

Summary of Comments

General Plan Update Workshop, April 27, 2017

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

- A presentation was given regarding the history of Kern County's water sources and how water is distributed throughout California.
- A presentation was given regarding the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and how Kern County is responding to the new legislature and what the real impacts may be on the county going forward.
- A presentation was given regarding rising homebuilding costs and the impact it has on affordability and the economy. A request for policies to support homebuilding growth was made.
- A request and support for the request were made for road improvement, street lights, sidewalks, and fire hydrants on Lytle Avenue between County Line Road and Cecil Avenue area.
- A comment was received regarding flooding along Cecil Avenue
- A request for policies regarding prisoners near homes was made.
- A few requests for more affordable housing were received.
- Requests for flood management policies were made
- A request for walkable communities was received.
- Support for the water element was received along with requests for drought plans, groundwater recharge policies and policies for quality water especially in disadvantaged communities.
- A comment was received supporting consultation with conservation groups and water management teams.
- A comment was received for policies encouraging infill and higher density building and supporting a change in the view of housing.
- A request was made for a policy restricting front yard parking.
- A comment was received regarding dumping in Oildale and a request was made for a fence blocking the alley where this is taking place.
- Several comments were received regarding contaminated water in disadvantaged communities especially Lamont.
- Requests for filters or a better water system in the elementary school in Lamont were made.
- Policies protecting water quality in disadvantaged communities were requested.
- A request was made to connect smaller water districts to larger ones was made.