

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
**FROM:** JOEL ROJAS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR  
**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 22, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** GENERAL PLAN STATUS UPDATE

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### RECOMMENDATION

Continue the public hearing to a date uncertain, which will require a new public hearing notice, to allow additional time for the new City Attorney's office to review the Negative Declaration and draft updated General Plan.

### DISCUSSION

On June 23, 2015, the Planning Commission conceptually approved a draft version of the updated General Plan document and General Plan Land Use map. On August 11<sup>th</sup>, the Commission was presented a Negative Declaration for the proposed General Plan updated text and Land Use map. At Staff's recommendation, the Commission agreed to continue the public hearing to September 22<sup>nd</sup> to allow Staff to forward the General Plan text to an outside consultant (DUDEK) to perform technical editing before presenting the final version to the Commission. The technical editing of the draft General Plan text is expected to be completed by this week.

Additionally, since the August 11<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission hearing, the City Council selected the firm of Aleshire & Wynder as the new City Attorney. Given this change, Staff believes the new City Attorney should also review the draft General Plan text and Negative Declaration before final approval by the Commission. Once their review is complete, Staff intends to re-circulate the Negative Declaration along with issuing a new public notice for the final draft versions of the General Plan text and the General Plan Land Use Map at a future hearing date. Because the amount of time the City Attorney needs to review the updated General Plan and Negative Declaration is unknown at this time, Staff is recommending that the Commission continue the public hearing to a date uncertain.