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TO: Planning Commission Agenda of: March 28, 2013

FROM: Roger Trout, Development Services Director Item No.: 8

DATE: March 5, 2013

RE: SA12-0302/River Management Plan 5-Year Summary Review for 2002-06 and 2007-11

The River Management Plan (RMP) was developed to manage use of the South Fork of the American River that flows within the boundaries of the County of El Dorado and adjacent land. The plan was designed to monitor and evaluate use within and along the river in order to minimize impacts to the environment and private land owners. The plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2001 and its continued implementation has been approved by the Planning Commission on an annual basis.

Section 7.2.2 of the RMP specifies that the annual reports be compiled every 5th year for submission to the Planning Director (now the Community Development Agency, Development Services Division Director), and the County General Services Director (now the County's Chief Administrative Officer). The purpose of the annual reports is to summarize the progress or implementation of the Program Elements that are detailed in Section 6 of the RMP.

The two Directors are to “[e]valuate the adequacy of the RMP, as implemented, in consideration of conditions reported in the summary report. Such evaluation will consider the following:

- *Responsiveness to County goals and policies,*
- *Completeness of impact mitigation measures, and*
- *Efficiency and economy of RMP implementation.*

The County Planning Director will present the findings of this review to the County Planning Commission, including recommendations to:

- *Continue implementation of the RMP as currently prescribed,*
- *Continue implementation of the RMP with minor modifications, or*
- *Update the RMP.”*

Two reports have been prepared. The first, covering the years from 2002 through 2006 (Attachment 1) is provided because the 5-Year report for that time period was not done. It is intended to look retrospectively at the activities on and along the river during that time and review them in the context of the RMP. The second report (Attachment 2) covers the more recent time period of 2007 through 2011. Contained within both reports are a total of 17 recommendations to “*continue implementation of the plan with minor modifications.*” The specific measures are described in detail on pages 22-23 of the 2002-2006 report and pages 16-17 of the 2007-2011 report. They have been consolidated in Attachment 3.

As required by the RMP, the Planning Commission is to first review the report and the recommendations of the Director. If the Commission agrees with the recommendations, it is sent back to staff to complete a CEQA analysis of the proposed modifications. That analysis and the specific changes to the plan are then brought back to the Commission for review and action.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Planning Commission take the following action:

1. Accept the Five Year Summary Reports for 2002-2006 and 2007-2011; and
2. Direct staff to complete a CEQA Initial Study and appropriate CEQA document and return for consideration by the Commission of the recommended minor modification to the River Management Plan as provided Attachment 3.

SUPPORT INFORMATION

Attachments to Staff Memo:

Attachment 1	Five Year Summary Report for Implementation of the River Management Plan: 2002-2006
Attachment 2	Five Year Summary Report for Implementation of the River Management Plan: 2007-2011
Attachment 3	List of Recommended Minor Modifications to the El Dorado County River Management Plan