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Response to DEIR for the Monterey County General Plan

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Dear Mr. Holm,

Following are some concerns and observations about the DEIR for the proposed Monterey County General Plan. Can you please see that these get addressed in the Final EIR?

1) AWCP Agricultural Winery Corridor Plan

There is no mention of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Agency being advised of this plan. The sale, serving, and consumption of alcoholic beverages are allowed under a number of different permit types. These permits have numbers and descriptions. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Agency for the Tri-County Area is located in the City of Salinas. They have a staff of approximately eight. These eight people are responsible for taking applications, processing applications, issuing new permits, renewing permits, monitoring the onsite and off site establishments that sell and/or serve alcohol, and also are responsible for enforcement. It is a very big task.

When asked, "How can your office visit the bars, liquor stores, restaurants, quick stops, grocery stores, clubs, sports venues, and other areas selling and serving alcohol in the Tri-County area?"

The answer is, "We can't!"

Enforcement is often a procedure after reports of problems occur.

There are numerous wineries of differing sizes being considered, with on site sales of bottled wine and on site consumption, in addition to events. The Monterey County Sheriff's Department will necessarily be the one called upon when there are law enforcement issues because the wineries are in unincorporated parts of Monterey County. Given the budget constraints, how will the Sheriff's Department handle the additional duties?

What safety aspects may these wineries have on the residents of these Wine Corridors and surrounding areas? Roadways have curves. Tourists are unfamiliar with the roadways. Add visits to several wineries and wine tastings There will be issues.

2) Scenic Highways: The stretch of State Highway 68 between the Salinas River and the City of Salinas South Main Street boundary has been eligible for

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- inclusion into the Scenic Highway status the remainder of Highway 68 has enjoyed since September 20, 1966. Why? | 2
- 3) Historical Resources appears incomplete. Possibly due to misplaced or lost files? | 3
- 4) Fort Ord: Unexploded buried ordnance and contaminated groundwater that is migrating. Shouldn't these known and suspected sites in addition to known migrating contaminated groundwater maps be included in the County General Plan? Especially since it involves the neighboring City of Marina and the California State University of Monterey Bay. | 4
- 5) The Fort Ord Master Plan Land Use Map is contingent upon proper clean up and clearance by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, California State Water Quality Control Agency, and the United States Department of the Army. Costs of clean up can be estimated, however ultimate costs are unknown. The taxpayers are picking up the tab for clean up. Please note the Parker Flats Cemetery and adjacent Hotel and Golf Course Opportunity Parcels are prior aerial bombing training areas during World War 2. | 5
- 6) The Fort Ord Map fails to show the adopted County Plan Lines for the Corral de Tierra Bypass. | 6
- 7) The Fort Ord Open Space Recreation Map (green areas) doesn't show or mention Wolf Hill, one of the most contaminated of Unexploded Ordnance Sites. Does "recreation" allow trailers to be leveled or tent sites (with stakes)? | 7
- 8) Highway 68 Plan Lines through Fort Ord, known as the South-West Alternative, or Highway 68 Bypass. Has the Tier 1 Environmental Document been completed by CalTrans yet? | 8
- 9) Toro Area Land Use map appears to have a mapping error by possibly including the residential #12 Corral de Tierra Road in the red Commercial designation? | 9
- 10) Please clarify proposed adopted Level of Service D Countywide, except for Carmel Valley. How can there be two different Levels of service Standards in unincorporated areas of the same County? Shouldn't it all be LOS C for consistency? | 10
- 11) Alternatively, please clarify that level of Service "D" is D and not a range of D that may go to D- or D- - , or anything just short of F+. | 11
- 12) Regarding water, please explain how supporting a "regional solution" | 12

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WR-1 won't lead to approval of water uses in areas where there is no water. Drawing down the water tables in areas where there may some water and transporting it to areas where there is no water for new uses will only result in the eventuality of no one having any water.

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Thank you for the opportunity to express some of my concerns regarding the DEIR for the Monterey County General Plan.

Sincerely,



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