.5% reduction from electricity sector.
Industrial processes	194,226	24%	Not adjusted for potential improvements in process efficiency.
Landfill Emissions	28,051	3%	Adjusted for state measure on landfills (13%)
Offroad Equipment Use	165,931	20%	Adjusted for LCFS (7.2%)
Fugitive Methane from Nat. Gas Pipelines	5,321	1%	Not adjusted
AWCP Wineries and Ancillary Uses	3,899	0%	Adjusted for AB-32 electricity and natural gas measures (26.8%)
Coastal Water Project	2,448	0%	Adjusted for RPS (15.3%)
Annualized Stock/Sequestration Loss	31,882	4%	Not adjusted
Total from New Development	822,045	100%	
Total from Existing Development	1,194,030		Assumes similar percentage reduction for existing development relative to BAU as estimated for new development for Pavely 2, LCFS and RPS goal of 33%.
Total	2,016,075		
<i>Percent Change relative to 2006</i>		<i>40%</i>	

Source: See the Technical Supporting Data at the end of this FEIR

Page 4.16-36, Indirect Electricity GHG Emissions, is revised as follows:

New buildings would also consume electricity. At buildout, residential, commercial and industrial development allowed by the 2007 General Plan would result in estimated increase in annual indirect GHG emissions of 9189,000 metric tons related to electricity under BAU conditions.

Taking into account the proposed 33% RPS standard, the million solar roof program and energy efficiency measures in the AB 32 ~~Draft~~ Scoping Plan, there could be a reduction of 32.524 % in the GHG emissions related to electricity production by PG&E and thus the indirect GHG emissions increase would be further reduced to 671,000 metric tons. It is likely that the carbon intensity of electricity generation 80 years in the future will be far lower than that resultant from full implementation of the AB 32 Scoping Plan 33% RPS standard.

Page 4.16-36, Industrial Emissions, is revised as follows:

Based on employment data, there would be an increase of industrial employment by 96% at buildout. Industrial process emissions in 2006 were estimated as 201,000 metric tons of CO₂e. Thus increased GHG emissions at buildout due to new growth are estimated to be 194,000 metric tons of CO₂e. A number of the proposed measures in the AB 32 Draft Scoping Plan would help to reduce industrial GHG emissions but the potential amount of reduction has not been estimated.

Off-Road Equipment Emissions

Off-Road equipment emissions were estimated using the CARB OFFROAD model and apportioned to the unincorporated County area and increase by approximately 179,000 metric tons CO₂e per year at buildout compared to 2006. Offroad equipment for agriculture is included in this total

Page 4.16-36, Agricultural Emissions, is revised as follows:

While economic forecasting of agricultural employment was available for the 2030 planning horizon, the amount of expansion or contraction of the agricultural economy over 80 years in the future is unknown. Further, there are substantive uncertainties in estimating GHG emissions associated with diverse agricultural practices and crops. ~~Thus, no estimate of GHG emissions associated with potential agricultural expansion at buildout was prepared.~~ As noted above, agricultural transportation emissions are included in the overall transportation emissions. Energy-related emissions associated with wineries and ancillary uses in the AWCP were specifically estimated for the new development allowed by the 2007 General Plan and assumed to occur by 2030 (~5,000 metric tons of CO₂e). Offroad equipment for agriculture is also included in the emissions estimate and totals approximately 96,000 metric tons (an increase of just over 24,000 metric tons of CO₂e), and is included in the total for offroad equipment.

Fugitive Methane from Natural Gas Pipelines

Fugitive methane emissions associated with natural gas pipelines serving unincorporated areas were estimated by applying a per capita emissions factor from the California inventory to the unincorporated population. The estimated increase in fugitive methane emissions is 5,300 metric tons CO₂e per year compared to 2006.

Coastal Water Project

GHG emissions from the proposed Coastal Water Project were added to the inventory given that this project (or an equivalent desalination project) appears reasonably foreseeable to address current water deficits. An estimated 2,890 metric tons of CO₂e per year (CPUC 2009) were added to the forecast emissions.

Page 4.16-36, Emissions Associated with Land Use Changes, is revised as follows:

Development allowed by the 2007 General Plan through buildout would result in the conversion of natural vegetation and agricultural lands that would result in the loss of carbon sinks. Although there are ~~Given the~~ uncertainties associated with estimated GHG fluxes associated with natural vegetation and agricultural lands, the potential loss of carbon sinks was not quantified, but would nevertheless contribute GHG emissions along with other sources. Using literature values for the carbon stock and carbon sequestration value for different broad land cover types, and the estimate changes in those land cover types to buildout, a rough approximation was made of the net change in GHG fluxes associated with natural vegetation and agricultural lands. Annualizing the one-time carbon stock losses due to conversions and adding the changes in annual sequestration, land use changes would result in a net reduction of 32,000 metric tons of CO₂e per year. As discussed below a number of 2007 General Plan policies seek to limit the amount of natural land conversion due to urban growth.

Page 4.16-37, Emissions Associated With Waste Processing, is revised as follows:

Development allowed by the 2007 General Plan would result in increased generation of waste which would require disposal in a landfill, which would increase methane emissions.

Based on population data, there would be an increase of population in the unincorporated County by 9895% at buildout. Landfill emissions in 2006 were estimated as 33,000 metric tons of CO₂e. Thus increased GHG emissions by buildout due to new growth are estimated to be 324,000 metric tons of CO₂e.

Given the current and planned implementation of landfill gas capture and use of waste to energy technology in the future, future waste disposal may not contribute substantial amounts of methane. However, until full capture and reuse of landfill gas is achieved, there will be increased emissions associated with additional waste disposal.

Page 4.16-39, first paragraph under Sea Level Rise. Revise the second sentence, as follows:

Under the higher warming scenario, sea level is anticipated to rise ~~22 to 35~~ 39 to 55 inches by 2100.

Section 5, “Alternatives to the 2007 General Plan”

Page 5-3. Revise the first full paragraph as follows.

The estimates of new residential development to 2030 under the various alternatives are based on two sources. The 1982 General Plan, GPI, and GPU 4 alternatives’ estimates reflect the February 2007 report prepared by Bay Area Economics comparing the effects of those three alternatives in anticipation of placing the GPI on the countywide ballot. The GPU3 estimate is derived from applying the historic residential growth rate (based on AMBAG forecasts) to the available land under that alternative. The TOD estimate is, by the nature of the alternative, the same as the 2007 General Plan. The estimates of residential development presented in Tables 5-1 through 5-5 have been revised since the release of the DEIR to reflect anticipated growth between 2000 and 2030. This provides a simpler comparison between the alternatives and the proposed 2007 General Plan. The comparative impact analyses in Section 5 have been updated to reflect those changes.

Page 5-7, under 5.3.1.1 Development Comparison. Revise Table 5-1 as follows.

Table 5-1. Comparison: No Project Alternative and Proposed Project to 2030

Category	Existing 1982 General Plan	2007 General Plan	Difference* (No Project vs. 2007 General Plan)
Residential	13,570 dwelling units	13,420 dwelling units	130 more dwelling units

* Difference in projected new dwelling units is based on the difference between the estimated housing units within the unincorporated County from ~~2000~~2005 to 2030 for the No Project Alternative and from ~~2000~~2006 to 2030 for the 2007 General Plan.

Source: Bay Area Economics. 2007. *Analysis of Monterey County General Plans and Quality of Life Initiative*. February; Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (2004).

Page 5-13, under 5.3.2.9 Biological Resources. Revise the second paragraph as follows.

In comparison, the proposed 2007 General Plan would not substantially increase the rate of conversion of grazing land to more intensive agricultural uses. ~~however, the 1982 General Plan Area Plans have more restrictive~~As modified, the policy policies regarding the conversion of land on steep slopes is more restrictive than that of the 1982 Plan because it prohibits development and conversion of uncultivated land on slopes in excess of 25%, except under special circumstances (as compared to 30% for the 1982 Plan). Additional policies are proposed in the 2007 General Plan to inventory natural habitats, avoid state and federally listed wildlife species, including designated federal critical habitat, and evaluate and mitigate impacts on special status species or their critical habitat that are not included in the 1982 General Plan. The 2007 General Plan also contains a policy committing the County to develop and implement a future program for mitigating the loss of critical habitat as a result of new projects. Mitigation of losses would also be required under state and federal law. The 1982 General Plan and 2007 General Plan would be somewhat comparable on balance with respect to impacts on biological resources; however, with the imposition of the mitigation measures proposed in this EIR with respect to special status species, kit fox habitat mitigation, stream setbacks, oak woodland protection and raptor protection, the 1982 General Plan would have greater impacts to biological resources than the 2007 General Plan.

Page 5-14, under 5.3.2.11 Public Services and Utilities. Revise the first paragraph as follows.

Implementation of the existing 1982 General Plan would result in ~~significant adverse~~ impacts from new or expanded fire protection, sheriff’s protection, schools, libraries, medical facilities, wastewater, and solid waste facilities. The extent of these impacts would depend upon the facilities. The 1982 General Plan does not provide for concentrating new development within the unincorporated County within Community Areas and Rural Centers. If desired levels of services were to be maintained, more facilities, albeit smaller, might be required than under the proposed 2007 General Plan. A greater number of small facilities is less cost-effective than centralized services and, for that reason, may not be practical. Domestic water supplies are limited in several areas of the County, including the Monterey Peninsula and Pajaro area. The 1982 General Plan includes policies encouraging coordination among water service providers to assure that groundwater is not overdrafted, prohibiting water-consuming development in areas that do not have proven adequate water supplies, and requiring new development to connect to existing water suppliers, where feasible. The 1982 General Plan has not been effective in avoiding this significant effect.

Page 5-15, under 5.3.2.12 Parks and Recreation. Revise the second paragraph as follows.

By comparison, the 2007 General Plan includes additional policies, including the establishment of Adequate Public Facilities and Service standards, that will be used to obtain park and recreation facilities along with residential subdivisions and require that Community Area Plans identify adequate park and recreation facility sites. These standards do not, however, establish a specific level of service for parks and recreation facilities as mandated under the Quimby Act (Government Code Section 66477), which weakens their effectiveness. The potential adverse impacts on parks and recreation from the 1982 General Plan would be the same as those of the 2007 General Plan. However, Mitigation Measure PAR-1 in this EIR would require the County to enact a general policy establishing a ratio of parks and recreation land for acreage to population. This would strengthen the ability of the County to continue to exact parks and recreation facilities from subdivision projects and make the impacts of the 2007 General Plan less ~~1982 General Plan greater than those of the project 1982 General Plan.~~

Page 5-18, under 5.4.1.1 Development Comparison. Revise the first paragraph and Table 5-3 as follows.

A comparison of development potential between GPU3 and the 2007 General Plan during the 2030 planning horizon is provided in Table 5-2. In comparison to projected growth under the 2007 General Plan during the planning horizon, implementation of GPU3 would result in 255 more~~3,650 fewer~~ new dwelling units.

Table 5-2. Comparison: GPU3 and Proposed Project (2030)

Category	GPU3	2007 General Plan	Difference* (GPU3 vs. 2007 General Plan)
Residential	13,675 dwelling units	<u>13,420</u> 10,015 dwelling units	<u>255</u> 3,650 more dwelling units

*Difference in projected dwelling units is based on the difference between the estimated housing units within the unincorporated County from 2000-2005 to 2030 for GPU3 and from 2000-2006 to 2030 for the 2007 General Plan.
 Source: Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (2004).

Page 5-19, under 5.4.2 Land Use. Revise the fourth paragraph as follows.

Overall, GPU3 envisions ~~substantially~~ more growth than the 2007 General Plan and proposes to accommodate it through a variety of approaches. In terms of development potential, GPU3 would accommodate ~~2553,650~~ more new dwelling units than the 2007 General Plan. While GPU3 does contain a rigorous annexation policy that would address city-county land use conflicts, this would not fully address the land use conflicts created in the unincorporated county because of the number of Rural Communities established. In addition, GPU3-proposed amendments to the coastal zone land use plans have the potential to create land use conflicts with the Local Coastal Program. Therefore, GPU3 would have greater impacts on land use than would the 2007 General Plan.

Page 5-22, under 5.4.2.7 Air Quality. Revise the second paragraph as follows.

GPU3 would allow an estimated ~~2553,650~~ more new dwelling units by 2030 than are proposed under the 2007 General Plan. As a result, there would be less traffic congestion once roadways attained LOS C, but potential air quality impacts related to vehicular sources of emission would likely be slightly greater than what would occur under implementation of the 2007 General Plan as a result of more automobiles and presumably more vehicle miles travelled under GPU3. The potential adverse impacts on air quality from GPU3 would be slightly greater than those of the 2007 General Plan, but the difference would be so small that the impacts would be practically the same.

Page 5-22, under 5.4.2.8 Noise. Revise the first sentence in the third paragraph as follows.

GPU3 would allow for ~~2553,650~~ more dwelling units by 2030 than the 2007 General Plan.

Page 5-25, under 5.4.2.14 Aesthetics, Light, and Glare. Revise the paragraph as follows.

Implementation of GPU3 would have significant impacts on scenic vistas, scenic highways, visual character, and light and glare because of the more intense land uses envisioned under this alternative compared to the existing setting. By comparison, the 2007 General Plan would have similarly significant impacts, albeit over a smaller developable area with fewer Rural Centers. ~~Accordingly~~Because GPU3 would result in a more extensive distribution of residential development, potential impacts on aesthetics, light, and glare would be greater under GPU3 than under the 2007 General Plan.

Page 5-25, under 5.4.3 Conclusion. Revise the first paragraph as follows.

The GPU3 Alternative would be the most growth accommodating option of the alternatives, in terms of the number of development nodes, with eight Community Areas and 18 Rural Centers; more so than the 2007 General Plan. GPU3 has greater impacts on land use, agricultural resources, geology and soils, ~~transportation, air quality,~~ noise, hazardous materials, aesthetics, and population and housing than the 2007 General Plan. It has similar impacts on water resources, air quality, minerals, biological resources, cultural resources, public services, and parks and recreation. This alternative would ~~not~~ reduce ~~any of the~~ transportation impacts identified for the 2007 General Plan.

Page 5-27, under 5.5.1.1 Development Comparison. Revise the first paragraph and Table 5-3 as follows.

A comparison of development potential between GPI and the 2007 General Plan over the 2030 planning horizon is provided in Table 5-3. Development under the GPI would result in approximately ~~5535,904~~ more dwelling units than the proposed 2007 General Plan.

Table 5-3. Comparison: GPI and Proposed Project to 2030

Category	GPI	2007 General Plan	Difference (GPI vs. 2007 General Plan)
Residential	13,973 dwelling units	13,420 10,015 dwelling units*	5535,904 dwelling units

*Difference in projected dwelling units is based on the difference between the estimated housing units within the unincorporated County from ~~2000~~2005 to 2030 for GPU3 and from ~~2000~~2006 to 2030 for the 2007 General Plan. Source: Bay Area Economics. 2007. *Analysis of Monterey County General Plans and Quality of Life Initiative*. February

Page 5-29, under 5.5.1.4 Water Resources. Revise the second paragraph as follows.

All of these are significant problems that would also result from development under the 2007 General Plan. While the potential effects of the GPI would be less than those of the 2007 General Plan by virtue of the greater compactness of the urban development contemplated, the GPI lacks many of the comprehensive water resource goals and policies contained in the 2007 General Plan. ~~Moreover, there is greater~~ However, the total development under GPI to the year 2030 than for GP 2007 is similar to that of GPU5, but with significant reliance of providing housing on lots of record throughout the unincorporated area. This would result in greater similar impacts to water resources overall although it could be offset by the greater intensity of growth in the few community areas and cities. Taking these factors into consideration, development to the 2030 planning horizon under the GPI would have a slightly greater largely the same impact on water resources than would as the 2007 General Plan.

Page 5-32, under 5.5.1.10, Biological Resources. Revise the first paragraph as follows.

The GPI retains and strengthens the vegetation and wildlife policies contained in the existing 1982 General Plan. The key policies from the GPI’s Conservation Element protecting biological resources are the following:

- Policy #22 provides, in part, that “Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) and the wildlife they support shall be protected against any significant disruption of habitat values and only uses dependent on those resources shall be allowed within SEAs.” SEAs are defined in the GPI to include “[a]ny area in which plant or animal life and their habitats are either rare or especially valuable because of their special nature or role in an ecosystem and which could easily be disturbed or degraded by human activities and developments.” The definition lists 29 categories of habitats that are considered SEAs.
- Policy #23 states that, with limited exceptions, “no grading, filling, land clearance or land disturbance, use of a toxic material, timber harvesting, land subdivision, or any other development or construction activity shall take place within any Significant Ecological Area (SEA).” Policy #23 makes an exception where “to prohibit such

activity would make an existing parcel unusable,” and would require consideration of a use permit in any such situation.

- Policy #24 would require all new development, “even when not itself located in a Significant Ecological Area,” to avoid impacts to SEAs. The Policy provides minimum setback requirements from selected SEAs.

The GPI alternative would appear to have stringent protections for biological resources. However, these GPI policies are so restrictive as to be unfeasible to implement. Under Policy #22, uses within the SEAs would be limited to activities that are resource dependent and that do not adversely affect the SEAs. Policy #23 does not provide an adequate exception to this policy because: (1) it would prohibit grant of a use permit when the project could not reduce the impact on an SEA below the level of significance, and (2) it would require meeting all federal and state permits before a County permit could be approved. By establishing a broad definition of SEA, arguably any project that would eliminate habitat or encroach on an SEA could not be mitigated below a level of significance. Consideration of federal and state permits is dependent upon the prior approval of a local permit, which creates a “Catch-22” for development permits. The County is the lead agency for permits under its jurisdiction, such as a use permit, and federal and state regulators will not act on the federal and state approvals necessary to the project until the County has granted approval. Therefore, a project cannot demonstrate that it has met “all applicable federal and state regulations,” and, the County permit cannot be approved.

Policies #22 and #23 would prevent the County from providing sufficient development opportunities to meet the RHNA numbers established for the County’s Housing Element and, as a result, the County would not be able to comply with Housing Element Law. The current AMBAG-assigned RHNA number for the unincorporated County is 1,554 units for the 2009-2014 housing element cycle. This number cannot be reached by essentially halting all residential development outside of the five Community Areas identified in the GPI.

Policy #24 will require substantial minimum setbacks from selected SEAs, including 300 feet from the top of the bank of perennial streams and rivers. This will apply to projects that are not otherwise within SEAs and no provision is made for exceptions to this rule. As a result, there will be properties that cannot be developed due to their proximity to SEAs.

Implementation of these policies would leave the County vulnerable to claims of “regulatory takings” under the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. A takings occurs when a regulation eliminates all economic use of the property. In order to avoid a takings claim, the County would be obligated to pay or otherwise provide the property owner just compensation for the affected land.

Implementation of ~~Compliance with~~ these policies would be infeasible, resulting in development with significant impacts on sensitive habitats, wetlands, riparian areas, wildlife movement, and tree preservation. Conversion of grazing lands, which provide wildlife habitat, to intensive agricultural cultivation, which provides little habitat value, would continue in the flatter portions of the County. However, the GPI would prohibit new agricultural cultivation on slopes over 15%. This would also act to limit the conversion of hilly grazing land to agricultural use, thereby reducing impacts on wildlife in those areas. Additionally, the GPI policies concentrate new development in the cities and the Community Areas, thereby minimizing the conversion of habitat by urban uses. Conversion on lots of record would potentially be greater, however.

Page 5-33, under 5.5.1.11, Cultural Resources. Revise the second paragraph as follows.

The proposed policies of the 2007 General Plan, by comparison, are more protective of these resources than are the provisions of the GPI. In addition, the GPI results in the development of 553 more housing units by the year 2030 than would GPU5. Therefore, with less protective policies and a slightly greater potential for development, the GPI would have greater impacts on cultural resources as the 2007 General Plan.

Page 5-39. Revise the sixth bullet on this page as follows.

- The proposed 2007 General Plan, as revised, would prohibit development on slopes greater than 25%30%, with limited exceptions. Rather than a grading permit for agricultural conversion on slopes exceeding 25%, as in GPU4, the 2007 General Plan would require approval of a discretionary permit on slopes from 15% to 25% and over 25% with additional restrictionsthe County to develop an Agricultural Permit process. The 2007 General Plan requires approval of a management plan addressing resource issuesets out a list of criteria (i.e., soils, erosion potential and control, water demand and availability, proposed methods of water conservation and water quality protection, and protection of important vegetation and wildlife habitats water quality and supply, biological resources, cultural resources, erosion control, drainage, and flood hazards) as part of the discretionary permitthat would be weighed to establish whether the agricultural permit might be ministerial.

Page 5-40, under 5.6.1.2 Development Comparison. Revise Table 5-4 as follows.

Table 5-4. Comparison: GPU4 and Proposed Project (2030)

Category	GPU 4	2007 General Plan	Difference (GPU4 vs. 2007 General Plan)
Residential	16,900 dwelling units	<u>13,420</u> 10,015 dwelling units*	<u>3,480</u> 8,828 more dwelling units

*Difference in projected dwelling units is based on the difference between the estimated housing units within the unincorporated County from 20002005 to 2030 for GPU3 and from 20002006 to 2030 for the 2007 General Plan.

** Employment is based on the same time periods.

Sources: Bay Area Economics. 2007 *Analysis of Monterey County General Plans and Quality of Life Initiative*. February; AMBAG 2004.

Page 5-45. Revise the first paragraph as follows.

Additionally, GPU4 would allow more development on steeper slopes without permits than would the 2007 General Plan, since GPU5~~2007~~ includes a provision governing restricting development on slopes over 25% through discretionary permits 30% unless there are no other feasible alternatives. Also, the DES under GPU4 would allow approval of projects with environmental impacts whereas the “pass-fail” aspect of the DES under the 2007 General Plan would encourage denial of such projects. Therefore, potential adverse impacts on geology, soils, and seismicity from GPU4 would be greater than those of the 2007 General Plan, but would still be less than significant.

Page 5-53, under 5.7.2 Development Comparison. Revise Table 5-5 as follows.

Table 5-5. Comparison: TOD Alternative and Proposed Project (2030)

Category	TOD Alternative	2007 General Plan	Difference (TOD vs. 2007 General Plan)
Residential Target housing in Transit Nodes and Corridors (30%)	13,420 21,666 dwelling units 4,026 6,500 dwelling units	13,420 21,666 dwelling units	0 dwelling units

Page 5-59, under 5.8 Environmentally Superior Alternative. Revise Table 5-6 as follows.

Table 5-6. Summary of 2007 General Plan Alternatives.

Topical Area	2007 General Plan	No Project	GPU3	GPI	GPU4	TOD Alternative
Land Use	Significant	Greater	Greater	Less	Same	Greater
Agriculture Resources	Significant	Greater	Greater	Greater	Greater	Less
Water Resources	Significant	Greater	Same	Greater Same	Same	Less
Geology, Soils, and Seismicity	Less Than Significant	Greater	Greater	Less	Greater	Same
Mineral Resources	Less Than Significant	Same	Same	Same	Same	Same
Transportation	Significant	Greater	Greater Less	Less	Greater	Less
Air Quality	Significant	Greater	Greater Same	Less	Greater	Less
<u>Greenhouse Gas</u> ¹	<u>Less Than Significant</u>	<u>Greater</u>	<u>Greater</u>	<u>Greater</u> ²	<u>Greater</u>	<u>Same</u>
Noise	<u>Less Than Significant</u> ³	Greater	Greater	Same	Greater	Greater
Biological Resources	Significant	Greater	Same	Greater	Greater	Less
Cultural Resources	Less Than Significant	Greater	Same	Greater	Same	Less
Public Services and Utilities	Less Than Significant	Greater	Same	Same Less ⁴	Greater	Less
Parks and Recreation	Significant	Greater	Same	Less	Greater	Same
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Less Than Significant	Greater	Greater	Greater	Same	Less
Aesthetics, Light, and Glare	Significant	Greater	Greater	Less	Greater	Same
Population and Housing	Significant	Same	Greater	Same	Greater	Same

Notes:

1. The 2007 General Plan and the TOD Alternative would include specific requirements for preparation and adoption of a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan that will require specific actions to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020. None of the other alternatives include that feature.
2. The GPI alternative will have lesser traffic and air quality impacts than the 2007 General Plan. However, it does not contain a requirement for a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan and will not undertake a comprehensive program to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020. Therefore, it will not meet standards for avoiding a cumulatively considerable contribution to climate change.
3. The DEIR incorrectly listed the noise impact of the 2007 General Plan as “Significant.” That has been corrected in the FEIR.
4. This table incorrectly listed the impact of the GPI as the same as the 2007 General Plan. This change is made to match the text of Section 5.

Section 6, “Other CEQA Required Sections”

Page 6-14, before 6.4.3.4 Transportation. Insert the following.

Flood Hazard

As discussed in the significance determinations under Impacts WR-11 and WR-12, there are existing flood hazards within Monterey County. These comprise a significant cumulative effect. As discussed under Impacts WR-11 and WR-12, existing County floodplain regulations (Monterey County Code, Chapter 16.16, as amended October 6, 2009), as well as specific policies under the Safety Element, the Public Services Element, and the Area Plans, will avoid contributions to flood hazard as a result of the 2007 General Plan. Therefore, the 2007 General Plan will not make a considerable contribution to the existing cumulative effect.

Page 6-36. Revise the Air Quality portion of Table 6-2 as follows.

Table 6-2. Significant and Unavoidable Impact Table

Issues/Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Level of Significant after Mitigation
4.7 Air Quality		
Impact AQ 1: Buildout of the 2007 General Plan would conflict with applicable Air Quality Management Plans and Standards.		
Impact AQ-3: Net Change in Ozone Precursor (ROG and NOx) and Particulate Matter.	<p>2030 and 2092 Mitigation</p> <p>CC-2 and CC-3. See these measures under Climate Change, below.</p> <p>AQ-3: Implement MBUAPCD Mitigation Measures for Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Land Uses</p> <p>AQ-4: Implement MBUAPCD Mitigation Measures for Residential Land Uses</p> <p>AQ-5: Implement MBUAPCD Mitigation Measures for Alternative Fuels</p>	<p>2030 –Significant Unavoidable Impact.</p> <p>Buildout – Significant Unavoidable Impact.</p>

Section 11, “References”

See Chapter 6 of the FEIR.

DEIR Appendix B, “Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Forecast Methodology”

Page B-1, GHG Inventory Methodology. Insert the following at the end of the first paragraph:

The results of the inventory are included in tables in the Technical Supporting Data section.

Page B-1, Vehicle Emissions. Revise as follows:

Emissions from on-road vehicle use, including heavy duty trucks and buses were quantified using average annual vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for the unincorporated areas of Monterey County. VMT data for 2006 was obtained from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) 2006 public road data (California Department of Transportation 2007) for unincorporated County roads and state highways. Modeled average traffic speeds were calculated based on daily VMT and daily vehicle hours of travel data provided by Kimley-Horn Associates (Kimley-Horn 2008). The ARB emission factor model (EMFAC2007 Version 2.3, hereafter referred to as EMFAC, CARB 2007a) was used to estimate CO₂ and CH₄ emissions from vehicle activity in the unincorporated areas of Monterey County for 2006. Default vehicle fleet profile for Monterey County was used in calculating GHG emissions. The temperature and relative humidity selected for modeling were 60°F and 30% respectively. All of the miles on the County roads were included and 25% of the miles on state highways (based on unincorporated County having 25% of the population of the County as a whole).

Page B-1, Table B-1. Revise as follows:

Table B-1. 2006 Electricity and Natural Gas Consumption

Fuel Type	Annual Consumption ¹
Electricity	1,008,090,911 kWh
Natural Gas	35,869,687 therms

¹ Source: Bruso-Forney pers. comm.

Page B-2, first paragraph. Revise as follows:

Since PG&E is a member of the California Climate Action Registry, an area-specific carbon dioxide emissions factor of 456 pounds per megawatt hours (lbs/MWh) was available (Bruso pers. comm.). California Climate Action Registry emission factors for CH₄ and N₂O from electricity consumption were used to estimate emissions of CH₄ and N₂O from electricity consumption (California Climate Action Registry 20092008). Natural gas combustion GHG emission factors for residential, commercial and industrial natural gas combustion were obtained from The California Climate Action Registry general reporting protocol (The California Climate Action Registry 20092008).

Page B-3, before Agricultural Equipment Fuel Use. Make the following additions before the Agricultural Equipment Fuel Use:

Off-Road Equipment Emissions

Offroad equipment emissions were estimated using the CARB OFFROAD model (CARB 2007b) for the year 2006 and apportioned to the unincorporated County area based on assumptions shown in the Technical Supporting Data (in the FEIR). All agricultural, airport ground support, construction, mining, and entertainment offroad equipment emissions were apportioned to the unincorporated area. Emissions from industrial equipment, lawn and garden equipment, light commercial, and recreational equipment were apportioned on a per capita basis.

Fugitive Methane Emissions from Natural Gas Pipelines

Fugitive methane emissions from natural gas pipelines were estimated by identifying the per capita fugitive gas emissions for the state and then apportioning them to unincorporated Monterey County on a per capita basis.

Page B-3, Agricultural Equipment Fuel Use. Delete the following text:

Agricultural Equipment Fuel Use

~~GHG emissions from agricultural equipment fuel use were estimated using the California Energy Commission (CEC) 2004 GHG inventory and comparing agricultural acreage for California to agricultural acreage in Monterey County. CEC estimates that in 2004, 3.86 million metric tons of CO₂e were emitted as a result of agricultural use of gasoline and diesel (CEC 2006a). The ratio of Monterey County crop acreage to California crop acreage was used to apportion statewide GHG emissions from agricultural fuel use to Monterey County accordingly (United States Department of Agriculture 2006).~~

~~Additional GHG emissions from agriculture are related to fertilizer use and methane emissions from livestock. The specific nature of these emissions must be based on detailed inventory of fertilizer type and application and livestock management practices. These emissions are not included in the estimate prepared for this document but will be included in the inventory prepared per Policy OS 10.11.~~

~~On an average basis, agricultural and grazing lands in the U.S. are currently considered near neutral on an annual basis with respect to their soil carbon balance (USCCSP 2007) and thus no annual GHG emissions related to changes in soil carbon basis are included in the estimate.~~

Page B-4, Vehicle Emissions. Revise the third paragraph as follows:

Under the ARB Draft Scoping Plan, AB 1493, Pavley I, and a more stringent fuel efficiency standard, Pavley II, would be implemented by 2020 and would reduce GHG emissions from passenger vehicles by 20% in 2020 (California Air Resources Board 2008a). Furthermore, a Low Carbon Fuel Standard would be required, which would reduce GHG emissions from passenger vehicles by a further 10%. Along with vehicle efficiency measures, the Scoping Plan measures would reduce vehicle emissions by an estimated 27 percent. ~~Other proposed regulations to reduce GHG emissions from heavy-duty vehicles were proposed but are not quantified in this analysis.~~

Page B-5, Building Natural Gas and Electricity. Revise the last two paragraphs as follows:

The Scoping Plan calls for an increase in RPS standards to 33%, which would result in a reduction of ~~21%~~ in the GHG emissions related to electricity production by PG&E. In addition, ARB Scoping Plan measures, including energy efficiency measures, the million solar roof program would also reduce electricity related emissions (CARB 2008b). The reduced GHG emissions under the Scoping Plan were estimated for 2030 and buildout using the expected ~~32.5%~~~~21%~~ reduction in GHG emissions per kWh for the combined measures.

The URBEMIS 2007 (Version 9.2.4) model was used to estimate natural gas GHG emissions from increased residential, commercial, and industrial buildings in 2030 and at buildout. ~~There are currently no anticipated regulations to reduce GHG emissions from the use of natural gas in buildings.~~ AB-32 energy efficiency measures are estimated to reduce emissions in the future by approximately 9.5% compared to BAU emission levels.

Page B-5, After Landfill Emissions. The following revisions are made following the first sentence under landfill emissions:

Off-Road Equipment Emissions

Offroad equipment emissions were estimated using the CARB OFFROAD model (CARB 2007b) for the year 2030 and apportioned to the unincorporated County area based on assumptions shown in the technical supporting data (in the FEIR). All agricultural, airport ground support, construction, mining, and entertainment offroad equipment emissions were apportioned to the unincorporated area. Emissions from industrial equipment, lawn and garden equipment, light commercial, and recreational equipment were apportioned on a per capita basis.

Agricultural Emissions

~~Based on trends in agricultural employment (AMBAG 2004; AMBAG 2008), no net expansion in agricultural development is projected for 2030 as virtually no increase in agricultural employment is forecast by AMBAG to 2030 for the Monterey County in the most recent (2008) and the immediately prior (2004) economic forecasts. Thus, no estimate of additional agricultural emissions was made for 2030. For buildout, agricultural conditions are unknown and thus are not estimated.~~

Onroad agricultural transportation emissions are included in the overall transportation emissions. Energy-related emissions associated with wineries and ancillary uses in the AWCP were specifically estimated using energy factors from literature (Colman and Paster 2007, EIA 2008, California Climate Action Registry 2009) and from URBEMIS. Offroad equipment emissions for agricultural equipment are included in the offroad equipment totals and were estimated using CARB's OFFROAD model (CARB 2007b).

Fugitive Methane from Natural Gas Pipelines

Fugitive methane emissions associated with natural gas pipelines serving unincorporated areas were estimated by applying a per capita emissions factor from the California inventory to the unincorporated population in 2030.

Coastal Water Project

GHG emissions from the proposed Coastal Water Project EIR (CPUC 2009) were added to the inventory given that this project (or an equivalent desalination project) appears reasonably foreseeable to address current water deficits.

Page B-5 and B-6, Emissions Associated with Land Use Changes. This text is revised as follows:

As described in Chapter 4.9, *Biological Resources*, there will be three areas of net land use change by related to the development allowed by the 2007 GP: urban conversion of farmland, urban conversion of natural landcovers, and agricultural conversion of natural landcovers (dominated by annual grassland, with smaller areas of oak woodland and other vegetation communities).

Farmland net carbon balances depend on the cropping and tillage practice. Depending on the tillage practices, farming can sequester soil carbon on an annual basis or can be a net generator of carbon due to losses of soil carbon. On an average basis, agricultural and grazing lands in the U.S. are currently near neutral on an annual basis with respect to their soil carbon balance (USCCP 2007). Thus, conversion of farming land to urban land on average would not be expected to result in a loss of annual net carbon sequestration but could result in the reduction of soil carbon stock due to grading and development activities. ~~As calculation of soil carbon loss is subject to numerous uncertainties at an abstract level, it was not included in the total GHG emission estimated for the EIR. However,~~ Calculation of potential changes in carbon stock due to urban conversion of farmland will be included, as feasible, in the detailed inventory to be prepared pursuant to Policy OS -0-11.

Urban or agricultural conversion of natural landcovers would also result in the loss of the stock carbon in soils, grasses, scrub, and trees as well as the loss of the annual sequestration value of existing soils and vegetation. Where converted to urban losses, the loss in sequestration would be near total. Where converted to agricultural use, the net change in carbon sequestration would depend on the nature of the crops planted and tillage practices compared to the sequestration value of the prior natural landcover. ~~On an average basis, agricultural and grazing lands in the U.S. are currently near neutral on an annual basis with respect to their soil carbon balance. Thus, conversion of farming land to urban land on average would not be expected to result in a loss of annual net carbon sequestration but could result in the reduction of soil carbon stock due to grading and development activities. The net impact of soil erosion on carbon emissions to the atmosphere remains highly uncertain (USCCP 2007). Development is unlikely to result in the entire loss of carbon stocks. As calculation of soil carbon loss is subject to numerous uncertainties at an abstract level, it was not included in the total GHG emission estimated for the EIR. However,~~ calculation of potential changes in carbon stock due to urban conversion of farmland will be included, as feasible, in the detailed inventory to be prepared pursuant to Policy OS -0-11. Calculation of potential changes in carbon stock due to urban or agricultural conversion of natural land covers will be included, as feasible, in the detailed inventory to be prepared pursuant to Policy OS -0-11.

In order to make a rough estimate of potential changes in carbon stock and sequestration, literature values for the carbon stock and carbon sequestration value for different broad land cover types were identified (CEC, 2004; Gaman, 2008; Kroodsma and Fields, 2006; USCCCP, 2007). Then the change in those land covers to 2030 or to buildout were identified relative to 2006 based on the analysis in Section 4.9, Biological Resources. For carbon stock, the net change in stock based on land cover was estimated based on the changes in land cover. For carbon sequestration, the annual change in sequestration was estimated based on the changes in land cover. In order to derive an annual number for change in GHG flux, the change in carbon stock was annualized over either a 24-year period (for 2030) or an 86-year period (for buildout).

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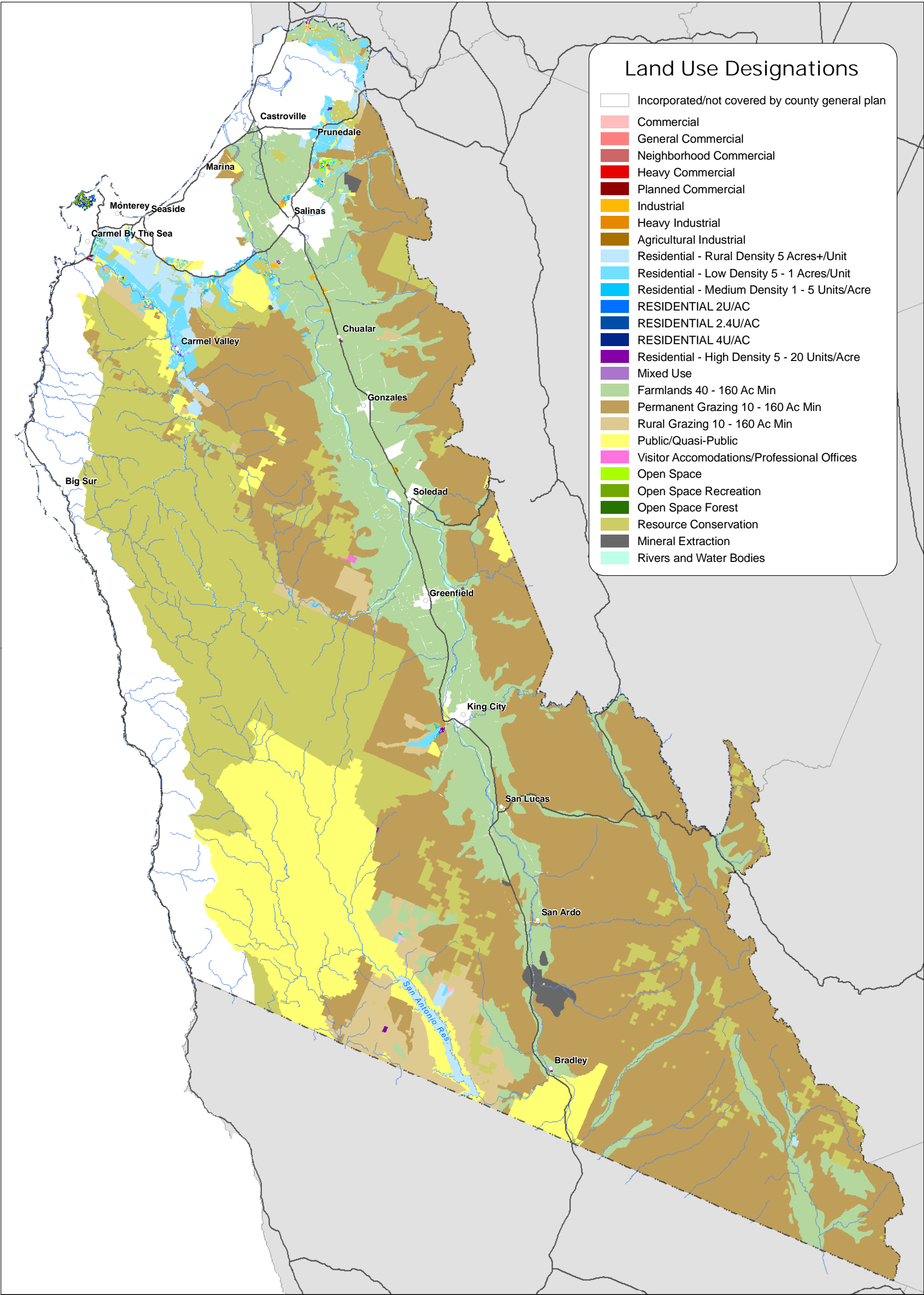
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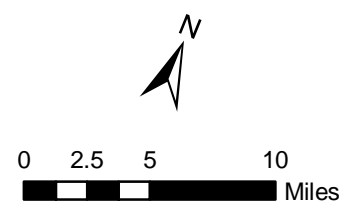


Land Use Designations

- Incorporated/not covered by county general plan
- Commercial
- General Commercial
- Neighborhood Commercial
- Heavy Commercial
- Planned Commercial
- Industrial
- Heavy Industrial
- Agricultural Industrial
- Residential - Rural Density 5 Acres+/Unit
- Residential - Low Density 5 - 1 Acres/Unit
- Residential - Medium Density 1 - 5 Units/Acre
- RESIDENTIAL 2U/AC
- RESIDENTIAL 2.4U/AC
- RESIDENTIAL 4U/AC
- Residential - High Density 5 - 20 Units/Acre
- Mixed Use
- Farmlands 40 - 160 Ac Min
- Permanent Grazing 10 - 160 Ac Min
- Rural Grazing 10 - 160 Ac Min
- Public/Quasi-Public
- Visitor Accomodations/Professional Offices
- Open Space
- Open Space Recreation
- Open Space Forest
- Resource Conservation
- Mineral Extraction
- Rivers and Water Bodies

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Exhibit 3.2
General Plan Land Use
Monterey County



Highways
 Streams



Sources:
County of Monterey, California Spatial Information Library.

Land Use Designations

- Incorporated/not covered by county general plan
- Commercial
- General Commercial
- Neighborhood Commercial
- Heavy Commercial
- Planned Commercial
- Industrial
- Heavy Industrial
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Comm Area: Pajaro

Comm Area: Castroville

Comm Area: Boronda

Comm Area: Fort Ord/East Garrison

AHO: Monterey Airport and Highway 68

AHO: Hwy. 68 and Reservation Road

Rural Center: River Road

Wine Corridor: Central/Arroyo Seco/River Road Segment

AHO: Mid-Valley

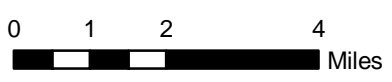
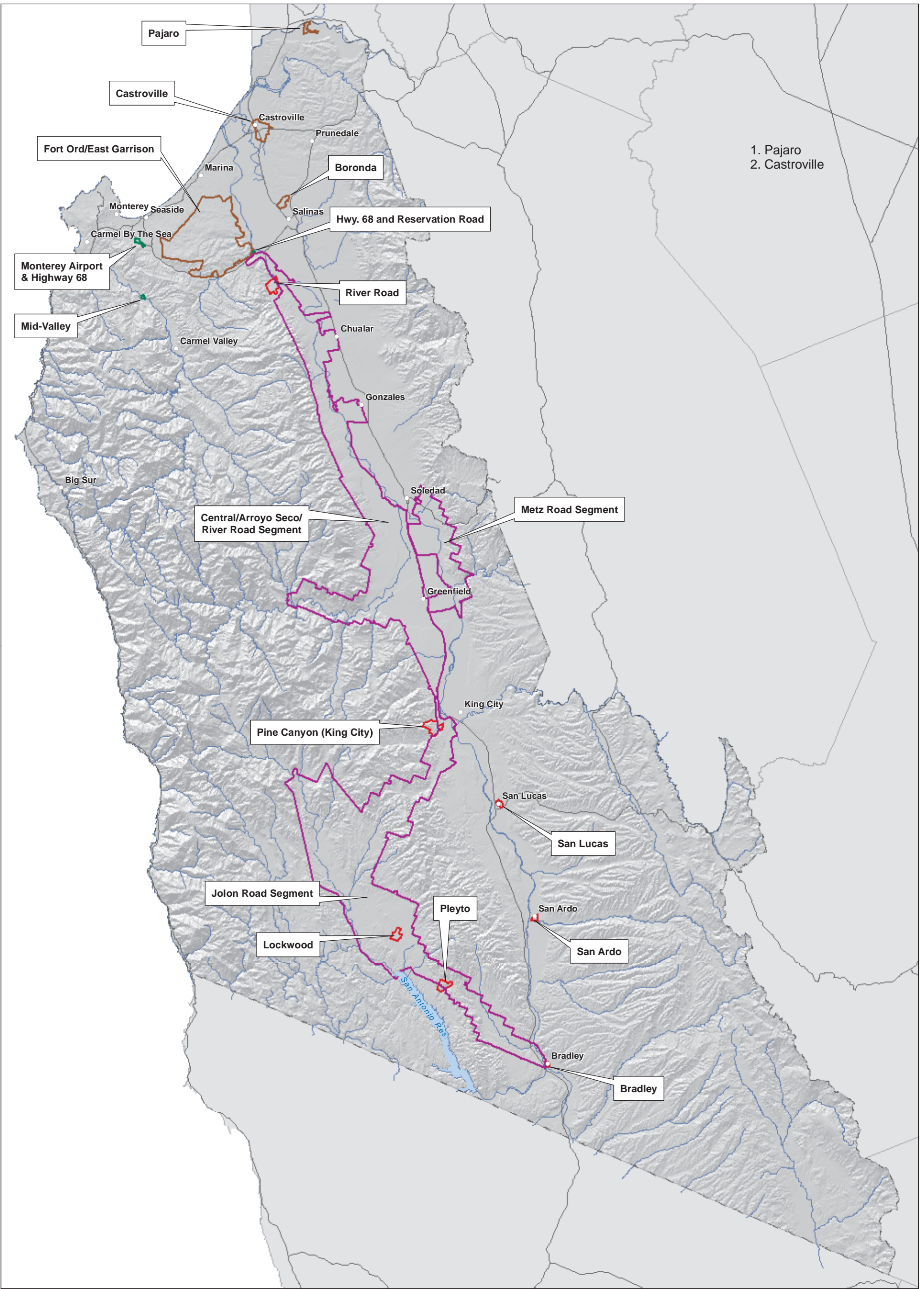


Exhibit 3.2a
General Plan Land Use
North County



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1. Pajaro
2. Castroville

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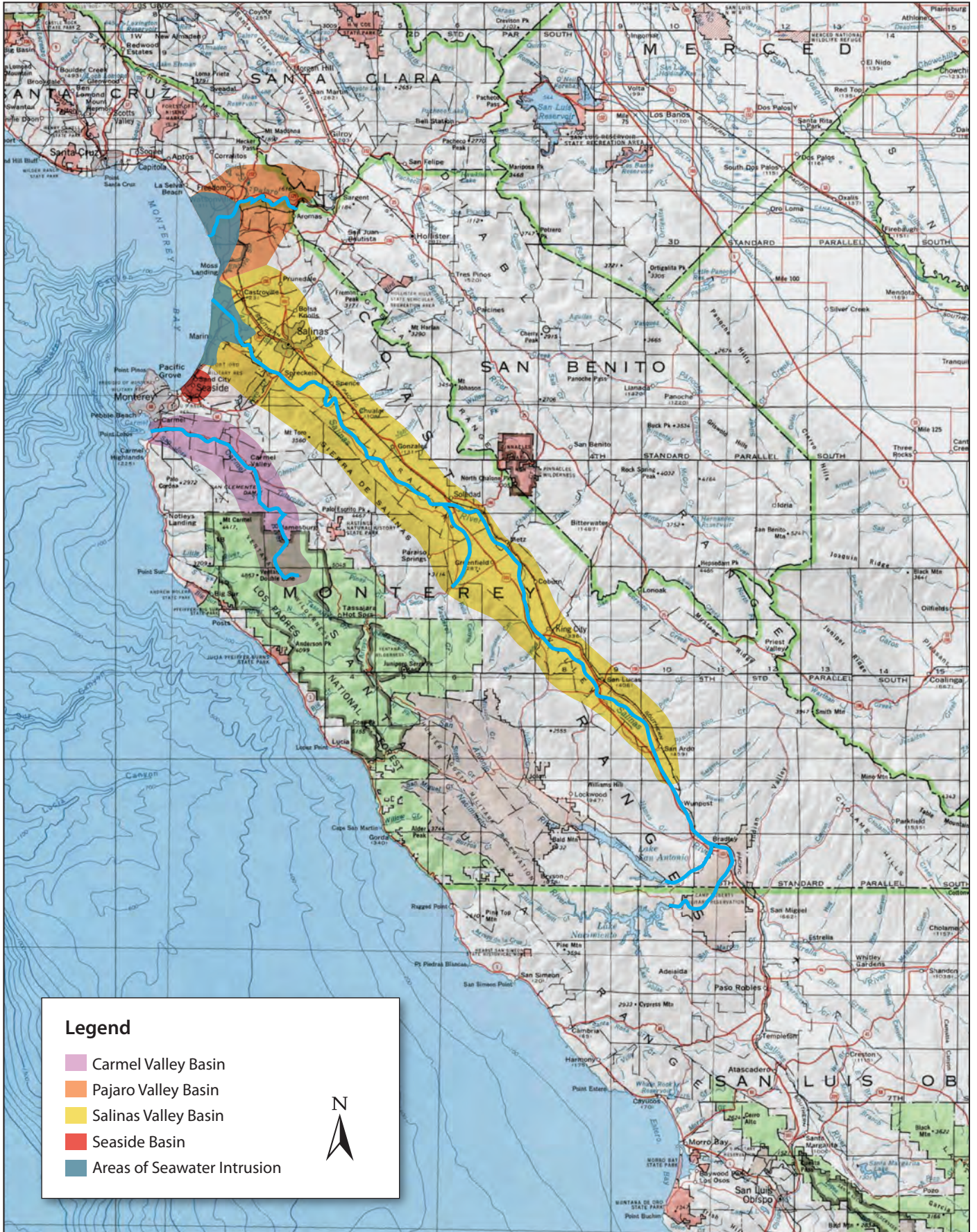
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- Wine Corridor

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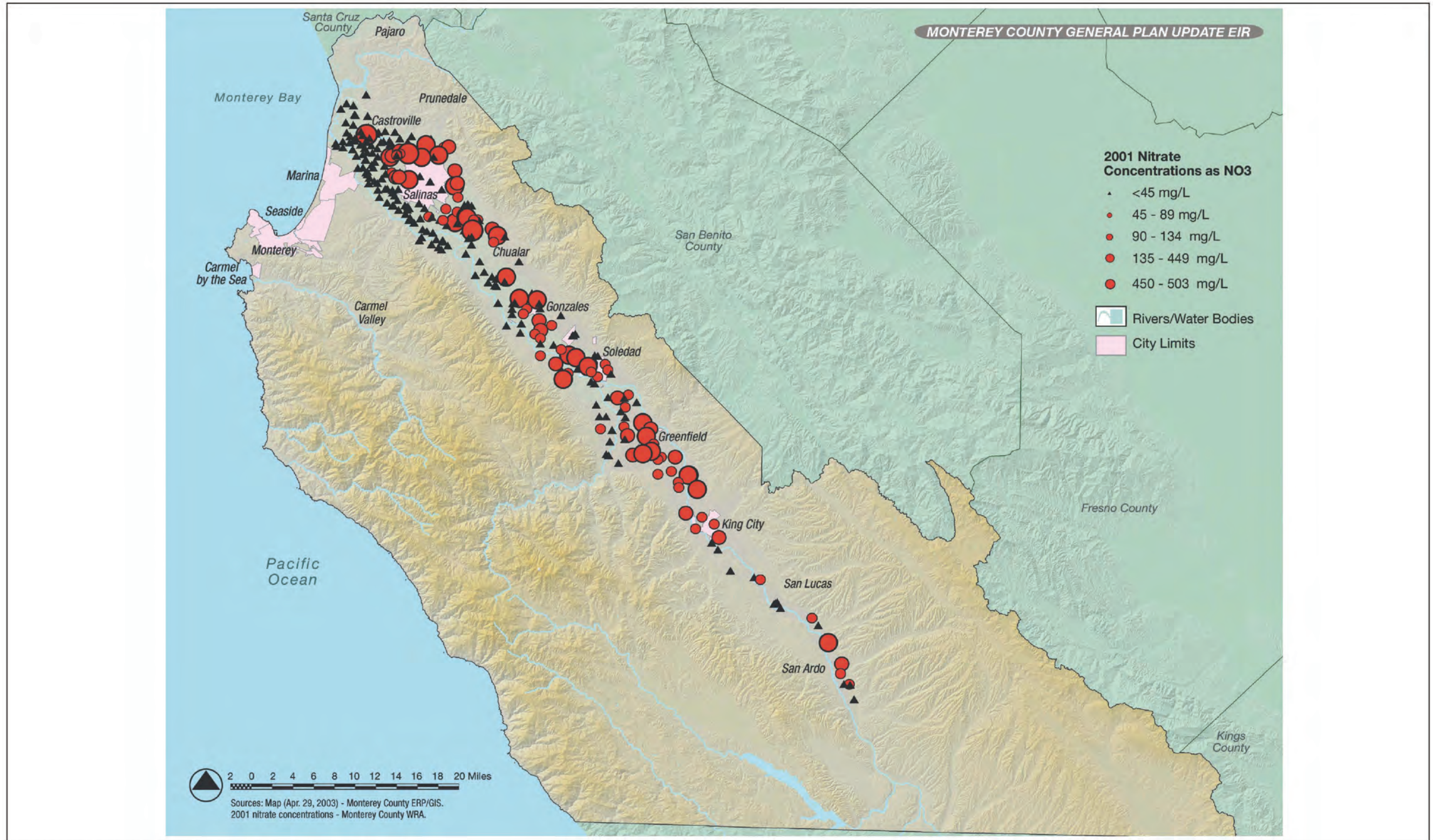
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Community Areas, Rural Centers,
Affordable Housing Overlay Districts
and Agricultural Winery
Corridor Plan Map



Sources:
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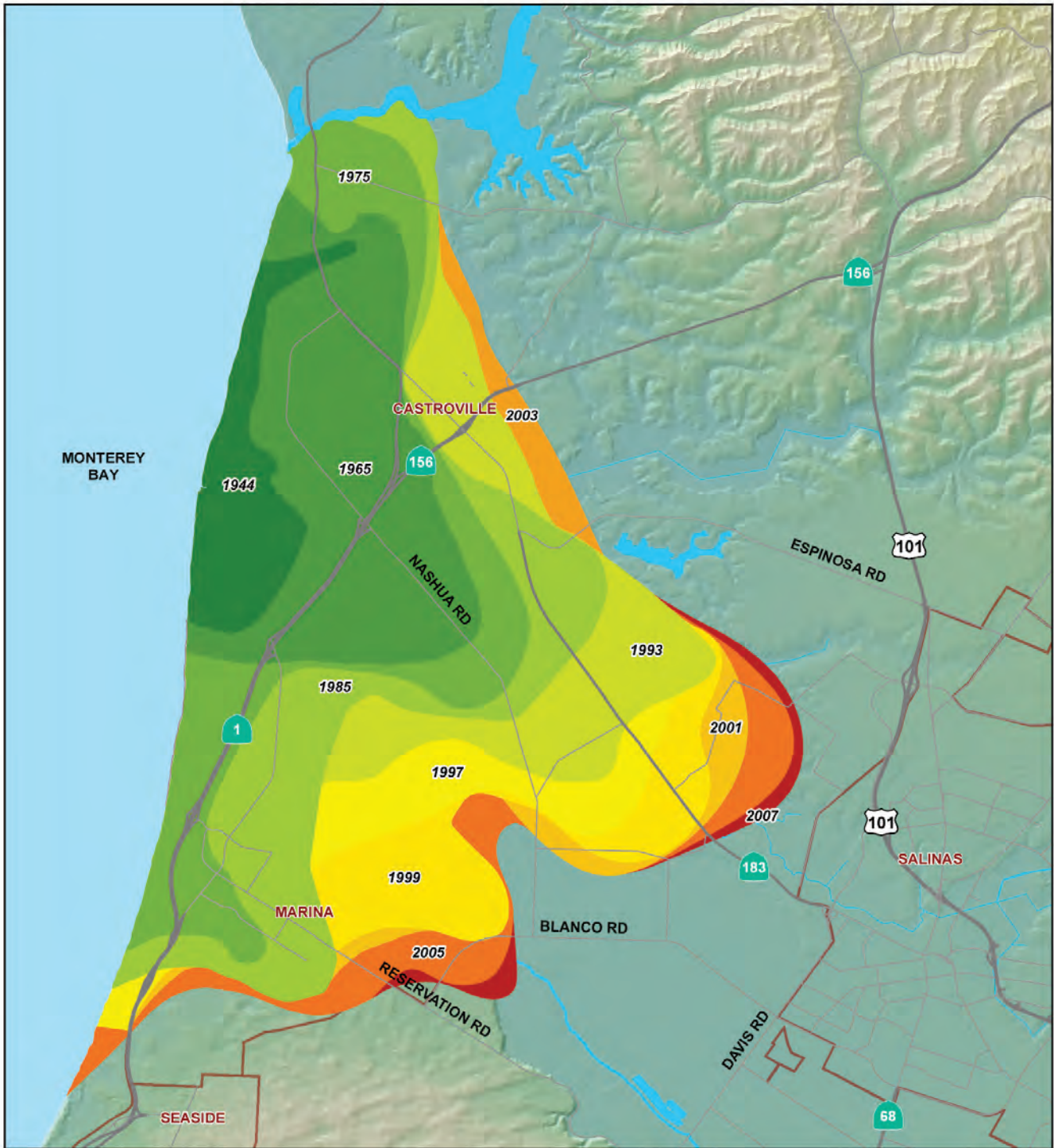
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Source: Monterey County 2004 General Plan Update Draft EIR.



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Historic Seawater Intrusion Map

Pressure 180-Foot Aquifer - 500 mg/L Chloride Areas

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Seawater Intruded Areas By Year

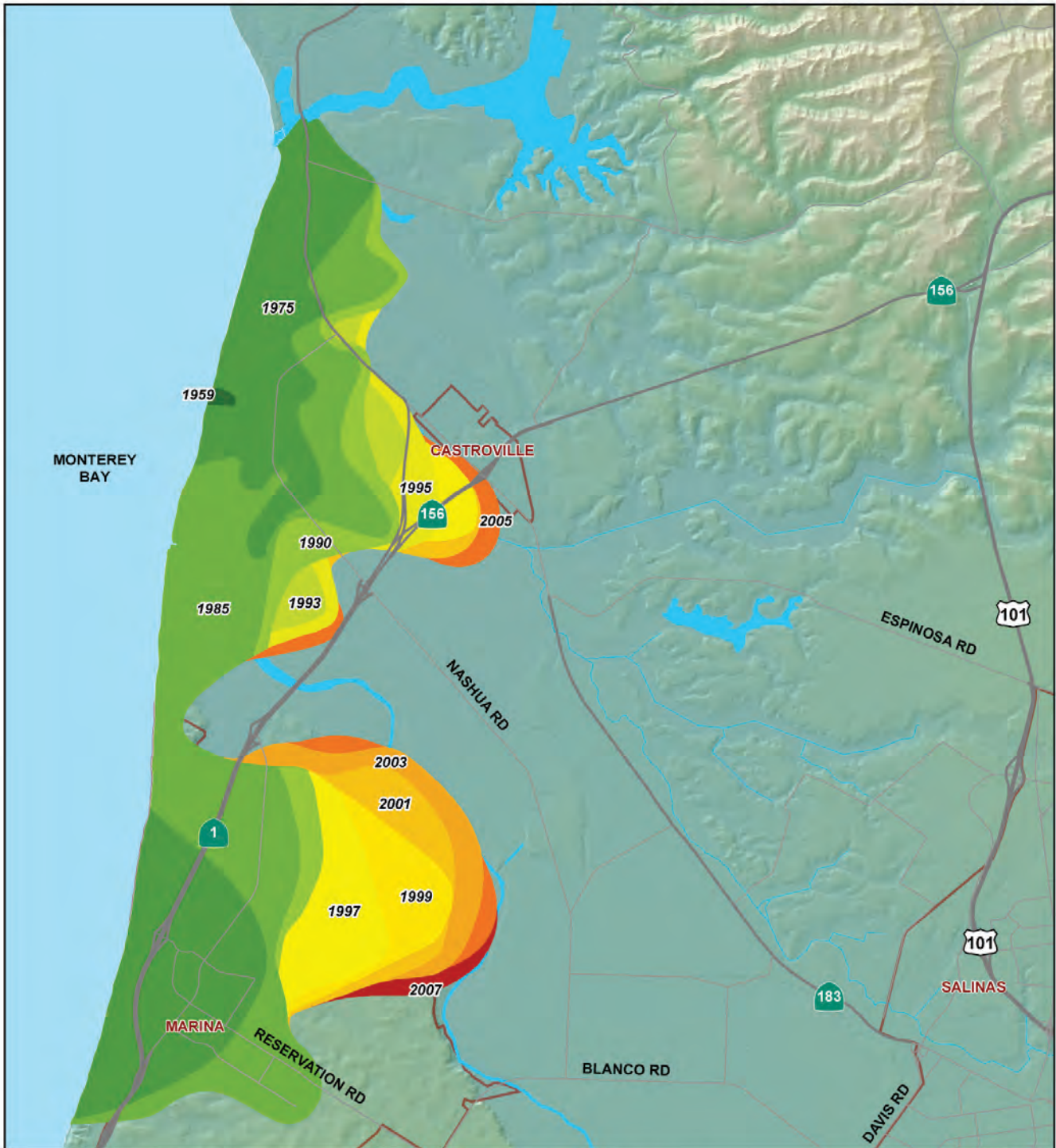
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| 1944 | 1993 | 2003 | Cities |
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Map Date: August 26, 2009

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Historic Seawater Intrusion Map
 Pressure 400-Foot Aquifer - 500 mg/L Chloride Areas

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Seawater Intruded Areas By Year

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-  County Lines
-  Incorporated Cities

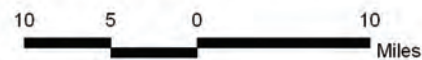
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-  Bolsa Nueva
-  Pajaro River
-  Salinas

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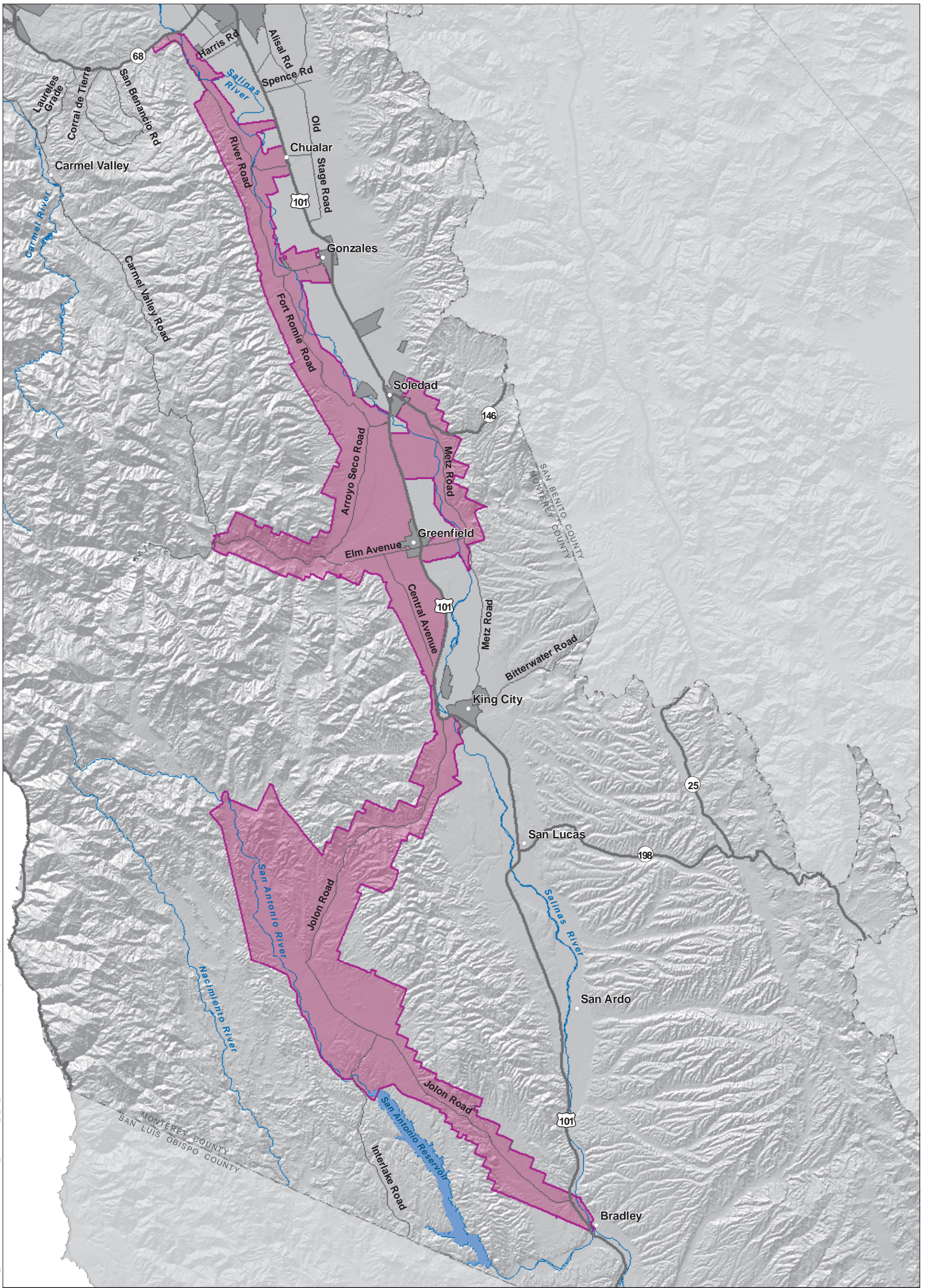
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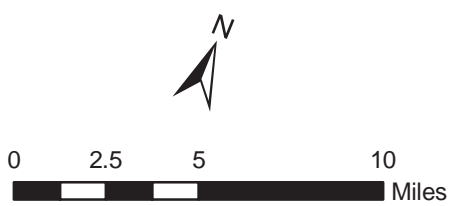


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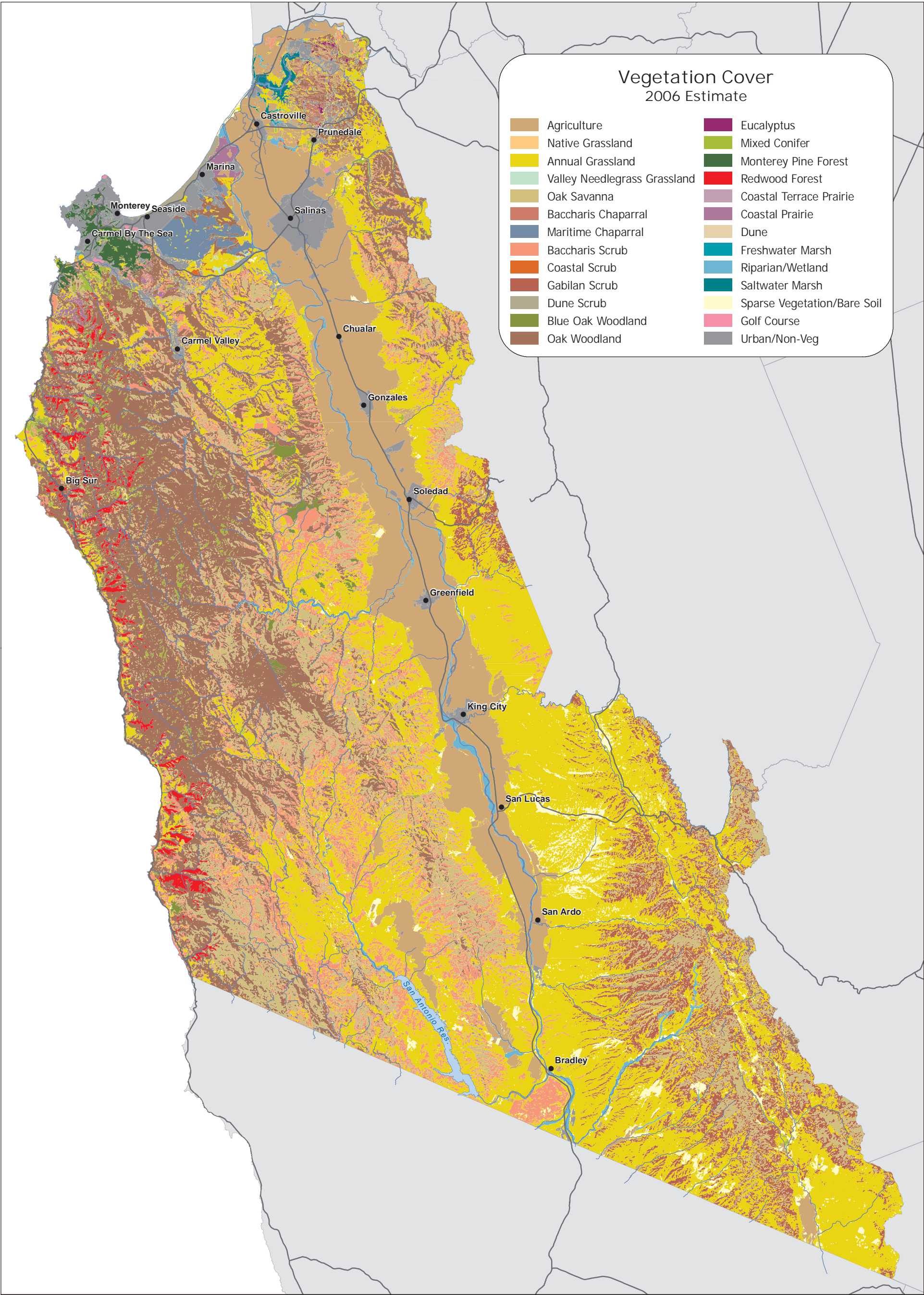
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**Exhibit 4.6-11
Agricultural and
Wine Corridor Area**



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| Wine Corridor | Major Streams |
| City Limits | Highways |
| County Line | Roads |



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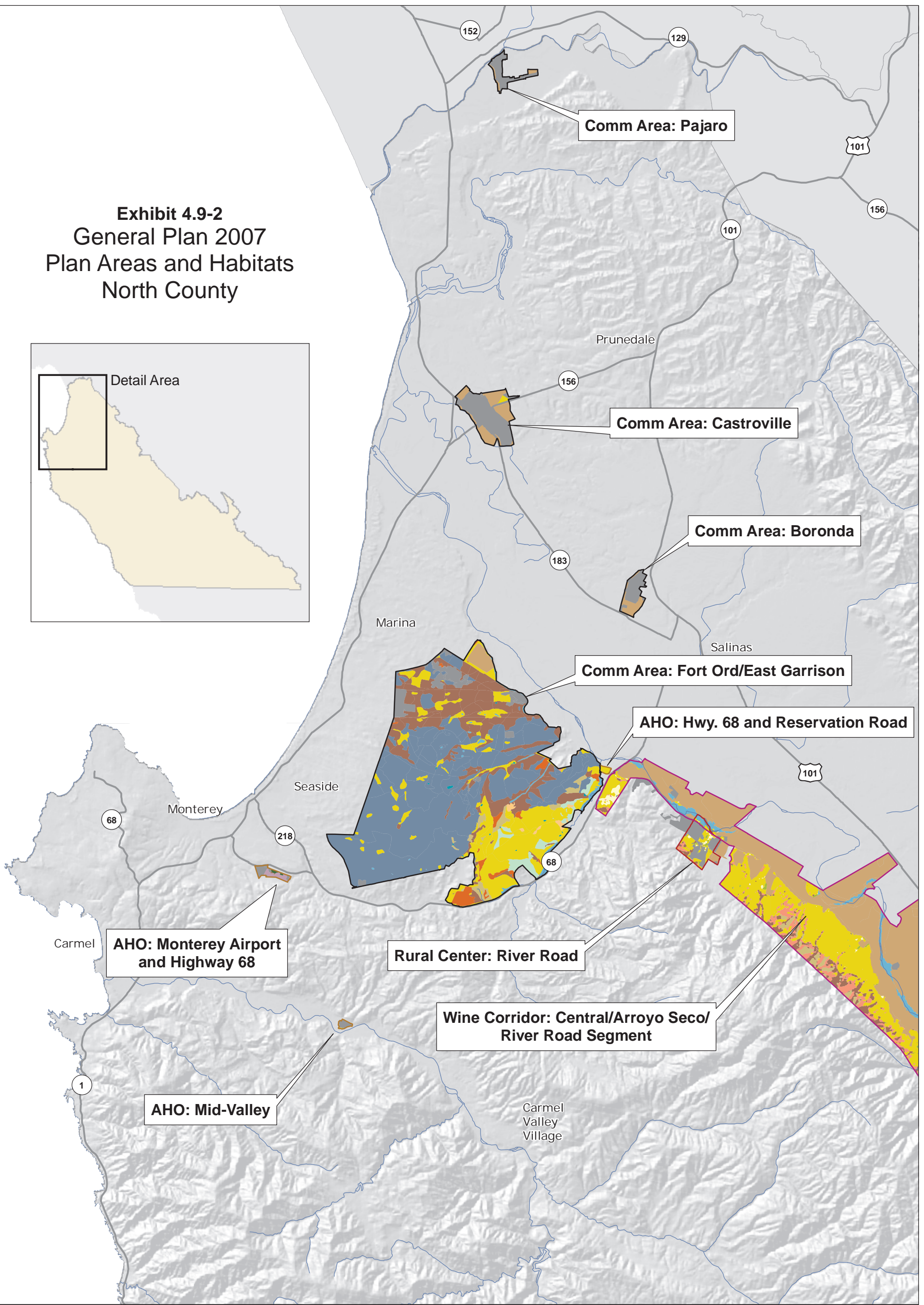
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**Exhibit 4.9-1
Vegetation Cover, 2006
Monterey County**



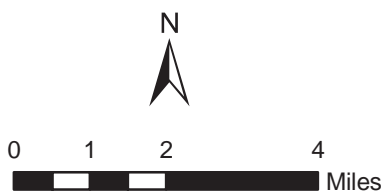
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**Exhibit 4.9-2
General Plan 2007
Plan Areas and Habitats
North County**



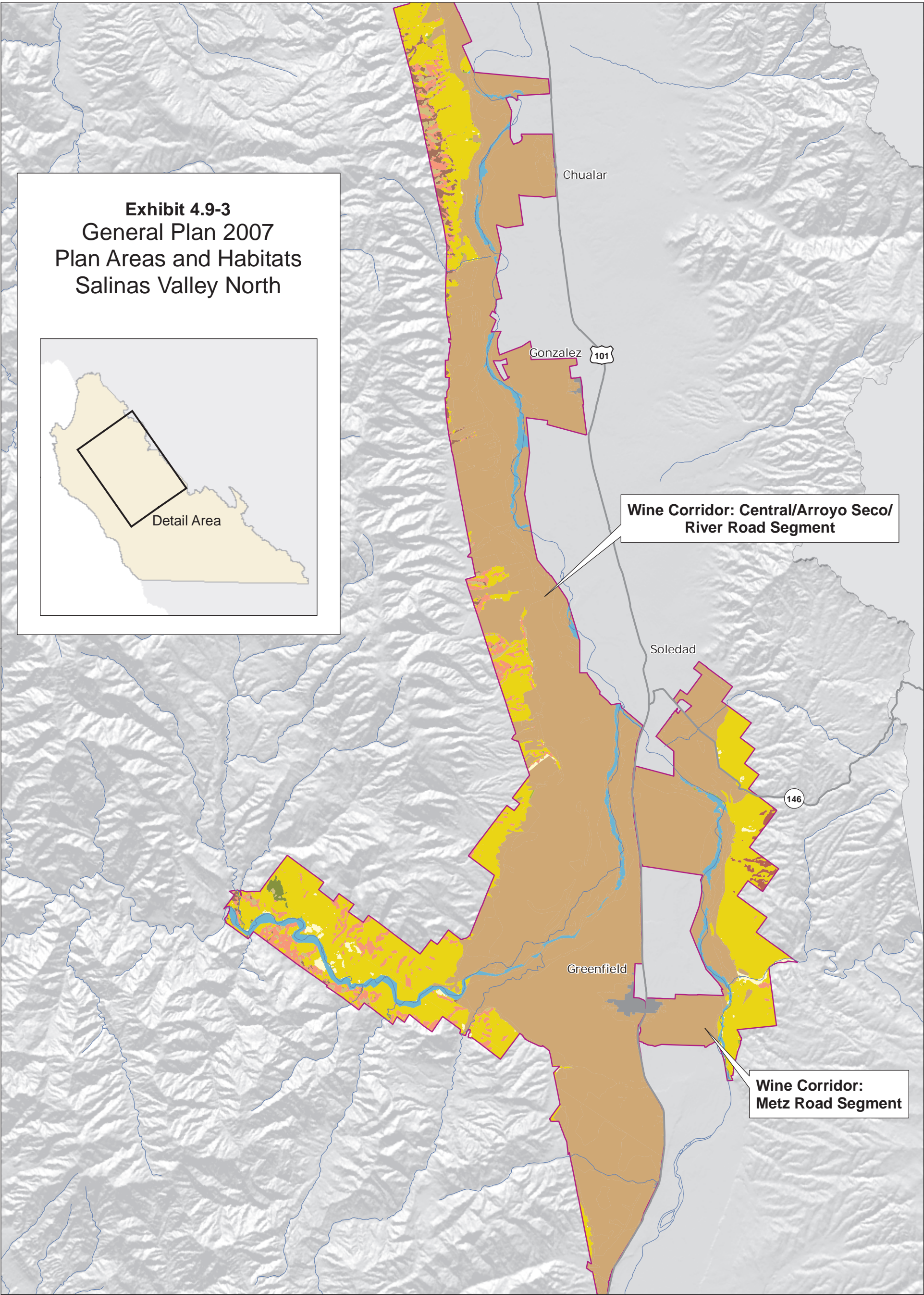
Habitat Types

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| Annual Grassland | Coastal Terrace Prairie | Mixed Conifer |
| Native Grassland | Coastal Prairie | Freshwater Marsh |
| Valley Needlegrass Grassland | Maritime Chaparral | Riparian/Wetland |
| Oak Woodland | Baccharis Scrub | Sparse Vegetation/Bare Soil |
| Blue Oak Woodland | Coastal Scrub | Urban/Non-Veg |
| Monterey Pine Forest | Gabilan Scrub | Agriculture |
| Oak Savanna | | |



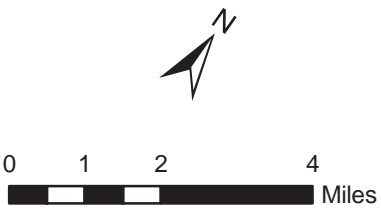
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**Exhibit 4.9-3
General Plan 2007
Plan Areas and Habitats
Salinas Valley North**



Habitat Types

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| Annual Grassland | Coastal Terrace Prairie | Mixed Conifer |
| Native Grassland | Coastal Prairie | Freshwater Marsh |
| Valley Needlegrass Grassland | Maritime Chaparral | Riparian/Wetland |
| Oak Woodland | Baccharis Scrub | Sparse Vegetation/Bare Soil |
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| Oak Savanna | Gabilan Scrub | Agriculture |



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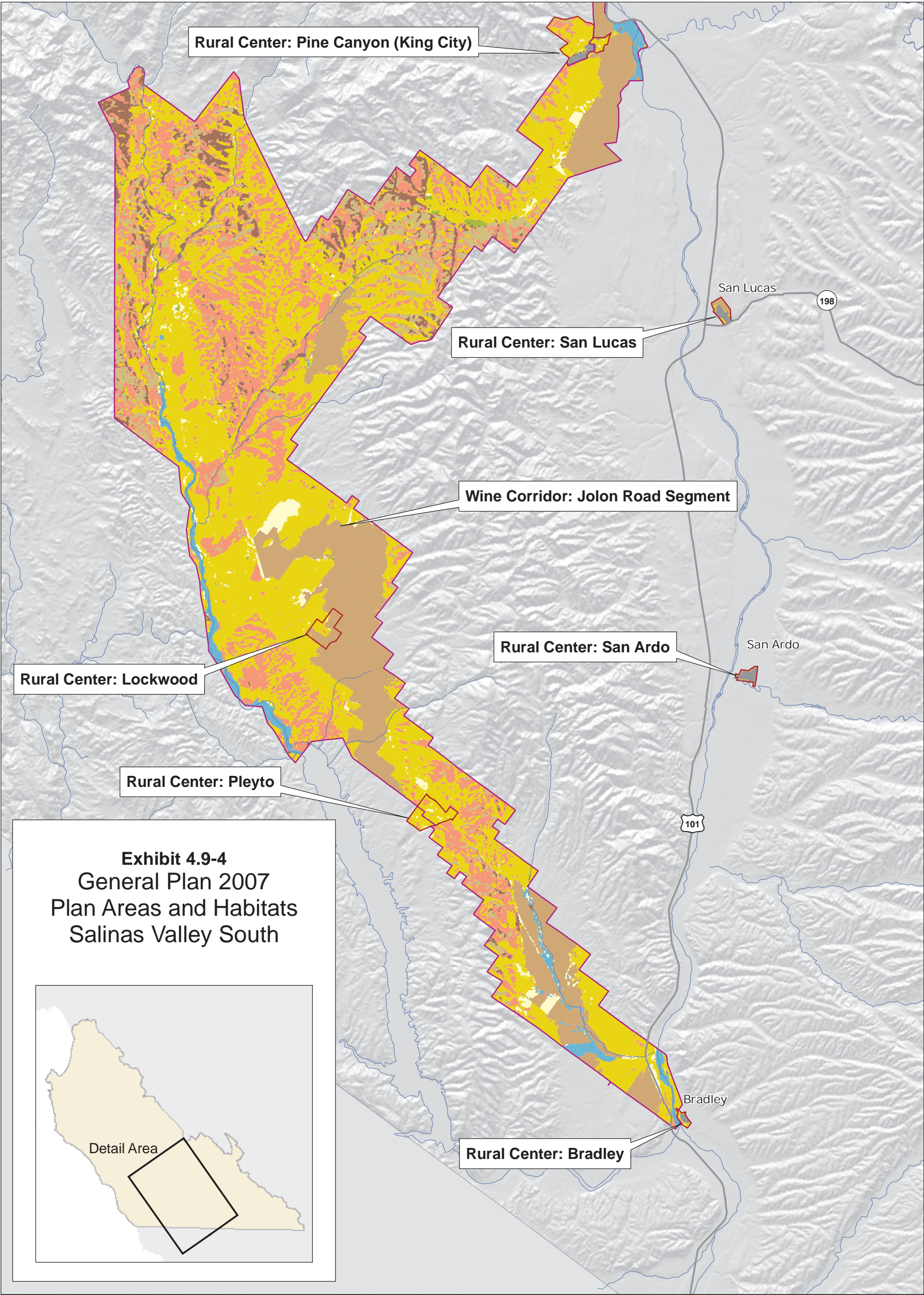
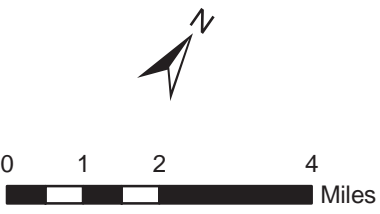


Exhibit 4.9-4
General Plan 2007
Plan Areas and Habitats
Salinas Valley South

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Habitat Types

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| Annual Grassland | Coastal Terrace Prairie | Mixed Conifer |
| Native Grassland | Coastal Prairie | Freshwater Marsh |
| Valley Needlegrass Grassland | Maritime Chaparral | Riparian/Wetland |
| Oak Woodland | Baccharis Scrub | Sparse Vegetation/Bare Soil |
| Blue Oak Woodland | Coastal Scrub | Urban/Non-Veg |
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Chapter 5

Changes to the Draft General Plan Policies

This chapter consists of the proposed General Plan. As discussed in Master Response 1, *Changes to the General Plan* in Chapter 2 of this FEIR, the draft General Plan to be considered by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors includes a number of revisions from the “2007 General Plan” (also known as GPU5) that was analyzed by the DEIR in late 2008. The revisions have been analyzed and any changes to the conclusions and text of the EIR have been included in Chapter 4 of this FEIR.

Proposed revisions to the draft 2007 General Plan are shown with strikethrough text for deletions (~~strikethrough~~) and underlined text for additions (underline). Policies that are being deleted in their entirety are shown in strikethrough.

The proposed General Plan is bound separately.

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