

**Marina Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Forum – Monterey County General Plan
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A Short History of the Monterey County General Plan Update
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Timeline/History of Significant GPU and GPU-related Events

<i>The General Plan Update process begins</i>	
"Informed consent" workshops held to explain the process of reaching consensus on an update to the county's General Plan; the announced update intent is to modernize the 1982 General Plan.	July, August 1999
Draft Existing Conditions Report – workshops and community meetings to analyze needs, identify 1982 General Plan problems, deficiencies	October, November 1999
General Plan Update "12 Guiding Objectives" developed/adopted	June, July 2001
<i>Draft plans and significant events</i>	
1st 21st Century Monterey County General Plan (GPU1) released	December 18, 2001
Proposal made to Supervisors to establish a 'citizen's advisory committee' to work on the GPU, resolve issues (similar to 1982 General Plan development process); idea at first supported, then rejected by Supervisors.	June, July 2002
2nd 21st Century Monterey County General Plan (GPU2) released	April 29, 2003
Supervisors establish "refinement group" to include community representatives to meet to reconcile differences about plan policies so a revised version can be written	May 25, 2003
Supervisors end formal support for Refinement Group (the group continues to meet but loses participation of several groups over time)	September 2003
3rd 21st Century Monterey County General Plan (GPU3) released	January 2004
Supervisors change direction and GPU staff, return to intent to prepare an update of the 1982 General Plan	May 2004
Coalition to Protect Housing, Farmland, Air and Water (Coalition) formed to develop a GPU	June 2004
Refinement Group develops and presents a "refined" version of GPU3	September 2004
Coalition develops and presents "Community General Plan"	January 2005
Board of Supervisors conducts hearing on Coalition's plan and Refinement Group's plan, declines to adopt either	February 23, 2005
LandWatch Monterey County and Coalition launch "Community General Plan Initiative" to adopt significant amendments to the 1982 General Plan (the initiative qualifies but is prevented from placement on ballot by a federal court)	October 2005

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<i>The latest plan introduced, adopted</i>	
2006 General Plan Update (GPU4) released	August 2006
2006 General Plan Update (GPU4) revised	October 2006
2006 General Plan Update (GPU4) finalized and adopted	January 3, 2007
Board of Supervisors agrees to place a measure on June 2007 ballot asking if voters want the 2006 GPU repealed; Supervisors also agree to place the "Community General Plan Initiative" on the June 2007 ballot.	January 3, 2007 and January 16, 2007
LandWatch and others begin referendum effort to force repeal or countywide vote on adoption of 2006 GPU.	January 4, 2007
Referendum petitions turned in for signature verification (appear to be sufficient to qualify).	February 1, 2007
<i>Three issues that may be on the June 2007 ballot and what they mean</i>	
The Supervisors' ballot question: Shall the 2006 GPU be repealed? If you want to keep the 2006 GPU the Answer is NO; if you do not want to keep the 2006 GPU the answer is YES.	
The initiative question: Shall the "Community General Plan Initiative" be adopted? If you want this plan as the county's General Plan the answer is YES; if you do not want this plan as the county's General Plan the answer is NO.	
The referendum question: Shall the 2006 GPU be adopted? If you want the 2006 GPU to be the county's General Plan the answer is YES; if you do not want the 2006 GPU the answer is NO.	
<i>Can these three issues all be on the June 2007 ballot?</i>	
Good question - the situation is confusing.	
The Supervisors' question is whether voters want the 2006 GPU repealed. If the referendum qualifies it suspends the Supervisors' decision to adopt the plan and asks voters if the 2006 GPU should be adopted.	
The Supervisors' placement of the "Community General Plan Initiative" on the ballot could be stopped by an order from a federal court because a trial on the initiative has not been held nor a settlement reached.	
<i>What happens if voters reject the 2006 GPU and the initiative? Or adopt both?</i>	
If voters reject both plans, the county's 1982 General Plan will be the county's official General Plan.	
If voters approve both the 2006 GPU and the initiative, the plan with the highest vote for approval prevails.	

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