RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-194

MEETING: April 28, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sarah Williams, Planning Director

RE: 2015 General Plan Annual Report (County Project No. 2015-029)

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Consider Public Comments and Adopt a Resolution Accepting the 2015 General Plan Annual Report, Directing that the 2015 Annual Report be Filed with the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and Establishing the 2015 Schedule of General Plan Amendments.

State law and County requirements direct the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors to review progress made during the past year (2014) in accomplishing the policies and implementation measures of the General Plan. The Annual Report must be submitted to two designated State agencies, OPR and HCD. The Board also needs to establish a schedule of times for considering proposed 2015 amendments to the General Plan.

The Board should review and discuss the General Plan Implementation Checklist and give staff direction relative to prioritizing any items on the list or including any items on the Planning Department’s 2015 Work Program.

The Board should review and discuss Appendix C - the Future Considerations List. The Board should give staff direction if any items on the list are now appropriate to be included in the General Plan. The items could only be included in the General Plan through a General Plan Text Amendment Process.

The Board should discuss and address the following Recommendations made through the General Plan Annual Report review process (Agricultural Advisory Committee and Planning Commission):

1. Develop General Plan Water Element. Address water quality and quantity issues and impacts associated with the drought and marijuana cultivation. Address domestic and commercial water needs. Address impacts to agriculture in the county and impacts to forest health in higher elevations.
2. Direct staff to commence development of a cellular phone tower ordinance to address visual quality impacts related to rural character.

3. Support the Agricultural Advisory Committee and Ag Commissioner in developing an invasive species control and eradication program.

4. Develop a Compliance Program for parcels in the Timber Preserve Zone (similar to compliance program for Williamson Act Contracted parcels).

5. Direct staff to commence program to Update the Transfers of Ag Land Criteria.

As a result of the Board’s review of the checklist and recommendations, amendments to the action portion of the attached draft Board resolution may be necessary.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board of Supervisors adopted the General Plan in December of 2006. A number of minor amendments to the General Plan have been approved by the Board since 2006. The 2015 General Plan Annual Report summarizes progress made on implementation during 2014, and it proposes priorities and a schedule for considering General Plan amendments for 2015.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Failure to complete action on the General Plan Annual Report would put the County out of compliance with State law and with the requirements of the Mariposa County General Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
None

ATTACHMENTS:
2015 General Plan Annual Report (PDF)
Attachment 1A Housing Element Implementation Table A&B (PDF)
Attachment 1B Housing Element Implementation Table C (PDF)
Attachment 2 Table of General Plan Implementation Measures (PDF)
Attachment 3 Appendix C from the General Plan ("Future Considerations") (PDF)
Attachment 4 Draft BOS Resolution (DOC)
Attachment 5 Comments from Agricultural Advisory Committee (PDF)
Attachment 5 Cont. Comments from Mariposa Unified School District (PDF)
Attachment 6 March 20 PC Meeting Minutes Excerpt (PDF)
Attachment 7 Water Element Information from 2003 California General Plan Guidelines (PDF)
150424 Comments from Habitat for Humanity (PDF)
28 April 2015 - BOS Annual General Plan Report PowerPoint Presentation (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended
RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier