

RESOLUTION NO. 93-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD
CERTIFYING AS ADEQUATE THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT FOR THE SOLEDAD GENERAL PLAN
UPDATE, RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL
APPROVAL OF THE SOLEDAD GENERAL
PLAN UPDATE, AND RECOMMENDING
PREPARATION OF A SPHERE
OF INFLUENCE STUDY

RECITALS

1. In order to comply with Government Code Section 65103(a), which requires that each City shall periodically review and revise, as necessary, its General Plan, the City of Soledad undertook preparation of revisions of portions of its General Plan in 1991. A decision to prepare a comprehensive General Plan Update was made in 1992.
2. The City of Soledad adopted the role of lead agency for purposes of environmental review of the General Plan Update pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").
3. On August 28, 1991, the Soledad Planning Commission held a public meeting concerning preparation of the Housing Element of the General Plan. No public comment was received at said meeting. Subsequently, on September 4, 1991, a draft copy of the Housing Elements was distributed for comment to members of the Planning Commission.
4. On september 22, 1991, the Soledad Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding preparation of the Land Use and Circulation elements of the General Plan. No public comment was received during the course of this meeting. Subsequently, on November 6, 1991, a draft copy of the Land Use element was distributed for comment to the Planning Commission.
5. In March of 1993, a draft of the comprehensive City of Soledad General Plan Update was completed. Thereafter, the City initiated preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR") for the General Plan Update.
6. On April 4, 1993, a joint Planning Commission/City Council meeting was held to receive comments on the draft General Plan Update and DEIR. No public comment on either document was received at this time.

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7. The General Plan Update DEIR was circulated for a forty five (45) day public/agency review period beginning on April 19, 1993, and ending on June 3, 1993. Public notice of the availability of the DEIR was published in a newspaper of general circulation.

8. The City prepared responses to comments on environmental issues received during the public review period, which responses clarify and amplify the information contained in the DEIR, providing good faith reasoned analysis supported by factual information. As a result of said comments, modifications were made to the text of the EIR as well as to the General Plan Update itself. The comments and responses are incorporated in the Soledad General Plan Update Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR"), dated July 1993. The comments and responses were distributed to or otherwise made available to the Soledad Planning Commission, responsible agencies, and other interested parties.

9. The Final Environmental Impact Report consists of the Soledad General Plan Update Final Environmental Impact Report, dated July 1993 and such additional oral and written comments on the above document as the Planning Commission of the City of Soledad may choose to incorporate into the FEIR. The General Plan Update consists of the Draft General Plan Update, dated March 1993, and a memorandum containing modifications attached thereto, dated July 1993.

10. The General Plan Update revises the 1981 City of Soledad General Plan and is comprised of eight different elements addressing land use, circulation, housing, open space, safety, conservation, noise and scenic highway concerns. Each of the revised elements describes local issues, identifies City goals based on perceived general desires of the community, and develops policies to provide planning direction on all such issues.

11. The General Plan Update recommends that the City request that Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") prepare a sphere of influence study for the City of Soledad with the ultimate goal of adopting a new sphere of influence and sphere of influence policies and programs for growth of the City.

12. The Soledad General Plan Update FEIR identifies and recommends mitigations for potential significant adverse environmental impacts which will reduce such potential significant adverse environmental impacts to a level of insignificance in various phases of implementation, planning, development, and compliance with the General Plan. Additionally, the FEIR identifies certain significant

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adverse environmental impacts which cannot be mitigated to a level of insignificance.

13. The Soledad Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 21, 1993, for which public notice was given, to consider the FEIR and the General Plan Update, all written and oral testimony submitted at said public hearing concerning said documents, and all modifications to said documents.

14. The Soledad General Plan Update FEIR has been prepared in compliance with the procedural and substantive requirements of the CEQA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Planning Commission of the city of Soledad finds and certifies that the FEIR for the Soledad General Plan Update has been completed in compliance with the requirements of the CEQA and constitutes a FEIR under the CEQA which is adequate for review and consideration, in the manner provided for in the CEQA and the regulations issued thereunder.

2. The Planning Commission of the City of Soledad, finds and certifies that the FEIR for the Soledad General Plan Update was presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Soledad, that the FEIR reflects the independent judgment of the City of Soledad, and that the Planning Commission of the City of Soledad reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR prior to recommending approval of the proposed project.

3. The Planning Commission of the City of Soledad recommends that the City Council of the City of Soledad approve the City Soledad General Plan Update 1993, and modifications made thereto pursuant to written memorandum, adopt all necessary findings, adopt a statement of overriding considerations, and make all necessary recommendations to the Monterey LAFCO for preparation of a sphere of influence study for the City of Soledad.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 21st day of July, 1993, by the following vote:

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AYES, and in favor thereof, Commissioners: Ralph Garcia, Richard Perez, Tom Stewart, Vice Chairman Jean Slagle, Chairman Eugene Bisi

NOES, Commissioners: None

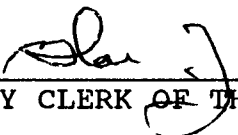
ABSENT, Commissioners: Art Fernando

ONE VACANCY ON THE COMMISSION



CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD