



Memorandum

TO: Steering Committee Members

FROM: Winston Rhodes, AICP, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: General Plan Update Status Report

DATE: July 12, 2010

The City Council approved the Housing Element on July 6, 2010. The approved Housing Element has been forwarded to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for mandatory review and certification.

During the past two months City staff and Pacific Municipal Consultants (PMC) have revised the Draft General Plan, Draft Three Corridor Specific Plan, and Draft Zoning Code Update to reflect Steering Committee feedback and integrate additional input from the City Attorney concerning the Zoning Code Update. A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has also been prepared to satisfy environmental review requirements. The three hearing draft planning documents and the DEIR are included on the attached CD-ROM for your review. The four documents are also available for review on the City's web site by following the link below:

<http://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/planning/genplan09/>

The General Plan Update project schedule calls for Planning Commission action on the DEIR, General Plan Update, Specific Plan, and Zoning Code Update in September and action by the City Council in October. The critical path to adoption is driven in large part by the mandatory environmental review process as well as Measure J cooperative planning requirements when General Plan Amendments are proposed.

The DEIR mandatory 45-day comment period commenced on July 7 and is scheduled to end on August 20, 2010. A public hearing is scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the adequacy of the DEIR on August 9, 2010. Adjacent jurisdictions and responsible agencies may request additional time to review the draft documents and comment on the DEIR that analyzes the impacts of the proposed General Plan Update project. Staff anticipates that Special Meetings may be needed this Fall to review and take action on the EIR and the General Plan Update.

Attachment:

- A. July 2010 CD ROM including the Draft EIR, Hearing Draft General Plan Update, Hearing Draft Specific Plan, and Hearing Draft Zoning Code Update