

# **County of Monterey**

Government Center - Board Chambers  
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Salinas, CA 93901



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

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**County of Monterey Planning Commission**

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**9:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Getzelman at 9:00a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Monsalve.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

**Paul C. Getzelman**

**Francisco Javier Mendoza**

**Jessica Hartzell - arrived at 9:20a.m.**

**Ernesto Gonzalez**

**Ben Work**

**Amy Roberts**

**Christine Shaw**

**Ramon Gomez**

**Etna Monsalve**

**Martha Diehl**

**Absent:**

Secretary Beretti reviewed the Zoom Protocols and the Wordly Interpretation Services Protocols.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Tom Rowley, Karen Cameron, Lynda Marin, Fred Faltersack, Margot Thomas**

**AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CORRECTIONS**

**For the record we've received and distributed additional correspondence and errata memos from staff for Agenda Item No.4 - REF220017 - GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT and Agenda Item No.5 - REF260002 - MONTEREY COUNTY GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, REQUESTS AND REFERRALS**

**None**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENAR**

- 1. APPOINT BRUCE MERCHANT TO THE BIG SUR LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

**2. APPOINT PAULA C. USREY TO THE SOUTH COUNTY LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

**Public Comment: None**

**It was moved to approve by Commissioner Gomez, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, by the following vote:**

**AYES: Getzelman, Mendoza, Gomez, Gonzalez, Roberts, Work, Shaw, Monsalve, Diehl**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: Hartzell**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**APPROVAL/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**3. Approval of the February 11, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.**

**Public Comment: None**

**It was moved to approve by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Monsalve, by the following vote:**

**AYES: Getzelman, Mendoza, Gomez, Gonzalez, Roberts, Work, Shaw, Monsalve**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: Hartzell**

**ABSTAIN: Diehl**

**9:00 A.M. – SCHEDULED MATTERS**

**4. REF220017 - GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT**

a. Receive a status update on the draft Environmental Justice Element to the County of Monterey General Plan and an overview of the draft Environmental Justice Element available for public review; and

b. Provide direction to staff.

**Project Location:** Unincorporated County of Monterey

**Proposed CEQA Action:** Find the presentation statutorily exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15262 as an early discussion of possible future actions not involving commitment to a project.

**Edgar Sanchez, Project Planner presented the item**

**Public Comment: Karen Cameron**

**The Commission received the item and provided direction to Staff.**

**The meeting recessed at 10:28a.m., and reconvened at 10:41a.m.**

**Chair Getzelman informed the Commission that Commissioner Shaw left the meeting.**

**5. REF260002 - MONTEREY COUNTY GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

- a. Consider the 2025 Annual Progress Report for the Monterey County General Plan(s);
- b. Consider the 2025 Annual Progress Report for the 2024-2031 Housing Element; and
- c. Consider and provide input regarding priorities for the 2026-2027 Long-Range Planning Work Program.

**Proposed CEQA Action:** Not a project per Sections 15060(c)(1) and 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Sarah Wickle and Dawn Yonemitsu, Project Leads presented the item and Darby Marshall, Housing Program Manager.**

**Public Comment: Tom Rowley**

**The meeting recessed at 11:42a.m., and convened at 11:53a.m.**

**Due to technical difficulties, the meeting recessed at 11:55a.m. and reconvened at 12:10p.m.**

**It was moved by Commissioner Diehl and seconded by Commissioner Gomez to consider and recommend forwarding the 2 Annual Progress Report to the Board of Supervisors and made some suggestions specific to the Housing Element by the following vote:**

**AYES: Getzelman, Mendoza, Gomez, Gonzalez, Roberts, Work, Monsalve, Diehl, Hartzell**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: Shaw**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**It was moved by Commissioner Diehl, seconded by Commissioner Gomez, to approve the 2026-2027 Long Range Work Program as presented by staff and the GPU-10, in particular the Pajaro and Chualar Plans and Development Evaluation System, in the 12 top priorities in context to Housing and Justice. by the following vote:**

**AYES: Getzelman, Mendoza, Gomez, Gonzalez, Roberts, Work, Monsalve,  
Diehl, Hartzell**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: Shaw**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

**DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**Secretary Beretti informed the Commission that there is no department report.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned by Chair Getzelman at 12:19p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**/s/ Melanie Beretti**  
**Planning Commission Secretary**

**ATTEST:**

**BY: /s/ Janet Navarro**  
**Planning Commission Clerk**

**APPROVED ON: April 8, 2026**