



SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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County Administration Building – Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, California

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING / WORKSHOP COUNTY OF SAN BENITO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN BENITO PLANNING COMMISSION Thursday, March 6, 2008 ACTION MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Jaime De La Cruz in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA.

Board of Supervisors Present: Chair Jaime De La Cruz, Vice Chair Anthony Botelho, Reb Monaco, Pat Loe and Don Marcus.

Planning Commissioners Present: Chair Gordon Machado, Vice Chair Richard Bettencourt, Robert Scattini, and Mark Tognazzini.
Commissioner Dan DeVries arrived at 1:36 p.m. and left at 2:10 p.m.

Also present was County Administrative Officer Susan Thompson, Deputy County Counsel Shirley Murphy and Clerk of the Board Linda Churchill.

- a) ***Chairman De La Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.***
- b) ***Upon motion duly made and seconded and carried, acknowledged Certificate of Posting.***

WORKSHOP

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

- **DISCUSS AND REVIEW PHASE ONE OF THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND DIRECT STAFF AS NECESSARY INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF THE FINAL WORK SCOPE FOR PHASE TWO**

Planning Director Art Henriques provided background information and explained the process up to this point reporting that staff and the consultants have been working to gather input from the community as to what the County should consider updating in the General Plan. Mr. Henriques stated that for the past year the county has gone through quite a bit of community discussion. Mr. Henriques introduced Rajeev Bhatia of Dyett & Bhatia the county's consultant.

Mr. Bhatia began by giving a quick refresher explanation on what is a General Plan and then provided a power point presentation, with the assistance of Melissa McMahon, explaining the Phase I visioning process.

Mr. Bhatia and Ms. McMahon answered questions posed by the supervisors and planning commissioners and Veronica Lezama of the local Council of Governments office.

The following members of the public addressed the supervisors and planning commissioners: Sally Haydon, local resident; Joe Thompson, Tres Pinos resident and Marty Richman, local resident.

Mr. Bhatia provided a power point presentation explaining the proposed work program for Phase II

Planning Director Henriques stated that in order to keep the process moving forward the following directions would be forthcoming on a future Board of Supervisors agenda for consideration:

- Direct staff to send out an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for a Planning consultant firm to assist with the next phase of the General Plan Update and develop a consultant contract; and
- Direct staff to send out the formal RFQ for an Economics consultant to develop market demand forecasts for the County for the next twenty years;
- Direct staff to engage in an Environmental consultant to work with the selected General Plan consultant and the County to conduct a constraints analysis and other EIR work;
- Provide direction to staff as to the public outreach process for the next phase including any desired General Plan Update Advisory Committee.

Mr. Henriques answered questions posed by Board members.

Supervisor Marcus stated that some of the priorities for the General Plan revision should include agricultural preservation and open space, address zoning plans, and the TDC (Transfer of Development Credits) Program could be a benefit and he would like to see it move in that direction.

Mr. Henriques noted that there was a sign-up sheet in back of the Board Chambers for people who are interested in future meeting notifications.

It was also noted that the presentation today would be uploaded to the County's website.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Jaime De La Cruz adjourned the special joint meeting at 3:00 p.m.

JAIME DE LA CRUZ, CHAIRMAN

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ATTEST:

Linda Churchill

Clerk of the Board