November 9, 2017

1. **8:38 A.M. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR ONSTOT**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

3. **ROLL CALL**

   Commission:
   - Phil White District 1
   - Nora Aidukas District 2
   - Stephen Onstot, Chair District 3
   - Maggie Kestly District 4
   - Richard Rodriguez, Vice-Chair District 5

   County Staff:
   - Kim Prillhart, Planning Director
   - Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner
   - Mike Villegas, APCD Director
   - Susan Curtis, General Plan Update Manager
   - Shelley Sussman, Case Planner
   - Clay Downing, Case Planner
   - Jeffrey Barnes, County Counsel
   - Anna Hall, Recording Secretary

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

   None.

5. **PL17-0141 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: DRAFT VISION STATEMENT AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY – County of Ventura**

   Project Location: Unincorporated Ventura County

   The General Plan Update team and project consultant, Mintier Harnish will facilitate a Planning Commission Work Session to present and discuss the following:

   - Results of Draft Vision Statement and Guiding Principles Community Engagement Activities
   - Receive and File General Plan Update Public Opinion Survey

   Susan Curtis, General Plan Manager, and Clay Downing, Planner, RMA-Planning Division, Jim Harnish, Principal, and Bob Lagomarsino, Project Manager, Mintier Harnish, presented the Staff Report and project overview. The following recommended actions were presented to the Planning Commission:
Planning Division staff is requesting that the Planning Commission receive and file the General Plan Update Public Opinion Survey (Exhibit 10) and provide a recommendation on revisions, if any, to the amended Draft Vision and Guiding Principles (Exhibit 12) for review by the Board of Supervisors on January 23, 2018.

Commission’s Disclosures:

Disclosures not applicable.

Presentation of Public Speakers:

Supporting Staff’s recommended action with requested changes:

Kimberly Rivers, CFROG  
Lynn Jensen, VC CoLAB  
Robin Gerber, Citizen and CFROG Volunteer

Opposing Staff’s recommended action with requested changes:

Michael Shapiro, CFROG

Comments to Staff’s recommended action:

Bruce Smith, Ventura City resident  
Chris Collier, Western States Petroleum Association  
Henry Gonzales, Agricultural Commissioner

Planning Commission Deliberation and Vote on Draft Vision and Guiding Principles as presented by staff in Planning Division Revised Vision and Guiding Principles, dated November 1, 2017 (Exhibit 12):

Commissioner White moved to accept the Public Opinion Survey. Motion failed for lack of second.

Commissioner White moved to add the words “climate change” to the Vision Statement after the word “social” in the second to the last line. Motion seconded. Motion failed 2-3. Commissioners Kestly, Onstot, and Rodriguez voting no.

Commissioner Aidukas moved to add the words “and refine” after “touchstone during the process to develop...” in the description of Guiding Principles. Motion seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Land Use and Community Character: Commissioner Onstot moved to approve as drafted. Motion seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Economic Vitality: Commissioner Aidukas moved to add, “and preserves land use compatibility with Naval Base Ventura County” after “…and opportunities of the
County’s economy…” Motion seconded. Motion passed 4-1. Commissioner White voting no.

Agriculture: Commissioner Aidukas moved to approve this Guiding Principle, revised as follows: “Promote the economic and environmental sustainability of Ventura County’s agricultural economy by conserving soils while supporting a diverse and globally-competitive agricultural industry that depends on the availability of water, land, and farmworker housing.”. Motion seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Circulation/Transportation Mobility: Commissioner Aidukas moved to approve as drafted. Motion seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Housing: Commissioner Kestly moved to approve this Guiding Principle, revised as follows: “Provide affordable and equitable housing opportunities by preserving the existing housing supply and supporting diverse new housing types consistent with the Guidelines for Orderly Development.”. Motion seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Conservation and Open Space: Commissioner White moved to approve this Guiding Principle, revised as follows: “Conserve and manage the County’s open spaces and natural resources, including soils, water, air quality, minerals, biological resources, scenic resources, as well historic and cultural resources.”. Motion seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Water Resources: Commissioner White moved to approve this Guiding Principle, revised as follows: “Develop and manage water resources in a manner that acknowledges water shortages and addresses current demand without compromising the ability to meet future demand, while balancing the needs of urban and agricultural uses, and healthy ecosystems.”. Motion seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Facilities, Infrastructure and Services: Commissioner White moved to approve as drafted. Motion seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Hazards and Safety: Commissioner Kestly moved to approve as drafted. Motion seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Climate Change and Resilience: Commissioner White moved to approve this Guiding Principle, revised as follows: “Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to achieve all adopted targets, proactively anticipate and mitigate the impacts of climate change, promote employment opportunities in alternative energy and reducing greenhouse gasses, and increase resilience to the effects of climate change.”. Motion seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Healthy Communities: Commissioner White moved to approve as drafted. Motion seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Environmental Justice: Commissioner Aidukas moved to approve as drafted. Motion seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
The Planning Commission recommended revisions to the amended Vision and Guiding Principles (Exhibit 12) for review by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Aidukas moved to receive and file the General Plan Update Public Opinion Survey and accept the results of the Draft Vision Statement, as amended, with the amended Guiding Principles and community engagement activities. Motion seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

6. **PL17-0141 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: REVISED DRAFT BACKGROUND REPORT AND LAUNCH OF PHASE 4 – EVALUATING ALTERNATIVES**  
County of Ventura, applicant

Project Location: Unincorporated Ventura County

The General Plan Update team and project consultant, Mintier Harnish will facilitate a Planning Commission Work Session to present and discuss the following:

- Revised Draft Background Report
- Next Steps: Launch of Phase 4 – Evaluating Alternatives

Susan Curtis, General Plan Manager, and Clay Downing, Planner, RMA-Planning Division, Jim Harnish, Principal, Mintier Harnish, Bob Lagomarsino, Project Manager, Mintier Harnish, Doug Svennson, President Applied Development Economics, Erik de Kok, Senior Planner, Ascent Environmental, Inc., and Meredith Clement, Water Resource Planner, Kennedy Jenks, presented the Staff Report and project overview. The following recommended actions were presented to the Planning Commission:

Planning Division staff is requesting that the Planning Commission provide input on the Draft Background Report (Exhibits 2a through 2m) for review by the Board of Supervisors at their January 23, 2018 meeting

**Commission’s Disclosures:**

Disclosures not applicable.

**Presentation of Public Speakers:**

Supporting Staff's recommended action with requested changes:

Cam Spencer, Port of Hueneme  
Kimberly Rivers, CFROG  
Lynn Jensen, VC CoLAB
Comments to Staff’s recommended action with requested changes:

Steven Colome, ScD, Ojai Resident
Bruce Smith, Ventura City Resident

Planning Commission Deliberation and Vote:

The Commission recommended the following revisions to the Revised Draft Background Report for review by the Board of Supervisors at its January 23, 2018 meeting:

a) Summarize the severity of drought conditions and describe oil and gas injection wells and groundwater basins in Chapter 10 (Water);
b) Incorporate updated information provided by Mr. Cam Spencer from the Port of Hueneme;
c) Add additional discussion regarding status of air quality throughout the County Chapters 4 (Health and Well-Being) and 8 (Natural Resources);
d) Expand discussion of Patrol Division sub-section on community engagement and policing in Chapter 7 (Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure, Section 7.5 Law Enforcement);
e) Expand Chapter 6 (Transportation and Mobility) discussion of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Level of Service (LOS) to clarify SB743 mandate and policy options;
f) Expand discussion of regulatory context in Chapter 5 (Housing);
g) Correct Scenic Overlay Map Chapter 8 (Natural Resources, Figure 8.7);
h) Address Theresa Jordan’s comments related to Chapters 2 (Demographics and Economics), 3 (Land Use), and 7 (Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure);
i) Address comments identified within Exhibits 6 and E as well as air quality comments by Commissioner White;
j) Expand discussion of existing photovoltaic energy production in Chapter 7 (Public Facilities, Services, and Infrastructure);
k) Additional language within the introduction of Chapter 12 (Climate Change);
l) Correct typographical errors identified to date;
m) Incorporate recommended revisions, working with the Air Pollution Control District, provided by Commissioner White in email November 8, 2017 (Exhibit E)

Commissioner Aidukas moved to have the Planning Division move forward to the Board of Supervisors with the recommended revisions to the Draft Background Report and proceed into the launch of Phase 4 of the General Plan Update Project. Motion seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

7. DISCUSSION:

a) Report by the Planning Director on Board Actions and Other Matters

Planning Director Kim Prillhart provided overview of upcoming scheduled Planning Commissioner Hearing on November 16 and December 7, 2017.
b) Items the Planning Commission may wish to introduce

Commissioner Kestly publicly thanked the Board of Supervisors for their recent support of the lease granted to the Free Clinic of Simi Valley.

8. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Onstot adjourned the meeting at 3:55 P.M.

Anna Hall, Recording Secretary
Ventura County Planning Commission