

County of Monterey

Government Center - Board Chambers
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

9:00 AM

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County of Monterey Planning Commission

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9:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Getzelman at 9:00a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Monsalve.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Paul C. Getzelman

Francisco Javier Mendoza

Jessica Hartzell - arrived at 9:20a.m.

Ernesto Gonzalez

Ben Work

Amy Roberts

Christine Shaw

Ramon Gomez

Etna Monsalve

Martha Diehl

Absent:

Secretary Beretti reviewed the Zoom Protocols and the Wordly Interpretation Services Protocols.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Rowley, Karen Cameron, Lynda Marin, Fred Faltersack, Margot Thomas

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CORRECTIONS

For the record we've received and distributed additional correspondence and errata memos from staff for Agenda Item No.4 - REF220017 - GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT and Agenda Item No.5 - REF260002 - MONTEREY COUNTY GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, REQUESTS AND REFERRALS

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENAR

- 1. APPOINT BRUCE MERCHANT TO THE BIG SUR LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

2. APPOINT PAULA C. USREY TO THE SOUTH COUNTY LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Public Comment: None

It was moved to approve by Commissioner Gomez, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, by the following vote:

AYES: Getzelman, Mendoza, Gomez, Gonzalez, Roberts, Work, Shaw, Monsalve, Diehl

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hartzell

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVAL/ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

3. Approval of the February 11, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

Public Comment: None

It was moved to approve by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Monsalve, by the following vote:

AYES: Getzelman, Mendoza, Gomez, Gonzalez, Roberts, Work, Shaw, Monsalve

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hartzell

ABSTAIN: Diehl

9:00 A.M. – SCHEDULED MATTERS

4. REF220017 - GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT

a. Receive a status update on the draft Environmental Justice Element to the County of Monterey General Plan and an overview of the draft Environmental Justice Element available for public review; and

b. Provide direction to staff.

Project Location: Unincorporated County of Monterey

Proposed CEQA Action: Find the presentation statutorily exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines section 15262 as an early discussion of possible future actions not involving commitment to a project.

Edgar Sanchez, Project Planner presented the item

Public Comment: Karen Cameron

The Commission received the item and provided direction to Staff.

The meeting recessed at 10:28a.m., and reconvened at 10:41a.m.

Chair Getzelman informed the Commission that Commissioner Shaw left the meeting.

5. REF260002 - MONTEREY COUNTY GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

- a. Consider the 2025 Annual Progress Report for the Monterey County General Plan(s);
- b. Consider the 2025 Annual Progress Report for the 2024-2031 Housing Element; and
- c. Consider and provide input regarding priorities for the 2026-2027 Long-Range Planning Work Program.

Proposed CEQA Action: Not a project per Sections 15060(c)(1) and 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Sarah Wickle and Dawn Yonemitsu, Project Leads presented the item and Darby Marshall, Housing Program Manager.

Public Comment: Tom Rowley

The meeting recessed at 11:42a.m., and convened at 11:53a.m.

Due to technical difficulties, the meeting recessed at 11:55a.m. and reconvened at 12:10p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Diehl and seconded by Commissioner Gomez to consider and recommend forwarding the 2 Annual Progress Report to the Board of Supervisors and made some suggestions specific to the Housing Element by the following vote:

AYES: Getzelman, Mendoza, Gomez, Gonzalez, Roberts, Work, Monsalve, Diehl, Hartzell

NOES: None

ABSENT: Shaw

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Commissioner Diehl, seconded by Commissioner Gomez, to approve the 2026-2027 Long Range Work Program as presented by staff and the GPU-10, in particular the Pajaro and Chualar Plans and Development Evaluation System, in the 12 top priorities in context to Housing and Justice. by the following vote:

**AYES: Getzelman, Mendoza, Gomez, Gonzalez, Roberts, Work, Monsalve,
Diehl, Hartzell**

NOES: None

ABSENT: Shaw

ABSTAIN: None

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Secretary Beretti informed the Commission that there is no department report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Getzelman at 12:19p.m.

APPROVED:

/s/ Melanie Beretti

Planning Commission Secretary

ATTEST:

BY: /s/ Janet Navarro

Planning Commission Clerk

APPROVED ON: April 8, 2026