



# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting  
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008  
Closed Session – 9:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

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**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO SPEAK ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

1:30 P. M.

**JOINT STUDY SESSION WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND  
PLANNING COMMISSION – Merced County General Plan Update**

**10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM**  
**2008-03-11 PLANNING – JOINT STUDY SESSION**

The time and date previously set for a Joint Study Session with the Planning Commission concerning the Merced County General Plan Update.

Board Chairman Crookham calls the meeting to order.

Assistant Planning Director Bill Nicholson takes roll call for the Planning Commission:  
Commissioners Present: Buendia, Tanner, Mobley, Lashbrook, Sloan

Development Services Director Robert Lewis states this is the Second Joint Study Session for the General Plan Update for Phases 3 and 4 and introduces Mintier Associates representatives Jim Harnish, Guiding Principal, and Derek DiManno, Project Manager.

Mr. Harnish reviews the powerpoint presentation highlighting workshops and public outreach/input.

Mr. DiManno reviews the powerpoint presentation highlighting Housing Element, Alternative Report, the Next Steps in the Process, Alternatives and Schedule.

The Chairman asks if the Board Members/Commissioners have comments.

Supervisor Kelsey questions if the following will be addressed with the General Plan Update: (1) Home based businesses, (2) Ag Mitigation Policy, (3) Water Policy, (4) Economics as part of Ag Zones/Ag Parcels discussion, (5) Appropriate language for affordable Housing/Implementation of Prop1C and (6) Inclusion of Mineral Resource Zone Map.

Planning Commissioner Cindy Lashbrook expresses the importance of a water study being included and the need to protect natural resources. She suggests the real value of agriculture and importance of family businesses be considered. She would also like walkable/rideable communities and connecting town to town.

The Chairman asks if there is anyone from the public wishing to speak.

Robert Bliss, El Nido, submits and reads a statement on behalf of the East Merced Resource Conservation District.

Richard Jantz, Delhi Municipal Advisory Council Chairman, states he also serves on the Merced County Association of Government Citizen Advisory Council and believes the Delhi Community Plan is a solid plan. Mr. Jantz requests the preservation of ag land be considered when looking at the development of unincorporated communities, but the development in unincorporated communities needs to be done in such a way that leads to incorporation and building tax bases.

Tom Grave, Merced Alliance for Responsible Growth, submits and reads a statement concerning Growth and Water Planning.

Gaye Riggs, Merced County Office of Education Assistant Superintendent of Department of Early Care and Education, refers to the material provided by Christie Hendricks and states the importance of including Child Care in the General Plan Update.

Glen Anderson, Hilmar, emphasizes the importance of a secure local food system.

Nicole Alvernaz, Valley Land Alliance, reads and submits written comments from the Issues and Opportunities Report.

Mary Furey, resident of Eastside of Merced County, reads and submits a written statement requesting preservation of ag land.

Charlie Magneson, Sierra Club, MARGE, and Valley Land Alliance, submits a written statement and emphasizes the importance of protecting the river and riverside agricultural land habitat and states gravel mining should not be where farmland and riparian habitat can be destroyed.

Rod Webster, Member of Circulation Focus Group, addresses circulation issues regarding beltways and bypasses and high speed rail corridor impacts.

Colette Alvernaz, Livingston, submits and reads a statement regarding preservation of ag land.

Lisa Kayser-Grant, Merced, addresses growth alternatives stating concern with air quality and climate changes and submits written documentation.

Melissa Kelly-Ortega, Merced Alliance for Responsible Growth, reviews and submits documentation regarding transportation.

Barbara Hill, Public Health Advocate, states concern with rising health costs, air quality, asthma issue, sustainable agriculture and food availability problem in Merced County.

Gary Gilbert, Norfolk Jaxon Enterprises and Le Grand Quarry, states the natural resources in the County should be protected in the General Plan Update.

Michelle Koch, Valley Land Alliance, states various concerns with the focus group meetings and submits a written statement.

John Grant, Merced, speaks in favor of energy efficient homes and commercial buildings.

William Miller, Project Manager of San Luis Community Plan and Vice Chairman of Sacramento County Policy Commission states concern with dismissal of new community growth option and urges staff be directed, and contractor to give this full and equitable consideration in their analysis.

Diana Westmoreland Pedrozo, Merced County Farm Bureau Executive Director, reads and submits written comments concerning the protection of ag land and the necessity of a Water Supply Study.

The Board Members and Planning Commissioners discuss and comment on the presentation provided.

The Chairman states the next General Plan Update is scheduled for May, 2008.  
Board Members Present: Crookham, Pedrozo, Nelson, Kelsey, O'Banion  
Planning Commissioners Present: Buendia, Tanner, Mobley, Lashbrook, Sloan