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County of El Dorado
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Subject: TGPA/ZOU Update Adoption

As Virgil, the Roman poet said, "**Time passes irrevocably.**" If one considers that statement for a moment, we begin to realize that never will this same, exact moment or opportunity occur again.

For several years, The El Dorado County Farm Bureau has participated in the Targeted General Plan Amendment and Zoning Ordinance Update (TGPA/ZOU) process—we are pleased that it has moved forward. This collaborative process has been the work of many and we stand on the threshold of implementing the General Plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2004 and affirmed by the voters in 2005. A entire decade has passed since then.

The El Dorado County Farm Bureau has been, and still is, in favor of approving and implementing the Targeted General Plan/Zoning Ordinance Update—it is time. The board and staff have done a superb job of evaluating the short- and long-term effects and parameters of the General Plan. After implementation, it is likely that adjustments, considerations and amendments will be needed, after all, the General Plan is expected to 'flex'. An exceptional framework has been customized to our county, its residents and its needs.

We respectfully request that you follow staff's recommendation to adopt the Resolution certifying the TGPA-ZOU Project to amend the General Plan and update the Zoning Ordinance along with issuing a Statement of Overriding Considerations as well as adopt the Resolution to Amend the County General Plan in accordance with state and federal law.

Again, we will never be at these precise crossroads, where the vast majority of our citizens, the business community, farmers and ranchers as well as developers/investors, regulators, funding sources, water purveyors and other factors will be as aligned as they are now..."**Time passes irrevocably**". We thank you in advance for securing El Dorado County's future.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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suggestion re: Nov 10th TGPA/ZOU review schedule

1 message

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Supervisors-

I have both a suggestion and a request for the organization of the TGPA/ZOU review, scheduled to begin on Nov 10th.

People who attended the Planning Commission hearing may not need to attend a repeat presentation of "process and background" - especially if they are trying to balance their participation with a daytime job. I'd like to request that you estimate the time needed for Staff's presentation, followed by a period allotted for "general" public comment that is time-specific, so people who are unable to stay for an extended period might better be able to participate.

Regarding the organization of the project review, I'd like to suggest you consider blocking it out as the action items are outlined on the agenda: FEIR, TGPA, ZOU, Community Design Standards, Significant & Unavoidable impacts, Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations.

The TGPA could be split up by elements (Land Use, Transportation, etc) with public comment periods in between, and the ZOU could be split into blocks of chapters with each block followed by a comment period. This way we would be assured of covering all sections, and members of the public would be able to confirm when their items of interest would be heard.

The way it is currently blocked out on the tentative schedule, different chapters of the ZOU would be revisited repeatedly, and others not at all. And it's not clear to me when the HOO might be discussed, or the TDM.

If those present don't have much to say, the process will go quickly. But the public should not have their input curtailed just because the project is large, which is what will happen if too much material is crammed into each segment prior to allowing public comment.

Any consideration is appreciated - Ellen Van Dyke