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Planning Commission Staff Report

To: Lemoore Planning Commission
From: Holly Smyth, Planning Director
Review Date: March 10, 2008
Subject: Continuation of Public Hearing on 2030 General Plan and Final EIR

The continuation of the February 25, 2008 public hearing on the 2030 General Plan will be held during the regular meeting of the Commission. Michael Dyett, who has been the lead facilitator for the entire update process, from Dyett and Bhatia will begin the discussion by providing a Power Point presentation (see attached copy) of the Public Utilities, Conservation/Open Space, and Safety/ Noise elements as well as the environmental impacts of the overall General Plan. City staff will then summarize responses to all general plan related letters, including the location of each area, and questions posed by the public at the last meeting. The staff memo provided by the City Manager summarizes staff's responses and makes recommendations on each. Additional maps and aerials will also be reviewed at the meeting. Staff noticed that we had not provided a response to the Health Department's email that is contained in the Final EIR and will be reviewed on Monday night so that it may be adequately addressed. Responses to environmental issues such as Navy noise are in the previously released Final Environmental Impact Report which recommends additional mitigations to be added to the EIR.

For your reference, a copy of a Fiscal Impacts of the Draft General Plan document is attached showing that the draft policies are fiscally sound over the life of the plan. This document is not a part of the General Plan, but underscores the fiscal impacts of policies being made.

After staff presentations, the public should be continued to give further opportunity for the public to provide testimony and ask questions on any portion of the General Plan or environmental documents. Two additional letters have been received since our last meeting, from Leprino and Brad Vlotho, in the last week on the General Plan and are attached for your review.

After taking all public testimony, staff will need to ask for a short recess to evaluate new testimony and provide responses and recommendations to the Planning Commissioners. **Draft Resolutions 2008-10 and 2008-11 are provided in the agenda packet for consideration by the Planning Commission.** The first one recommends that the City Council adopt the Final Environmental Impact Report with any additional modifications not included in the document listed in Attachment A. The second resolution recommends that the City Council adopt the General Plan with modifications listed in Exhibit A. Staff has left these addendum pages blank until Planning Commission provides further direction at the meeting. Planning Commission may wish to modify, add, or delete staff recommendations based on all the testimony received on the General Plan. Please bring all your General Plan documents to the meeting, noting the areas where you have questions or feel further discussion is needed.

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