

# PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012 – 7:00 PM**  
**City of Turlock, Yosemite Community Room**  
**156 South Broadway**  
**Turlock, California**

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Commission Chair  
**Mike Brem**

Commission Members

**Elvis Dias**  
**Soraya Fregosi**  
**Nick Hackler**

**Jeff Hillberg**  
**Alex Salcedo**  
**Jeanine Bean**  
Vice Chair

Deputy Director Development Services  
**Debra A. Whitmore**

Alternate Members

**Victor Pedroza**

**Aben Williams**

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**NOTICE:** Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.3, any member of the public may directly address the Planning Commission on any item appearing on the agenda, including Consent Calendar and Public Hearing items, before or during the Planning Commission's consideration of the item.

**AGENDA PACKETS:** Prior to the Planning Commission meeting, a complete Agenda Packet is available for review on the City's website at [www.cityofturlock.org](http://www.cityofturlock.org) and at the Planning Division office at 156 S. Broadway, Suite 120, Turlock, CA during normal business hours. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Commission after distribution of the Agenda Packet are also available for public inspection in the Planning Division Office. Such documents may be available on the City's website subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting.

## **A. CALL TO ORDER**

- Oath of Office for Re-Appointed Planning Commissioner Jeff Hillberg (*City Clerk*)
- Commission Seated

## **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting of November 3, 2011 [View Item](#)
2. Special Joint Meeting of November 8, 2012 [View Item](#)

## **C. ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Debbie Whitmore*)

1. Smart Valley Places Community Leadership Institute
2. Election of Officers in February

## D. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

## E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*This is the time set aside for members of the public to directly address the Commission on any item of interest to the public, before or during the Commissioner's consideration of the item, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. You will be allowed five (5) minutes for your comments. If you wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda, you may be asked to defer your remarks until the Commission addresses the matter.*

*No action or discussion may be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that the Commission may refer the matter to staff or request it be placed on a future agenda.*

## F. CONSENT CALENDAR

*Information concerning the consent items listed hereinbelow has been forwarded to each Commissioner prior to this meeting for study. Unless the Chair, a Commissioner or member of the audience has questions concerning the Consent Calendar, the items are approved at one time by the Commission. The action taken by the Commission in approving the consent items is set forth in the explanation of the individual items.*

None

## G. PUBLIC HEARINGS (\*Consent Items)

### **\*CONSENT ITEMS**

*These are items on this agenda designated by an asterisk (\*) next to the item number, requiring a Planning Commission public hearing but which, following an initial evaluation by staff, have been found to be consistent with existing City policy and the City General Plan and are, therefore, **recommended for routine approval**. Prior to actual Planning Commission consideration, the Chairman will open the public hearing and ask if anyone present wishes to discuss any of the items. If you want a particular agenda item removed from "Consent", please speak up and advise the Chairman. That item will then be withdrawn from "Consent" and reviewed in detail as scheduled. The remaining "Consent" items for which there are no voice objections will be handled by a single action of the Commission.*

1. **\*AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 1999-11 (HALL EQUITIES)** - The applicant is requesting to amend the existing master sign program for Monte Vista Crossings to include the 19 acre parcel (Stanislaus County APN 088-002-064) south of the existing Kohl's. The property has been approved for approximately 209,000 square feet of commercial/retail floor area ("Monte Vista Crossings South") and will be a continuation of Monte Vista Crossings. The subject property is located at 2701 Countryside Drive, more particularly described as Stanislaus County Assessor's Parcel No. 088-002-064. The project is EXEMPT from environmental review per CEQA 15311(a) Accessory Structures – On premise signs. [View Item](#)
  - a) Planning Commission determination that the proposed project is "EXEMPT" from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
  - b) Planning Commission action on the amendment to Conditional Use Permit 1999-11 (Hall Equities)

2. **\*CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2011-03 (CHURCH OF CHRIST)** - To authorize an internally illuminated, 6 foot overall height monument sign. The subject property is located at 801 N. Tully Road, more particularly described as Stanislaus County Assessor's Parcel No. 089-008-004. The project is EXEMPT from environmental review per CEQA 15311(a) Accessory Structures – On premise signs. [View Item](#)
- a) Planning Commission determination that the proposed project is "EXEMPT" from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
  - b) Planning Commission action on Conditional Use Permit 2011-03 (Church of Christ)

### **NONCONSENT ITEMS**

*These items will be individually discussed and reviewed in detail.*

3. **GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2009-03 (HEARING DRAFT 2007-14 HOUSING ELEMENT)** The City of Turlock is required by the State of California (§ 65580 – 65589.8 of the California Government Code) to prepare a Housing Element as one of the required seven mandatory elements contained in its General Plan. The purpose of the Housing Element is to encourage the provision of an adequate and diverse supply of safe and affordable housing in all communities, consistent with Statewide housing goals. On March 9, 2010, the City Council certified a CEQA Negative Declaration for the project declaring that the project could not have a significant effect on the environment by Council Resolution No. 2010-047 and directed staff to submit the draft document to the State for certification. The State Housing and Community Development Department certified the Draft Housing Element with revisions that will be considered by the Planning Commission. [View Item](#)
- a) Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council to adopt the Hearing Draft 2007-14 Housing Element

## **H. OTHER MATTERS**

- 1. **SIGN ORDINANCE WORKSHOP:** Potential approaches for revising the Sign Ordinance

## **I. COMMISSIONER'S CONSIDERATION**

- 1. Adoption of the Planning Commission 2012 Calendar of Meeting Dates [View Item](#)
  - a) The Planning Commission will take action and adopt meeting dates for 2012.

## **J. STANISLAUS COUNTY PLANNING REFERRAL ITEMS**

None

**K. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

*Commissioners may provide a brief report on notable topics of interest. The Brown Act does not allow discussion or action by the Commission.*

**L. STAFF UPDATES** (Debbie Whitmore)

- 1. STATE PLANNING GRANTS:** An update on applications for State funding for General Plan related actions
- 2. MORGAN RANCH MASTER PLAN UPDATE:** Status update on the Morgan Ranch Master Plan
- 3. TURLOCK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT:** Status update on the Turlock Beautification Project

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

AT THE ABOVE TIME AND PLACE ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. ANYONE MAY PRESENT HIS OR HER VIEWS ON THESE MATTERS IN PERSON, BY WRITING, OR BY REPRESENTATIVE. IF YOU CHALLENGE ANY OF THE ABOVE MATTERS IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUE YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING(S) DESCRIBED IN THIS AGENDA, OR WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TURLOCK AT, OR PRIOR TO, THE PUBLIC HEARING. ANY MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION (PHOTOGRAPHS, SLIDES, PETITIONS, LETTERS, ETC.) BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF TURLOCK AND WILL BE RETAINED AS PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE CITY OF TURLOCK PLANNING DIVISION, CITY HALL, 156 SOUTH BROADWAY, TURLOCK. INFORMATION MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE CITY OF TURLOCK PLANNING DIVISION AT (209) 668-5640. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE MAY BE MAILED TO THE CITY OF TURLOCK PLANNING DIVISION, 156 SOUTH BROADWAY, SUITE 120, TURLOCK, CA 95380-5454.

**--APPEAL--**

Anyone who is dissatisfied with the action(s) of the Planning Commission may file an appeal within **TEN (10) DAYS** following the decision of the Planning Commission. The appeal must be written and filed with the Turlock City Clerk. Appeal Application Forms are available in both the City Clerk and Planning Division Offices, 156 South Broadway, Turlock. There is a \$125.00 filing fee for the Appeal Application. If an Appeal Application is filed, a Public Hearing will be scheduled by the City Council to consider the appeal.

**--CONTINUANCE--  
-- APPLICANT REQUESTS--  
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 27, 1989**

An applicant may request the continuance of a pending application or scheduled matter set for consideration by the Planning Commission by filing a request for a continuance not less than three (3) hours prior to the scheduled consideration of the application pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 89-248. The request must be written and filed with the City of Turlock Planning Division. Continuance Request Application Forms are available in both the City Clerk and Planning Division Offices, 156 South Broadway, Turlock. There is a \$305.00 Filing Fee Deposit for the Continuance Request Application. **The granting of a request for a continuance of a pending application is discretionary on the part of the City of Turlock. The applicant's compliance with the regulations does not imply, guarantee, or otherwise supersede the City of Turlock's authority to deny the request.**