

Summary of Comments

General Plan Update Workshop, May 25, 2017

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

- A presentation was given regarding the Energy Element and the Military Readiness Element.
- Several supported a Climate Action Plan
- Several requests for increased investment in renewable energy were made.
- A request for increased education about Valley Fever and mitigation measures was received.
- A comment was received regarding a separate Environmental Justice Element.
- Several comments were received regarding Kern County's poor air quality.
- An invitation for Commissioners to visit homes in disadvantaged communities was received.
- Requests for policies regarding clean and cheap energy were received.
- A couple comments were received supporting Kern County's Oil and Gas EIR and the positive effects it has had on the environment.

After receiving public comments, Staff noted the General Plan is the constitution, the basis for all land use, in Kern County. While updating the General Plan, Staff is looking into air quality, climate change and other concerns for policies, goals and implementation measures. Staff also noted Kern County is the leading county in alternative/renewable energy and the Zoning Ordinance allows solar to be added as an accessory with only a building permit.