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DATE: July 18, 2013

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Randy Wilson, Plumas County Planning Director *RW*

RE: Final Environmental Impact Report and Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

BACKGROUND:

On October 20, 2011 the Planning Commission passed P.C. Resolution 11-002 which recommended the Board of Supervisors approved the Goals and Policies Report (General Plan Update) as the project description to be analyzed in the Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan Update.

On November 15, 2011 the Board of Supervisors, after conducting a public hearing, approved the Goals and Policies Report (General Plan Update) as the project description to be analyzed in the Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan Update.

On January 9, 2012 the Notice of Preparation the General Plan Update Environmental Impact Report was published for a 30 day circulation period, which ended on February 8, 2012.

On November 19, 2012 the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan Update was circulated for responsible agency and public review and comment. The review and comment period was extended until January 12, 2012.

STAFF COMMENT:

The process of updating the Plumas County General Plan is in the final stages. A Final Environmental Impact Report, which contains the responses to the 31 comment letters received during the comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Report has been prepared and is attached for the Planning Commission's consideration and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Also, attached to this memo are proposed draft findings regarding certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report and two draft Planning Commission Resolutions for the Planning Commission to consider regarding the Final Environmental Impact Report and the General Plan Update.

A Final Environmental Impact Report contains both the Draft Environmental Impact Report and what is termed the Response to Comments. Modifications to the project description or the Goals and Policies Report (General Plan Update) are proposed due the analysis contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report. These changes either modify policies or add policies to Goals and Policies Report (General Plan Update). Staff has also identified minor editorial modifications.

The Planning Commission is charged by the Board of Supervisor to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Final Environmental Impact Report and any changes to the Goals and Policies Report (General Plan Update). The Board of Supervisors will then consider the Planning Commission's recommendations. The Board of Supervisors must certify the Final Environmental Impact Report before taking an action to approve the General Plan Update.

ACTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Staff recommends the Planning Commission take the following action.

- I. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Final Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan Update.
- II. After closing the public hearing and, after consideration of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan Update along with the proposed findings and comments from the public, adopt the attached Planning Commission Resolution, P.C. 13-001, recommending that the Board of Supervisors certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan Update.
- III. After consideration of the modifications identified by the Final Environmental Impact and consideration of the minor editorial modifications proposed by staff, adopt Planning Commission Resolution, P. C 13.002, recommending the Board of Supervisors adopt the General Plan Update (Goals and Polices Report).

Attachments:

P.C. Resolution 11-002

Proposed Final Environmental Impact Report

Proposed Findings

Summary of Changes of Goals and Policies Report (General Plan Update)

Proposed Resolution regarding Final Environmental Impact Report

Proposed Resolution regarding changes to Goals and Policies Report (General Plan Update)

Notice of Public Hearing