

MONTEREY COUNTY

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY – PLANNING DEPARTMENT



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 6, 2011

To: RMA-Planning Department

From: Carl P. Holm, AICP, Assistant Director of Planning

Subject: General Plan Policy GMP-1.6: Rancho San Carlos and Development on Slopes

A Comprehensive Development Plan (April 26, 1994) was created for the Santa Lucia Preserve. Said Plan was adopted by the County via Board Resolution 96-060 (February 6, 1996). Section 1.5.2.6 of the Plan creates development standards for the Preserve including 30% slope standards.

2010 General Plan Policy GMP-1.6 establishes Rancho San Carlos as a Special Treatment Area. This policy states that development in the Preserve shall follow densities and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

Unless there is a differing opinion by the Director or a decision making body, it is my interpretation that the intent of the GP policy is that development within the area covered by the Comprehensive Development Plan is not subject to the 25% slope standards established in GP Policy OS-3.5. As such, for projects in this area, assessment by the Planning Department whether or not a Use Permit is required would be based on the 30% slope threshold established in the Comprehensive Plan.