
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA
PLANNING COMMISSION

Resolution
No. 2010-009

A resolution recommending approval of General Plan Amendment No. 2010-041, County of Mariposa, proponent, to amend Table 5-1: Planning Areas and Area Plan Status by changing the Area Plan Status for the El Portal Town Planning Area from “Pending for completion in the short term” to “Pending for completion in the intermediate term”

WHEREAS a general plan amendment was initiated by the Board of Supervisors on the 16th day of March 2010 as a result of the Board of Supervisors Annual Review on the General Plan; and

WHEREAS that General Plan Amendment is known as General Plan Amendment No. 2010-041; and

WHEREAS the El Portal Town Plan is an area planning program which will be done in cooperation with Yosemite National Park; and

WHEREAS the Merced River Comprehensive Management Plan must be completed prior to beginning work on the El Portal Town Plan; and

WHEREAS General Plan Amendment No. 2010-041 proposes to amend Table 5-1: Planning Areas and Area Plan Status by changing the Area Plan Status for the El Portal Town Planning Area from “Pending for completion in short term” to “Pending for completion in the intermediate term;” and

WHEREAS a duly noticed Planning Commission public hearing was scheduled for the 21st day of May 2010; and

WHEREAS a Staff Report was prepared pursuant to the California Government Code, Mariposa County Code, and local administrative procedures; and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on the noticed date and considered all of the information in the public record, including the Staff Report, and testimony presented by the public concerning the application.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Commission of the County of Mariposa does hereby recommend that the Board of Supervisors find that the project is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Planning Commission of the County of Mariposa does hereby recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve General Plan Amendment No. 2010-041.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Planning Commission recommends approval of The General Plan Zoning Amendment based upon the findings set forth in Exhibit 1.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Planning Commission recommends approval of modified Table 5-1 of the Mariposa County General Plan as shown in Exhibit 2.

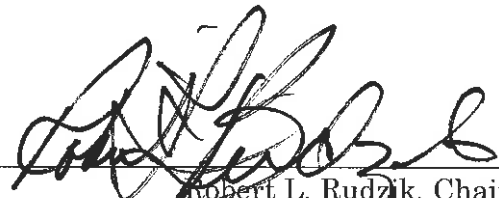
ON MOTION BY Commissioner Francisco, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, this resolution is duly passed and adopted this 21st day of May, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES: Francisco, Tucker, Marsden, Ross, Rudzik

NOES: None

EXCUSED: None

ABSTAIN: None


Robert L. Rudzik, Chairman
Mariposa County Planning Commission

Attest:


Judy Mueller, Secretary to the
Mariposa County Planning Commission

EXHIBIT 1 – RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF APPROVAL

- 1. The amendment is in the general public interest, and will not have a significant adverse affect on the general public health, safety, peace, and welfare.***

The General Plan Amendment is in the general public interest as it will result in Table 5-1: Planning Areas and Area Plan Status being updated with the most current status of the El Portal Town Planning Area Plan. The Merced River Comprehensive Management Plan must be completed prior to beginning work on the El Portal Town Plan. The General Plan, like any strategic or policy guidance document, may be reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

This amendment is in the public interest and will not have a significant adverse affect on the general public health, safety, peace and welfare.

- 2. The amendment is desirable for the purpose of improving the Mariposa County general plan with respect to providing a long-term guide for county development and a short-term basis for day-to-day decision-making.***

The project improves the Mariposa County General Plan with respect to providing a long or short term guide or basis for decision-making. The amendment updates the current status of the El Portal Town Plan and keeps Table 5-1 of the General Plan updated as well. This amendment will update the goals and policies of the General Plan, specifically the status of the El Portal Town Plan, thereby providing an improved long-term guide for county decision-making. As priorities change and goals are accomplished, it is important to keep information up to date on the status of the various goals, policies, and implementation measures of the Mariposa County General Plan. Due to the delay of the adoption of the Merced River Comprehensive Management Plan by the National Park Service, the status of the El Portal Town Plan has changed and this amendment keeps Table 5-1 consistent with the existing circumstances.

- 3. The processing of this application conforms to the requirements of state law and county policy.***

The processing of this project application has been in accordance with all requirements pursuant to state law and county policy.

4. *The amendment is consistent with the goals, policies, and implementation measures of the Mariposa County general plan as follows.*

This amendment helps keep Table 5-1 of the General Plan and in turn the Mariposa County General Plan up to date with the status of the El Portal Town Planning Area Plan. As part of the ongoing planning process, the General Plan is reviewed annually to provide information on the goals, policies, and implementation measures of the Mariposa County General Plan. As priorities change and goals are accomplished, it is important to keep information up to date on the status of the various goals, policies, and implementation measures of the Mariposa County General Plan. Due to the delay of the adoption of the Merced River Comprehensive Management Plan by the National Park Service, the status of the El Portal Town Plan has changed and this amendment keeps Table 5-1 consistent with the existing circumstances.

EXHIBIT 2 – Updated Table 5-1

<i>Planning Area</i>	<i>Planning Advisory Committee</i>	<i>Area Plan Status</i>
Bear Valley Community	No	Not scheduled
Bootjack Community	No	Not scheduled
Buck Meadows Special	No	Not scheduled
Catheys Valley Community	Yes	Pending for completion in short term
Coulterville Town	Yes	Adopted
El Portal Town	Yes	Pending for completion in short term Pending for completion in the intermediate term
Fish Camp Town Specific Plan	Yes	Adopted
Foresta Special	No	Not scheduled
Greeley Hill Community	Yes	Not scheduled
Hornitos Community	No	Not scheduled
Lake Don Pedro Town	No	Pending for completion in short term
Mariposa Town	No	Adopted
Midpines Community	Yes	Pending for completion in short term
Mount Bullion Town	No	Not Scheduled
Wawona Town Specific Plan	Yes	Adopted; Update pending NPS responses in short term
Yosemite National Park	N/A	Complete ¹
Yosemite West Special	Yes	Pending for completion in 2007

¹Yosemite National Park has prepared three major updates to its General Management Plan. Of these various plans, the Yosemite Valley Plan and the Merced River Plan have the greatest set of collaborative planning issues within the County.