

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California**

**Resolution No.** \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution of the Monterey  
County Board of Supervisors  
Adopting the 2010 Monterey  
County General Plan

**RECITALS**

**GENERAL**

**WHEREAS,**

- A. Monterey County (“County”) is a political subdivision of the State of California, and is located on California’s central coast bounded by the Pacific Ocean to the west, Santa Cruz County to the north, San Benito, Fresno, and Kings Counties to the east, and San Luis Obispo County to the South.
- B. Pursuant to Government Code section 65300, each city and county must adopt “a comprehensive, long term general plan for the physical development of the county and city.” The County last comprehensively updated its general plan when, on September 30, 1982, the Board of Supervisors for the County (“Board”) adopted a comprehensive General Plan update (the “1982 General Plan”) of the 1968 General Plan. The 1982 General Plan contains countywide policies to address all aspects of future growth, development, and conservation within the County. Subsequent amendments to the 1982 General Plan enacted “Area Plans” for specific geographic areas of the County within the unincorporated inland area of the County, specifically, the Toro Area Plan (December 13, 1983), Carmel Valley Master Plan (July 31, 1984), Greater Monterey Peninsula Area Plan (December 17, 1984), North County Area Plan (July 2, 1985), Greater Salinas Area Plan (October 14, 1986), Central Salinas Valley Area Plan (November 24, 1987), South County Area Plan (December 15, 1987), and Cachagua Area Plan (November 29, 1988). In addition, the Castroville Community Plan (April 10, 2007) (“CCP”) was adopted for the unincorporated inland area as part of the North County Area Plan. Pursuant to the state Coastal Act (Public Resources Code section 30000 et seq.), for that portion of the County within the coastal zone delineated pursuant to Public Resources Code section 30103, the Board adopted the North County Coastal Land Use Plan (April 28, 1982), Del Monte Forest Land Use Plan (July 5, 1983), Carmel Area Land Use Plan (October 19, 1982), and Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan (November 5, 1985). These coastal Land Use Plans, together with Coastal Implementation Plans for each of these coastal areas, comprise the County’s Local Coastal Program (LCP) certified by the California Coastal Commission (those portions of the Castroville Community Plan within the coastal zone will require an amendment to the LCP).

- C. Pursuant to Government Code section 65358, the Board may amend all or part of the adopted general plan if deemed to be in the public interest. The 2010 Monterey County General Plan (“2010 Plan”), attached hereto as Exhibit A, is a comprehensive update of the 1982 General Plan and Area Plans for the inland unincorporated area of the County. The 2010 Plan is intended to comprehensively update the 1982 General Plan and the Area Plans for the inland unincorporated area of the County, except for the Housing Element and the Castroville Community Plan.
- D. Throughout the development and environmental review of the 2010 Plan, the terms “General Plan Update 5 (GPU5),” “2007 General Plan,” “2008 General Plan,” “2010 draft Monterey County General Plan,” “2010 Monterey County General Plan,” and “2010 General Plan” have been used to refer to the plan under review. All of these terms describe the General Plan update that is the subject of this resolution.

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **WHEREAS,**

- E. The 2010 Plan is the culmination of more than a decade of effort to prepare a comprehensive update of the 1982 General Plan, which effort is summarized below.
- F. In November of 1999, the Board directed County staff (“Staff”) to undertake preparation of a new General Plan to comprehensively update the adopted 1982 General Plan. In accordance with the Board’s direction, Staff prepared a first draft entitled “21st Century Monterey County General Plan” (“2001 Draft GPU”). On or about December 18, 2001, the County published and circulated the 2001 Draft GPU. A Draft Environmental Impact Report (“DEIR”), dated March 27, 2002 (“2002 DEIR”) was published and circulated for public review and comment between April 1 and May 28, 2002.
- G. Between April 17 and August 26, 2002, the Planning Commission held multiple duly noticed hearings to consider the 2001 Draft GPU. Having considered the draft, all of the testimony and comments, and the 2002 DEIR, the Planning Commission formulated recommendations on the 2001 Draft GPU and forwarded its recommendations to the Board.
- H. Between July 15 and November 26, 2002, the Board held multiple duly noticed public hearings on the 2001 Draft GPU. Having considered the 2002 DEIR and 2001 Draft GPU, the Board received and considered public testimony, and considered the Planning Commission recommendations. The Board directed Staff to revise the 2001 Draft GPU in accordance with various recommendations.
- I. In April of 2003, Staff provided a revised general plan update in accordance with the direction of the Board, entitled “Preliminary Discussion Draft of the 21st Century Monterey County General Plan,” also referred to as “GPU 2”. The Board considered GPU 2 at a series of public workshops between May and October of 2003. On October 7

and October 28, 2003, the Board and Planning Commission held joint workshops to provide further direction to Staff.

- J. On November 4, 2003, after duly noticed public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board, the Board adopted Housing Element 2002-2008, which updated the Housing Element of the 1982 General Plan for the 2002-2008 planning cycle. In January of 2004, the state Department of Housing and Community Development certified the 2002-2008 Housing Element.
- K. On or about January 21, 2004, a “Public Review Draft” of the 21st Century Monterey County General Plan, or “GPU 3”, was published and circulated for public review. A DEIR for GPU 3 (“2004 DEIR”) was published on or about February 17, 2004 and circulated for public review between February 17 and April 2, 2004. The Planning Commission held a series of duly noticed public hearings on GPU 3 between March 3 and April 28, 2004. On April 28, 2004, having considered GPU 3, the 2004 DEIR, and all of the comments and testimony received, the Planning Commission recommended that the Board make certain changes to GPU 3 and further recommended that, subject to making those changes and certifying a Final Environmental Impact Report (“FEIR”) for GPU 3, the Board adopt GPU 3 with modifications. On May 18, 2004, however, the Board rejected the recommendation, did not adopt GPU3, and directed Staff to return with options and a modified approach to updating the General Plan.
- L. At a series of meetings beginning May 25, 2004, and continuing through November 9, 2004, the Board gave direction to Staff on an approach to for updating the General Plan and preparing a revised DEIR.
- M. On February 23, March 31, April 1, April 19, May 5, May 19, May 24, June 20, July 7, and July 21, 2005, the Board conducted public workshops and study sessions. The purpose of these workshops and study sessions was to review major policy issues and provide tentative direction to Staff as to how to address those issues in a new General Plan update. The 2005 workshops were followed by additional workshops on September 19, October 31, November 14, November 28, December 12, and December 13, 2005, and January 6, and February 14, 2006, during which the Board reviewed draft language presented by Staff in response to policy direction.
- N. A Tribal Consultation List Request was faxed to the Native American Heritage Commission in Sacramento, California on February 15, 2006. The County received a list of all California Native American Tribes within the project area (Monterey County) on March 7, 2006. The draft 2006 General Plan (GPU4) was forwarded, with offer for consultation, to the California American Native Tribes on March 30, 2006. Staff initiated consultation with interested California Native American Tribes in April 2006, and attended meetings with the Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation (“OCEN”) on April 20, 2006 and July 10, 2006. A letter was received from the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band on September 14, 2006 regarding the Agricultural and Winery Corridor Plan (AWCP). All requests were considered as part of the Planning Commission’s review.

- O. An initial draft of a new General Plan (“2006 General Plan” or “GPU4”) was released to the public on or about March 21, 2006. A corrected draft was issued on or about August 1, 2006. The 2006 General Plan provided a framework for future growth in the unincorporated inland areas of the County through the year 2030. It was an update of the 1982 General Plan, inland Area Plans, and the Carmel Valley Master and Fort Ord Master Plans. The 2006 General Plan also included an Agricultural and Winery Corridor Plan. The 2006 General Plan did not amend the 2002-2008 Housing Element. The 2006 General Plan also did not apply in the coastal zone and did not amend the County’s coastal Land Use Plans.
- P. On or about March 21, 2006, the 2006 General Plan was referred for review and comment to federal agencies (including the military), State agencies, regional agencies, local agencies (including cities and counties, local districts, schools, water agencies), and other special districts and agencies.
- Q. The 2006 General Plan was also forwarded, with offer for consultation, to neighboring counties on March 29, 2006, and incorporated cities on March 30, 2006. As part of the consultation, County staff conducted a general meeting for all 12 cities within Monterey County on April 18, 2006. Upon request, County staff also attended Planning Commission and/or City Council meetings at the cities of: Salinas (August 15, 2006), Marina (September 12, 2006), Monterey (September 26, 2006), Seaside (November 2, 2006), and Gonzales (November 6, 2006) to address their specific issues.
- R. In 2006, the Monterey County Airport Land Use Commission (“ALUC”) received reports on the 2006 General Plan. A few areas of concern were identified and addressed in the plan.
- S. On or about August 18, 2006, a DEIR for the 2006 General Plan was published and distributed to the State Clearinghouse as well as responsible and trustee agencies for a 49-day comment period, ending on October 6, 2006.
- T. The Planning Commission held duly noticed public hearings on the 2006 General Plan on July 19, August 16, August 23, August 30, September 13, September 14, September 20, September 27, September 28, October 4, October 5, October 11, October 12, October 18, October 19, October 24, and October 25, 2006. On October 25, 2006, having considered the 2006 General Plan, the DEIR for the 2006 General Plan, and all the comments and testimony, the Planning Commission adopted its recommendation on the 2006 General Plan. The Planning Commission recommended certain modifications to mitigation measures proposed in the DEIR and certain modifications to the draft 2006 General Plan, and further recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the 2006 General Plan with the recommended modifications, subject to completion and Board certification of the FEIR. A Final Environmental Impact Report for the 2006 General Plan was issued on December 20, 2006, and errata to that FEIR were issued prior to its consideration by the Board.

- U. On January 3, 2007, the Board certified the FEIR for, and adopted the 2006 General Plan (Resolution Nos. 07-006 and 07-007, respectively). At the same time, the Board made adoption of the 2006 General Plan subject to voter repeal at the June 2007 election.
- V. During the County's preparation of the 2006 General Plan, a citizens' group had circulated and gathered signatures on an initiative measure to amend the 1982 General Plan and North County Land Use Plan. Sufficient signatures were gathered, and, pursuant to the California Elections Code, on January 16, 2007, the Board called for the question of whether or not to repeal the 2006 General Plan adopted by the Board, and whether or not to adopt the citizen-circulated general plan initiative, to be presented to the electors of the County also on the June 5, 2007, ballot. Additionally, following the Board's adoption of the 2006 General Plan, a referendum petition concerning that action circulated and qualified for the ballot. Pursuant to the California Elections Code, the Board ordered the referendum question to also be submitted to the voters at the June 5, 2007, election. Accordingly, the June 5, 2007, election ballot presented three competing general plan measures to County voters: Measure A, asking whether the citizen-circulated general plan initiative entitled "Amendment of the Monterey County General Plan, Including the North County Land Use Plan" should be adopted; Measure B, asking whether the 2006 County General Plan enacted by the Board of Supervisors on January 3, 2007, should be repealed; and Measure C, asking whether the 2006 County General Plan enacted by the Board of Supervisors on January 3, 2007, should be approved. The election ended in uncertainty with respect to the status of the 2006 General Plan. Measure C was defeated, clearly indicating that the voters did not want to adopt the general plan initiative; however, both Measures A and B also received a majority of "no" votes, showing that the majority of the voters did not want to repeal or adopt the Board-approved 2006 General Plan.
- W. As a result of the uncertainty created by the June 5, 2007, election the Board directed Staff to develop modifications to the 2006 General Plan. On July 17, 2007, the Board of Supervisors provided parameters to the Planning Commission to use the 2006 General Plan as a template for proposing possible amendments. On July 18, 2007, the Chairman of the Planning Commission appointed an ad hoc committee, representing diverse community interests throughout the County, to develop recommendations for GPU5. This committee held multiple meetings that included technical input from County staff. On September 12, 2007, the full Planning Commission received the committee's report and voted 10-0 to forward recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission also forwarded comment letters it had received from the public for the Board's consideration.
- X. On September 25, October 16, and November 6, 2007, the Board conducted duly noticed public hearings to provide direction to Staff regarding revisions to be incorporated into the 2006 General Plan.

**PREPARATION OF**  
**THE 2010 MONTEREY COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AND EIR**

**WHEREAS,**

- Y. Based on the direction from the Board, staff prepared a new draft general plan that was released to the public on about December 21, 2007, entitled the “draft 2007 Monterey County General Plan” or “GPU5.” In September and December of 2008, Staff issued “errata” to GPU5 consisting of text and map corrections as well as revisions to correspond to state law requirements.
- Z. As lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), the County issued a Notice of Preparation (“NOP”) of a DEIR for GPU 5. The NOP was submitted to the State Clearinghouse (State Clearinghouse No. 2007121001), all responsible and trustee agencies, and interested groups and individuals on December 3, 2007 for a 34-day review period ending on January 5, 2008. Availability of the NOP was advertised through certified, direct mailing to federal agencies (including the military), state agencies, regional agencies, local agencies (including cities and counties, local districts, school districts, water agencies), other special districts and agencies, as well as private groups and individuals requesting notification. The County also posted the NOP on its website and published it in the following local newspapers: the Monterey County Herald, Watsonville Register-Pajaronian, South County News, and Salinas Californian.
- AA. The County held an EIR scoping meeting on December 12, 2007 to provide information about the General Plan, the potential environmental impacts and the CEQA review process, as well as a schedule for General Plan adoption and implementation. Members of the public and other interested parties had the opportunity to ask questions and provide their input as to the scope and content of the environmental information to be addressed in the EIR.
- BB. On December 21, 2007, GPU5 was referred for review and comment to federal agencies (including the military), State agencies, regional agencies, local agencies (including cities and counties, local districts, schools, water agencies), and other special districts and agencies, and was forwarded, with offer for consultation, to neighboring counties and incorporated cities. As part of the consultation, Staff conducted a general meeting for all 12 cities within the County on January 31, 2008. Upon request, County staff also held separate meetings with individual city representatives.
- CC. Also on December 21, 2007, GPU5 was forwarded, with offer for consultation, to the California American Native Tribes. OCEN had attended the EIR Scoping meeting on December 12, 2007, but no requests for consultation were received within the 90-day consultation period.
- DD. The County published a DEIR for GPU 5 and distributed it to the State Clearinghouse as well as responsible and trustee agencies, citizen groups, and individuals for a public review period beginning on September 5, 2008. A Notice of Completion (“NOC”) and

Notice of Availability (“NOA”) of the DEIR were prepared, published, and distributed, as required by CEQA Guidelines Sections 15085 and 15087. Because DEIR Appendix C (traffic data) had been inadvertently omitted from the first publication of the DEIR, a new NOC and NOA were distributed, and the public comment period recommenced on September 13, 2008 and was scheduled to end on October 28, 2008. As a result of public concerns over the availability of reference documents and to correct minor typographical errors, the County issued an updated list of citations and references and other corrections to the Draft EIR on December 6, 2008 (“December 2008 errata”). The County issued a new NOC and NOA and began a second public review period on December 16, 2008, which ended on February 2, 2009. The DEIR with the December 2008 errata were submitted to the State Clearinghouse for circulation to state agencies for their review. Copies of the DEIR were available for public review during normal business hours at the County Planning Department in Salinas. Copies of the draft General Plan and DEIR were also available for review at libraries in Monterey County, in the County Permit Centers and on the County’s website. . The County distributed notices and documents based on a distribution list (“General Plan Distribution List”) that included 9 federal agencies, 13 state agencies, six regional agencies, 12 cities within Monterey County, five neighboring counties, 10 local water agencies, seven local Native American groups, 25 local districts, 16 fire districts, and 19 libraries within Monterey County. Notices and documents have also been posted locally with the County Clerk and on the County website as well as published in newspapers of general circulation, including the Salinas Californian, Watsonville Register-Pajaronian, South County News, and Monterey County Herald. The GPU5 DEIR proposed mitigation measures in the form generally of modifications to the text of, and new policies to be added to, GPU5.

- EE. The County received numerous letters commenting on the DEIR and GPU 5 during the public comment period ending on February 2, 2009, totaling almost 1,100 pages. Additionally, the County received a number of letters on the DEIR after the close of the public comment period prior to issuing the Final EIR.
- FF. On September 10, 2008, during the initial comment period on the DEIR, the Planning Commission held a workshop to receive a presentation from Staff on GPU 5, errata to the draft Plan, and mitigation measures proposed by the DEIR. Following the close of the public comment period on the DEIR, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on February 11 and 25, 2009 to receive a staff report and receive public testimony. In response to comments received on the DEIR, the Planning Commission conducted workshops on May 27, June 10, July 8, and July 29, 2009 to consider draft General Plan policies and mitigation measures proposed by the DEIR, and possible revisions to policies and mitigation measures. Additionally, the Planning Commission regularly included an agenda item to discuss the schedule and hearing process for the draft General Plan.
- GG. On September 15, 2008, GPU5 was presented to the ALUC for review and consideration as part of the review process. While the language recommend by the ALUC in GPU4 remained unchanged in GPU5, GPU5 added an Affordable Housing Overlay program that specifically identifies 85-acres (only approximately 30 acres are unconstrained for

development) on the east side of Highway 68 at Olmstead for potential development of affordable housing at a density of up to 30 units/acre. Part of developing this site included review of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) for the Monterey Peninsula Airport. The ALUC addressed this matter and had no additional recommendations for GPU5.

- HH. In response to issues raised by comments on the DEIR and in the consultation with cities, and further guided by Planning Commission discussion at workshops and hearings, Staff refined the text of some of the mitigation measures and made other clarifications and corrections to the text and figures (graphics) of GPU5. On or about March 8, 2010, in conjunction with publication of the FEIR, Staff released to the public GPU5 as revised to incorporate the errata, corrections, revisions, and proposed mitigation measures, and updated the title to the “2010 draft Monterey County General Plan.”
- II. A Final EIR for GPU 5 (now entitled the “2010 draft Monterey County General Plan” or “2010 draft Plan”) was issued on March 21, 2010. The FEIR included the 2007 Monterey County General Plan Draft EIR, Volumes 1 and 2, dated September 2008; the December 2008 errata; all comment letters received on the DEIR during the public comment period and late letters received prior to release of the Final EIR in March 2010; a list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR; the County’s written responses to all significant environmental points raised in the comments; the DEIR; changes to the text of the DEIR made in response to comments; the March 8, 2010 draft Plan showing the incorporation of proposed mitigation measures as policy and other corrections and clarifications; updated references to include references cited in the FEIR; and technical supporting data (“Monterey County General Plan Final Environmental Impact Report, dated March 2010” or “March 2010 FEIR”). The County prepared and circulated an NOA for the March 2010 FEIR on March 21, 2010 to all commenters, any person who filed a written request, and the General Plan Distribution List. The March 2010 FEIR was made available for public review at the Monterey County RMA-Planning Department (Salinas and Marina offices); Steinbeck Library (City of Salinas); and County libraries and for purchase upon request, and the FEIR was posted on the County’s website. In addition, copies of the FEIR were sent to all cities within Monterey County as well as public agencies that had submitted comments on the DEIR, including but not limited to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, California Coastal Commission, California Department of Toxic Substances Control, California Public Utilities Commission, CalTrans, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, Monterey Regional Waste Management District, the Transportation Agency of Monterey County, Monterey Local Agency Formation Commission, County of San Benito, Monterey County Cities (12), Pajaro Valley WMA, Monterey-Salinas Transit.
- JJ. Following publication of the FEIR, the Planning Commission conducted a workshop on the 2010 draft Plan and FEIR on March 31, 2010.



## **PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE 2010 DRAFT PLAN AND FEIR**

### **WHEREAS,**

- KK. Subsequently, pursuant to Government Code section 65353, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the 2010 draft Plan and FEIR beginning on April 14, 2010 and continuing on April 28, 2010, May 12, 2010, May 26, 2010, June 9, 2010, June 30, 2010, July 14, 2010, July 21, 2010, July 28, 2010, and August 11, 2010. Notice of the April 14, 2010 hearing was published as 1/8-page display ads in the Salinas Californian and Monterey County Herald on March 20 and March 21, 2010 (respectively), at least 10 days prior to the hearing. Notice of the hearing was also provided on the County webpage for the General Plan. At the hearing on April 14 and at the hearing on each of the above dates listed until the close of the hearing on August 11, 2010, the Planning Commission continued the hearing to the following date certain. At each of the hearings, the Planning Commission considered the 2010 draft Plan and FEIR, discussed possible revisions to the draft Plan, and took public testimony.
- LL. The 2010 draft Plan presented to the Planning Commission included all revisions and modifications made since the initial release of the DEIR in December of 2007, including errata, responses to comments received from the public, revisions to mitigation measures and changes to text recommended in the DEIR, revisions recommended in the FEIR in response to comments received on the DEIR, and modifications made by the Planning Commission.
- MM. The Planning Commission reviewed and considered the Final EIR, including mitigation measures and alternatives identified therein. The mitigation measures identified in the EIR are generally set forth in the form of new policies to be incorporated into the General Plan or modifications to policies already in the General Plan. The 2010 draft General Plan before the Planning Commission included policies added by and/or modified by the feasible mitigation measures identified in the EIR.
- NN. On August 11, 2010, following the conclusion of the public hearing before the Planning Commission, the Commission recommended that the Board certify the FEIR and approve the 2010 draft Plan; however, after much public testimony and debate, and consideration of many options, the Commission was unable to reach a consensus with respect to a definition for “Long Term Sustainable Water Supply” and the criteria to be used in Policy PS-3.2 pertaining to that term, and recommended that the Board address these issues. The 2010 draft plan and the FEIR were accordingly transmitted to the Board for consideration.
- OO. The 2010 draft Plan presented to the Board included all revisions and modifications made since the initial release of the DEIR in December of 2007, including errata, responses to comments received from the public, revisions to mitigation measures and changes to text recommended in the DEIR, revisions recommended in the FEIR in response to comments received on the DEIR, and modifications recommended by the Planning Commission.

PP. Pursuant to Government Code section 65355, the Board commenced a public hearing on the 2010 draft Plan on August 31, 2010, and continued the public hearing to September 14, 21, and 28, and October 12 and 26, 2010, during which time the Board heard presentations on the 2010 draft Plan and FEIR, heard testimony from the public, and deliberated on the content of the 2010 draft Plan and FEIR. During this time the board determined language for the definition of “Long Term Sustainable Water Supply” and Policy PS-3.2, and made other modifications to the language of the policies in the 2010 draft Plan. Notice of the August 31, 2010 hearing was published as 1/8-page display ads in the Salinas Californian and Monterey County Herald on August 18, 2010, at least 10 days prior to the hearing. Notice of the hearing was also provided on the County webpage for the General Plan. At the hearing on August 31 and at the hearing on each of the above dates listed until the close of the hearing on October 26, 2010, the Board of Supervisors continued the hearing to the following date certain.

## **FINDINGS**

- QQ. The Board has reviewed and considered the 2010 draft Plan and FEIR. The Final EIR, dated October 2010, consists of: the complete contents of the March 2010 Final EIR, as set forth above, and the “Revised Supplemental Materials to the Final EIR,” dated October 15, 2010. The mitigation measures identified in the EIR are generally set forth in the form of new policies to be incorporated into the General Plan or modifications to policies already in the General Plan. The 2010 draft General Plan before the Board includes all policies added by and/or modified by the feasible mitigation measures identified in the EIR. Additional mitigation measures are adopted through the Board’s adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
- RR. GPU 5 has been revised, resulting in the 2010 Plan now before the Board. Many of the revisions are intended to clarify the text and make grammatical and other corrections without changing the substantive meaning of the original draft language. Other revisions are the result of policy discussion and deliberation and public input. All matters addressed in the 2010 Plan, including all revisions and additions made by the Board, and specifically the definition of “Long Term Sustainable Water Supply” and Policy PS-3.2, were reasonably considered by the Planning Commission, and the 2010 Plan need not be remanded to the Commission for further consideration.
- SS. The 2010 Plan will be a comprehensive, long-term plan for the physical development of the inland unincorporated area of the County of Monterey which seeks to and does balance the competing interests and needs of a diverse County.
- TT. The 2010 Plan contains development policies and diagrams and text setting forth objectives, principles, standards and plan proposals as required under the law.
- UU. All requirements of Government Code section 65302 et seq. have been satisfied in the 2010 Plan. The 2010 Plan contains the mandatory general plan information required under the law. State law requires seven elements, including: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, and Safety Elements. The 2010 Plan

combines some of the mandatory elements and includes the following required elements: Land Use, Circulation, Conservation and Open Space, Public Services, and Safety (includes Noise). The 2010 Plan also contains additional optional elements, area plans, master plans, and an Agricultural and Winery Corridor Plan, as described above. A matrix is included that summarizes where and how these requirements are met (*Exhibit GP-1*).

- VV. The 2009-2014 Housing Element was separately adopted by the Board on June 15, 2010, and the adoption of the 2010 Plan does not amend the 2009-2014 Housing Element. As found by the Planning Commission when it recommended adoption of the Housing Element, and as found by the Board when it adopted the Housing Element, the Housing Element is consistent with the 2010 Plan.
  - WW. The Board of Supervisors adopted the Castroville Community Plan (CCP) on April 10, 2007; action on the 2010 Plan does not amend the CCP and leaves the CCP in place and in effect.
  - YY. The County is not amending the County's certified Local Coastal Program through adoption of the 2010 Plan. Adoption of the 2010 Plan does not amend the governing plans in the coastal zone, which include the certified Local Coastal Program and the 1982 General Plan to the extent the LCP relies on the 1982 General Plan. This approach recognizes, in accordance with the California Coastal Act (Public Resources Code section 30000 et seq.), that the coastal zone is a distinct and valuable natural resource that requires unique planning considerations, has unique procedural requirements, and may require different standards and policies than may apply in the inland areas of the County.
  - ZZ. Based on all of the foregoing, the 2010 Monterey County General Plan, together with the 2009-2014 Housing Element and the CCP, comprises an integrated, internally consistent, and compatible statement of policies governing the inland unincorporated area of the County and satisfies all requirements of the law.
  - AAA. Prior to taking this action to adopt the 2010 Monterey County General Plan, the Board of Supervisors by separate resolution of even date herewith certified the Final EIR, adopted findings for each significant environmental effect of the project, adopted a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopted a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as required by CEQA.
- NOW, THEREFORE**, having independently reviewed and considered the FEIR for the 2010 Monterey County General Plan; having reviewed and considered the 2010 Monterey County General Plan and all evidence including all of the comments and testimony received; and having certified the FEIR and adopted appropriate findings, a statement of overriding consideration and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, as required by CEQA,

