



# Monterey County

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## Board Report

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Legistar File Number: ORD 14-017

Introduced: 8/14/2014

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: Ordinance

Public hearing to consider:

Adoption of an ordinance adding Chapter 21.91 to Title 21 (non-coastal zoning) of the Monterey County Code to establish procedures to amend the 2010 Monterey County General Plan and including findings that the ordinance is not a project under CEQA.  
(REF130066/General Plan Amendment Ordinance)

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

**Planning File Number:** REF130066

**Owner:** N/A

**Project Location:** Inland areas of the County only

**APN:** All inland area APNs

**Agent:** N/A

**Plan Area:** All inland plan areas

**Flagged and Staked:** N/A

**CEQA Action:** Exempt per Section 15060 (c)(3) and 15378 (b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

Adopt the ordinance (Attachment B) adding Chapter 21.91 to Title 21 (non-coastal zoning) of the Monterey County Code to establish procedures to amend the 2010 Monterey County General Plan and including findings that the ordinance is not a project under CEQA.

### SUMMARY:

The proposed amendment to Title 21 provides a process to amend the 2010 Monterey County General Plan. It would add a new Chapter 21.91 - General Plan Amendments, consistent with the policy direction set forth in General Plan Policies LU-9.6 and LU-9.7. The new chapter will provide a process that would: 1) Limit the consideration of general plan amendments to two times per year, with certain exceptions; 2) require a comprehensive and cumulative review of general plan amendments and; 3) provide a process for early assessment of proposed general plan amendments. The Planning Commission, at its May 28, 2014 meeting, recommended approval of the ordinance with a modification to Section 21.91.030 C (Early Assessment of Proposed Amendments) of the proposed ordinance to include other County advisory committees, as appropriate, in the early assessment process (Attachment C). The attached ordinance includes the modification recommended by the Planning Commission.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Planning Commission has held multiple workshops and hearings on the draft ordinance.

County Council has approved the ordinance as to form.

Due to late submission of this Board Report, the CAO Budget and Analysis Division was not provided adequate time to fully review for potential fiscal, organizational, policy or other implication to the County of Monterey.

FINANCING:

Funding for staff time associated with this project is included in the FY14-15 Adopted Budget for RMA-Planning.

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The following attachments are on file with the Clerk of the Board:

- Attachment A: Discussion
- Attachment B: Ordinance amending Title 21 (Monterey County Zoning Ordinance, Inland Areas) to incorporate a general plan amendment process into the Monterey County Code
- Attachment C: Planning Commission Resolution No. 14-025