

September 15, 2020

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: Continued Public Hearing for the Sole Purpose of Considering Certification of the 2040 General Plan Final Environmental Impact Report, Including Adoption of Related Findings and Documents Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Repeal of Existing General Plan Except for the 2014-2021 Housing Element, Approval and Adoption of the 2040 General Plan and 2040 General Plan Background Report (Planning Division Case Number PL17-0141); All Supervisorial Districts.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. **CERTIFY** that your Board has reviewed and considered the Planning Commission's July 16, 2020 resolution stating the Planning Commission's recommended actions regarding the General Plan Update project (Exhibit 2)¹; this Board letter and all exhibits hereto, and the September 1, 2020 Board letter for this continued item and all exhibits thereto; and has considered all comments received during the public hearing process; and
2. **ADOPT** a resolution (Exhibit 18) pursuant to which your Board takes the following actions:
 - a. **CERTIFIES** that (1) the 2040 General Plan Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (Exhibits 19.a through 19.n) has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); (2) the EIR was presented to your Board and that your Board has reviewed and considered the information contained therein and all comments and responses to comments prior to approving the project; and (3) the EIR reflects the County's independent judgment and analysis;
 - b. **ADOPTS** the CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations (Exhibit 20) and the Mitigation Monitoring Program (Exhibit 21) based upon substantial evidence in the record;

¹ Exhibits referenced in this Board letter that are not attached hereto are exhibits to the Board letter prepared for the September 1, 2020 portion of this public hearing. Exhibits to the September 1 Board letter and this September 15 Board letter are consecutively numbered.



- c. **FINDS** based on the substantial evidence in the record that adoption of the 2040 General Plan (Exhibit 22.a through 22.e) is in the interest of public health, safety or general welfare and good zoning practice;
- d. **REPEALS** the existing Ventura County General Plan (i.e., version last amended March 19, 2019) including its Resources, Hazards, Land Use, and Public Facilities and Services Appendices, except for the portions of the existing General Plan constituting the County's 2014-2021 Housing Element which consists of Chapter 3.3, Policies 3.4.2-8, 3.4.2-9, and Program 3.4.3-3 of the Goals, Policies and Programs (Exhibit SR 2.6 [legislative format showing repeal of non-Housing Element content]), and Chapter 3.3 and Chapter 3.4 of the Land Use Appendix (Exhibit SR 2.7 [legislative format showing repeal of non-Housing Element content]);
- e. **APPROVES** and **ADOPTS** the 2040 General Plan (Exhibits 22.a through 22.e) and 2040 General Plan Background Report (Exhibit 23); and
- f. **SPECIFIES** the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009 as the custodian and location of the documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which these decisions are based; and

FISCAL IMPACTS/MANDATES

Mandated: No
Source of Funding: Fund Balance – Assigned Program Mitigation
Funding Match Required: None
Impact on Other Departments: None

Current FY 2020-21 Recommended Budget Projection for RMA Planning (Budget Division 2910)				
	Recommended Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Actual	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 6,755,420	\$ 7,265,826	\$ 7,265,826	\$ 0
Revenue	\$ 4,385,935	\$ 4,385,935	\$ 4,385,935	\$ 0
Net Cost	\$ 2,369,485	\$ 2,879,891	\$ 2,879,891	\$ 0

DISCUSSION

On September 1, 2020, your Board opened the public hearing regarding the General Plan Update project, and following staff presentation, public testimony and your Board's deliberations, your Board, by a 3-to-2 vote, approved a motion that: tentatively approved the recommended actions set forth in the September 1, 2020 Board letter on the 2040 General Plan, EIR, and related documents (collectively, Project Documents); directed

staff to revise the Project Documents as stated in your Board's September 1 motion; and continued the public hearing to this date and time for the sole purpose of considering approval, adoption and certification of the Project Documents in their final form.

The draft minutes for the September 1 portion of this continued public hearing (consisting of September 1 agenda items 34, 35 and 39) can be found at:

<https://www.ventura.org/board-of-supervisors/agendas-documents-and-broadcasts/>.

Pursuant to your Board's action and direction, staff incorporated into the Project Documents all revisions that were made or requested as part of your Board's September 1 motion. Staff also incorporated into the Project Documents the revisions set forth in the exhibits including recommending revisions and errata to the Project Documents (Exhibits 4, 6 and 7; SR Exhibit 22) that your Board tentatively approved on September 1. Note that where Board-approved revisions to the EIR resulted in new or revised 2040 General Plan policies or programs, these revisions were also incorporated into the final 2040 General Plan so that all final Project Documents are internally consistent.

The final Project Documents recommended for your Board's approval today consist of the following:

- a. 2040 General Plan (Exhibits 22.a through 22.e);
- b. 2040 Background Report (Exhibit 23); and
- c. Final EIR, including the CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring Plan (Exhibits 19.a through 19.n, 20, and 21).

This letter was reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel's Office. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at 654-2661 or dave.ward@ventura.org or Susan Curtis, General Plan Update Manager at 654-2497, or susan.curtis@ventura.org.

 for Dave Ward

Dave Ward, AICP, Planning Director

Ventura County Planning Division

EXHIBITS

Exhibits to the September 1, 2020 Board letter and other materials for the September 1 portion of this public hearing (September 1 agenda item nos. 34 and 35 and 39) can be found at:

https://ventura.granicus.com/DocumentViewer.php?file=ventura_9dd225a0f914ef619d79f7e7948a0b9a.pdf&view=1

Exhibit 18 Board of Supervisors Resolution Regarding the 2040 General Plan and Final EIR

- Exhibit 19** 2040 General Plan Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (consists of Exhibit 19a through Exhibit 19n below)
- Exhibit 19.a** Draft EIR, Chapters 1 - 9
- Exhibit 19.b** Draft EIR, Appendix A - F
- Exhibit 19.c** Final EIR, Chapter 1
- Exhibit 19.d** Final EIR, Chapter 2, List of Commenters and Master Responses
- Exhibit 19.e** Final EIR, Chapter 2, Agency Comments and Responses to Comments
- Exhibit 19.f** Final EIR, Chapter 2, Organization Comments and Responses to Comments
- Exhibit 19.g** Final EIR, Chapter 2, Individual Comments and Responses to Comments 1 through 100
- Exhibit 19.h** Final EIR, Chapter 2, Individual Comments and Responses to Comments 101 through 216
- Exhibit 19.i** Final EIR, Chapter 3 - 5
- Exhibit 19.j** Final EIR, Attachment 1 (Part 1 of 4)
- Exhibit 19.k** Final EIR, Attachment 1 (Part 2 of 4)
- Exhibit 19.l** Final EIR, Attachment 1 (Part 3 of 4)
- Exhibit 19.m** Final EIR, Attachment 1 (Part 4 of 4)
- Exhibit 19.n** Final EIR, Attachment 2
- Exhibit 20** Final CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations
- Exhibit 21** Mitigation Monitoring Program
- Exhibit 22** 2040 General Plan (consists of Exhibit 22a through Exhibit 22.e below)
- Exhibit 22.a** 2040 General Plan, Elements 1 - 10
- Exhibit 22.b** 2040 General Plan, Element 11 Area Plans
- Exhibit 22.c** 2040 General Plan, Element 12
- Exhibit 22.d** 2040 General Plan, Appendix A
- Exhibit 22.e** 2040 General Plan, Appendix B - D
- Exhibit 23** 2040 General Plan Background Report