

Summary of Comments

General Plan Update Workshop, February 23, 2017

The following is a summary of comments from the public at the February workshop:

- Presentation of “Our County, Our Voice”
- A concern was voiced about home businesses not following safety laws.
- Several comments were received regarding safe routes to school and improved road conditions.
- A request was made for the names of small communities.
- A request was made for the right to vote.
- Several requests were made for maps showing where county/city roads are located and to which jurisdictions reports should be made.
- Several comments were made regarding improving streets and roads.
- A request was made to add environmental quality to the general plan, specifically addressing improved air quality.
- A request for definitions of land use designations was made.
- Several members of the community raised concern regarding the number of Marijuana dispensaries opening in communities and the rising crime rates surrounding them.
- A request for Staff to research other counties and why they are doing better in the health indicators was made.
- A comment was received regarding the separation of agriculture and oil from residential areas and schools.
- Several comments were received regarding walkable communities.
- A comment was received regarding flooding in Lamont and the need for better drainage and roads.
- A concern was raised regarding ranches in the middle of Arvin that are a county pocket.
- A comment was received regarding the jobs and food the agricultural businesses provide our county. A request for continued promotion of business was made.
- A comment was received regarding the encouragement of affordable housing.
- A presentation was given entitled “Conserving Lands and Livelihood” which promoted finding solutions for people and nature, conservation and connectivity
- A comment was received regarding policies to protect farmland and a specific agricultural element in the General Plan.