



# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting  
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008  
Closed Session – 9:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

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1:30 P. M.

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

**1:30 P.M. SCHEDULED ITEM**

**2008-05-13 JOINT STUDY SESSION WITH PLANNING COMMISSION**

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.

Planning Commissioner Vice Chairman Lynn Tanner, District Two representative, introduces Planning Commissioners present Rudy Buendia, District One and Cindy Lashbrook, District Four.

Development Services Director Robert Lewis reviews the Staff Report.

Jim Harnish, Guiding Principal for Mintier & Associates, reviews the powerpoint presentation.

Al Sokolo, UC Davis Professor, summarizes and highlights agricultural related policy options.

David Zinter, Economic and Planning Systems, highlights policy options relative to economic development.

Bob Klausner highlights natural resources.

Derek DiManno, Project Manager, reviews land use.

Dale Koontz, Mintier & Associates, reviews circulation issues.

Mr. Harnish and Mr. Klausner review climate change issues.

The Board Members and Planning Commissioners discuss and comment on the issues presented.

Supervisor O'Banion states Child Care needs to be addressed in the General Plan update.

Commissioner Lashbrook states concern with communication within/between focus groups.

The Chairman asks if there is anyone present wishing to speak.

Melissa Kelly Ortega (Merced) states the need for a separate air quality element included in the Plan and objects to New Towns.

Steve Madison (Building Industry Association) states the BIA is willing to work with the County on ag. land mitigation.

Diana Westmoreland Pedrozo (Merced County Farm Bureau Executive Director) questions new towns and comments on climate change, energy industry, cumulative impacts and local service community district services.

Jean Okuye (Livingston) reads and submits “Ahwahnee Principles” document.

Mary-Michael Rawling (Merced) questions where health care fits into the plan.

Collette Alvarnaz (Livingston) speaks relative to land use for agriculture, growth plans targeting commuters violating AB 32, water issues, parcels getting smaller, grading, ag. mitigation/farmland preservation, small towns, bicycle paths and stresses the overall importance of land, energy and water supply.

Tom Grave (Merced) speaks relative to water issues, growth management ordinance, grading ordinance.

The Board adjourns until the next Joint Study Session for the Merced County General Plan.

Present: Board Members Crookham, Pedrozo, Nelson, Kelsey, O’Banion  
Planning Commissioners Tanner, Buendia and Lashbrook