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Comments from the Public and County Departments

From: Rita C. Kidd [mailto:ritakidd@yosemite.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2009 5:20 PM
To: Larry Enrico
Cc: Kris Schenk; Sarah Williams
Subject: 2009 Annual Report on General Plan

We've completed our read of this report and find it to fairly represent the progress to date on the General Plan. I'm sorry we'll be unable to attend the Planning Commission meeting as we'll be out of state. We expect that we'll be able to attend the Board's review and approval.

We have one piece of input for both the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors and that is to prevent any additional segues into ancillary areas of general plan implementation. Full focus needs to be placed on revising Title 16 and Title 17. The time and money spent the last two years on road standards and agritourism would have provided the resources needed to almost complete the short-term tasks at hand. And, we need in the process to also attend to several of the items identified for future consideration. It is our opinion that some of these can be done as part of Title 17.

Larry Enrico

From: Maxwell Norton [mnorton@ucdavis.edu]
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 4:35 PM
To: Larry Enrico
Subject: GP ann rpt

Hi Larry,

Here is my input for the annual report:

The contribution that Cooperative Extension made to the GP process is we brought in experts from other counties to talk about ag tourism and ag tourism ordinances. Most recent was the Dec 9 workshop where Cindy Fake, Placer and Nevada County Farm Advisor, presented information on the lessons and challenges they have faced with agritourism.

Also, Cooperative Extension provided the Supervisors and CAO a copy of the book: Agritourism and Nature Tourism in California by the Univ of Calif

-Maxwell Norton, Farm Advisor

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Mariposa County Building Department
Fred Lustenberger, Building Director

Memorandum

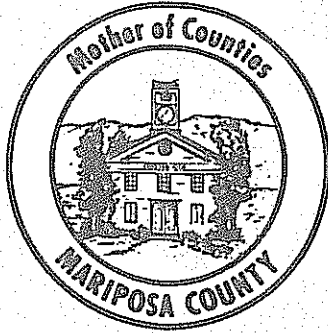
To: Larry Enrico, Senior Planner
From: Fred Lustenberger, Building Director *FL*
Date: February 4, 2009
Subject: 2009 General Plan Annual Report, Departmental Review

After reviewing the 2008 Annual Report on the Mariposa General Plan that was sent to my department, I have been unable to identify any areas of concern that relate to the Building Department's operations or to the currently adopted codes and regulations that we enforce. If it is determined that this Department's input or feedback would be beneficial to creating the 2009 Annual Report, please contact me for further assistance.

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February 11, 2009

TO: Kris Schenk, Director, Planning

FROM: David Conway, REHS, Lead Environmental Health Specialist *DC*

SUBJECT: General Plan Implementation report

Since our last report the Mariposa County Health Department staff has worked closely with Planning Department staff to review projects affected by the General Plan. One area posing a significant change in the General Plan is found in Section 5.3.02.E(4), "Potable Water Supply", which requires that "New subdivision lots will be served by an approved potable water supply. Prior to recordation of a final or parcel map, the subdivider shall prove to the satisfaction of the Health Department each new parcel has a supply of water meeting requirements for quantity and quality." The Section goes on to identify possible methods of proof to satisfy this requirement.

On October 1, 2008 the Health Department adopted Policy #08-02 regarding the "Proof of Water on Land Divisions and Subdivisions". This policy establishes standards that require a subdivider to provide evidence to the Health Department that a well or wells of proven capacity have been installed on the project site. The policy specifically uses the capacity standards established in Section 5.3.02.E(4).d of the General Plan for establishing the proven capacity of the well or wells.

Additionally, we are in the process of reviewing other areas of the General Plan that may require Health Department implementation policies.

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Mariposa County Planning Dept.

Please find below a synopsis of accomplishments in 2008 on Economic Development Program activities relative to policies of the General Plan.

The County hired an Economic Development Coordinator (Policy 6-1a). In 2007, the Economic Vitality Strategy and Implementation Plan (EVS) was completed and approved by the Board of Supervisors, which fulfilled policy 6-1b of the General Plan. While serving as a long range plan, the EVS identified two goals which were to Strengthen the Tourism Industry by making Mariposa County a year-round destination, and diversify Mariposa County's economy with suitable business development opportunities. Further, it underscores the importance of establishing public-private partnerships in achieving the strategy's goals. To that end, on December 9, 2008, the County Board of Supervisors approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Economic Development Corporation of Mariposa County (EDC) and the County of Mariposa to establish a Public/Private Partnership (GP Policy 6.1.06). The MOU identified numerous tasks to be accomplished, among them are the creation of a business registry, conduct a survey of businesses deemed desirable by visitors and local residents, participate in the update of Title 17, collect demographic and other data pertinent to business attraction, create a "Doing Business Guide" on how to start a business, commence planning process to establish a "Yosemite Management Campus (or office)" for NPS and concessionaire staff, serve as a liaison among EDC, County and UC Merced (GP Policy 6-3a) to name a few.

In 2008, the Business Development Coordinator provided consulting services to 24 new clients wishing to start a new business in Mariposa County. Those clients were comprised of both home base and retail businesses (GP Policy 6-3a).

In 2008, the Business Development Coordinator conducted site visits to 84 businesses in the town of Coulterville and Mariposa along with commercial enterprises (Business Retention GP Policy (6-3a (1)). Site visits to other businesses within Mariposa County shall be an ongoing activity.

In 2008, a website titled "Doing Business" in Mariposa County was completed under the direction of the Business Development Coordinator.

On December 2, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved a grant application in the amount of \$200,000, to be submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish a Microenterprise Assistance Program for new business start ups (GP Policy 6-3b(1)). Grant awards will be announced the end of March 2009. Staff shall continue to seek grants as part of its economic development function.

Continue to implement grant-funded projects awarded by the Department of Housing and Community Development relative to a Drainage Study for the town of Mariposa (3rd – 5th Street) and Environmental Studies for the town of Coulterville and Mariposa (GP Policy 6-3b(1)).

The Business Development Coordinator retained a consultant, completed and closed out a Drainage Study project for the town of Coulterville with the concurrence of the Public Works Department (grant-funded project). All mandatory "closeout" documents were submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development. (GP Policy 6-3b(1)).

The Business Development Coordinator retained a consultant, completed and closed out the Economic Vitality Strategy and Implementation Plan project (grant-funded project). All mandatory "closeout" documents were submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development (GP Policy 6-3b(1)).

The Business Development Coordinator prepared and submitted a grant application to PG&E to conduct work on the Mariposa Creek Parkway. The County was awarded a grant. (GP Policy 6-03b(1)).

In 2008, the Business Development Coordinator updated a business directory for the town of Mariposa and Coulterville.

MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Everyone Goes Home

Memo

Date: January 29, 2009

To: Larry Enrico, Senior Planner

From: Jim Wilson, Fire Chief

RE: 2009 General Plan Annual Report

Following are some 2008 issues that could be included in the Annual Report:

1. The Planning and Board of Supervisors amended the General Plan affecting permitted uses of TEZ zoning to better conform to the State's permitted uses of TPZ areas. This change now permits the siting of fire stations in those areas.
2. Mariposa County Fire and the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council continue close association to plan and complete fuel reduction projects. Completion of the Watt Road fuel break substantially contributes to the wildland fire safety of Ponderosa Basin.
3. Work continues on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). During 2008 the Foresta and Yosemite West communities gained Board approval of their portions of the plan. The balance of the County's communities should see the first draft of the entire plan in early-2009.
4. As a result of the Oliver and Telegraph fires many miles of new and enhanced fire breaks were created. This system of fuel reduction lines lend increased protection for the Greeley Hill, Coulterville, Midpines, El Portal, Foresta, Mariposa Pines, and Ponderosa Basin communities.

Due to a previously scheduled business trip, I will not be available for the February 6th Workshop. Barring unforeseen events, the Fire Department will be represented by Deputy Chief Jim Middleton.

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