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SUMMARY:

On November 29, 2017, the Planning Commission conducted a workshop on the Development Evaluation System (DES) and implementation of related 2010 General Plan Policy LU-1.19 (**Exhibit E**). This Workshop specifically focused on outcomes and recommendations from DES Public Focus Group meetings. The Commission provided staff with direction for elements of a draft DES and implementing ordinance (see **Exhibit D** for the Planning Commission staff report).

During this workshop, members of the public requested staff review and provide the commission with a comparison of the draft DES prepared by LandWatch for their consideration prior to finalizing a revised DES. The Planning Commission directed staff to conduct this research and return at a subsequent workshop.

As directed, staff has examined LandWatch's draft DES (**Exhibit B**) and compared it with the draft prepared by County staff. LandWatch's proposed DES has similarities to the RMA-Planning version brought before the Planning Commission February 11, 2015 (**Exhibit C**). However, there are some key differences, including: how thresholds for impacts like water and traffic are calculated, new categories of exemptions, and additional preferred project criteria. The attached Discussion (**Exhibit A**) will provide a short background overview, introduce key differences between the two versions, and identify options for incorporating or omitting LandWatch's suggestions into the final draft of the DES.

The intended outcome of reviewing the LandWatch version of the DES is to consider options, in addition to those which were recommended by the Commission during the November 29, 2017 workshop for inclusion in the final draft of the DES. This workshop review will allow staff to begin working on the final draft of the DES. Once the draft DES has been finalized, staff will bring it back before the commission for consideration and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Staff anticipates returning to the Commission with a final draft in late summer/early fall of this year.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

RMA-Planning reviewed LandWatch's draft DES. However, as explained in the attached discussion (**Exhibit A**), further research is required to determine water, wastewater, and traffic threshold data equivalent to a five-lot residential subdivision in order to finalize the DES. This work will require consultation with the Bureau of Environmental Health, RMA-Public Works, and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency. Consultation with public utilities for water and wastewater, water management districts, and State agencies is also expected. This collaboration will take place when working on the final draft of the DES to return to the Planning Commission.

FINANCING:

Funding for staff time associated with review and discussion with the public relative to the DES is included in the FY2017-2018 Adopted Budget for RMA-Planning.

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The following attachments are on file with the RMA:

Exhibit A - Discussion

Exhibit B - LandWatch DES Evaluation

Exhibit C - RMA-Planning DES Evaluation

Exhibit D - November 29, 2017 Planning Commission Staff Report

Exhibit E - Policy LU-1.19

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