

Fort Ord Reuse Authority



Chapter 8

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8.01. GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.01.010. REUSE PLAN

(a) The Authority Board shall prepare, adopt, review, revise from time to time, and maintain a Reuse Plan for the use and development of the territory within the jurisdiction of the Authority. Such plan shall contain the elements mandated pursuant to the Authority Act and such other elements, policies, and programs as the Authority Board may, in its sole discretion, consider and adopt.

(b) The Reuse Plan, including all elements, policies, and programs adopted in conjunction with the Reuse Plan, and any amendments thereto, shall be the official and controlling plan for the reuse of the Fort Ord territory for the purposes specified or inferred in the Authority Act.

(c) All general and specific plans, redevelopment plans, and all other community and local plans regardless of title or description, and any amendments thereto, and all policies and programs relating to the land use or the construction, installation, or maintenance of capital improvements or public works within the Fort Ord territory, shall be consistent with the Reuse Plan of the Authority and the plans and policies of the Authority, including the Master Resolution. The Authority shall make a determination of consistency as provided pursuant to the provisions of the Authority Act and, after the effective date hereof, this Chapter.

(d) A revision or other change to the Reuse Plan which only affects Fort Ord territory and only one of the member agencies may only be adopted by the Authority Board if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (1) The revision or other change was initiated by resolution adopted by the legislative body of the affected land use agency and approved by at least a majority affirmative vote of the Authority Board; or
- (2) The revision or other change was initiated by the Authority Board or any entity other than the affected land use agency and approved by at least a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Authority Board.

(e) All property transferred from the federal government to any user or purchaser, whether public or private, shall only be used in a manner consistent with the Reuse Plan, with the following exceptions:

- (1) Property transferred to California State University or the University of California and such property is used for educationally related or research oriented purposes; or
- (2) Property transferred to the California State Parks and Recreation Department.

(f) No land use agency or any local agency shall permit, approve, or otherwise allow any development or other change of use, or approve any development entitlement, for property within the territory of the Authority that is not consistent with the Reuse Plan.

(g) No land use agency shall issue, approve, or otherwise allow any building permit until all applicable permits, development entitlements, and approvals required under law have been approved, including, but not limited to, the approvals and permits described and enumerated in Section 3.7 of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Reuse Plan.

(h) The Reuse Plan shall be reviewed periodically at the discretion of the Authority Board. The Authority Board shall perform a full reassessment, review, and consideration of the Reuse Plan and all mandatory elements as specified in the Authority Act prior to the allocation of an augmented water supply, or prior to the issuance of a building permit for the 6001st new residential dwelling unit (providing a total population of 35,000 persons) on the Fort Ord territory or by January 1, 2013, whichever event occurs first. No more than 6000 new dwelling units shall be permitted on the Fort Ord territory until such reassessment, review, and consideration of the Reuse Plan has been prepared, reviewed, and adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Authority Act, the Master Resolution, and all applicable environmental laws. No development shall be approved by FORA or any land use agency or local agency after the time specified in this subsection unless and until the water supplies, wastewater disposal, road capacity, and the infrastructure to supply these resources to serve such development have been identified, evaluated, assessed, and a plan for mitigation has been adopted as required by CEQA, the Authority Act, the Master Resolution, and all applicable environmental laws.

(i) The failure of any person or entity to receive notice given pursuant to this Chapter shall not constitute grounds for any court to invalidate the action on any legislative act or development entitlement pursuant to this Chapter for which required notice was given.

(j) The Authority shall record a notice on all property in the Fort Ord territory advising all current and future owners of property of the existence of the Reuse Plan and that development of such property shall be limited by the Reuse Plan, the policies and programs of the Authority, including the Master Resolution, and/or the constraints on development identified in the Reuse Plan, including lack of available water supply, wastewater and solid waste disposal capacity, and inadequate transportation and other services and infrastructure.

(k) In the event the Authority receives, purchases, or acquires, by any means, fee interest title to property within the Fort Ord territory, the Authority shall record a covenant running with the land advising all future owners of such property that development and use of the property is subject to the Reuse Plan and that development of such property shall be limited by the Reuse Plan, the policies and programs of the Authority, including the Master Resolution, and/or constraints on development identified in the Reuse Plan, including lack of available water supply, wastewater and solid waste disposal capacity, and inadequate transportation and other services and infrastructure.

8.01.020. PROCEDURES FOR CONSISTENCY DETERMINATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE LAND USE DECISIONS

(a) Each land use agency shall submit all legislative land use decisions affecting property in the territory of the Authority to the Executive Officer for review and processing.

(b) All submissions regarding a legislative land use decision shall include:

- (1) A complete copy of the legislative land use decision, including related or applicable text, maps, graphics, and studies;
- (2) A copy of the resolution or ordinance of the legislative body approving the legislative land use decision, adopted at the conclusion of a noticed hearing certifying that the portion of a legislative land use decision applicable to the Fort Ord territory is intended to be carried out in a manner fully in conformity with the Reuse Plan and the Authority Act;
- (3) A copy of all staff reports and materials presented or made available to the legislative body approving the legislative decision, or any advisory agency relating to the legislative land use decision;
- (4) A copy of the completed environmental assessment related to the legislative land use decision;
- (5) A statement of findings and evidence supporting the findings that the legislative land use decision is consistent with the Reuse Plan, the Authority's plans and policies, including the Master Resolution, and is otherwise consistent with the Authority Act; and
- (6) Such other materials as the Executive Officer deems necessary or appropriate and which have been identified within 15 days of the receipt of the items described in subsection (b) of this Section.

(c) Within 90 days of the receipt of all of the items described in subsection (b) above, or from the date the Executive Officer accepts the submission as complete, whichever event occurs first, the Authority Board shall conduct a noticed public hearing, calendared and noticed by the Executive Officer, to certify or refuse to certify, in whole or in part, the portion of the legislative land use decision applicable to Fort Ord territory. The Authority Board shall adopt a resolution making findings in support of its decision, such decision shall be rendered within the time frame described in this section, and such decision shall be final. In the event the Authority Board fails, within the time frames described in this section, to conduct a public hearing or take action on determining whether the land use decision is consistent with the Plan and the Authority Act, the land use agency may file, upon ten days notice, a request with the Executive Officer to have the matter placed on the next Board agenda for a noticed public hearing to take action to consider the consistency finding and the Board shall take action at such noticed public hearing and such decision shall be final.

(d) In the event the Authority Board finds, on the basis of substantial evidence supported on the record, that the legislative act is consistent with the Reuse Plan and this Chapter, the Authority Board shall certify the legislative act pursuant to the provisions of the Authority Act.

(e) In the event the Authority Board refuses to certify the legislative land use decision in whole or in part, the Authority Board's resolution making findings shall include suggested modifications which, if adopted and transmitted to the Authority Board by the affected land use agency, will allow the legislative land use decision to be certified. If such modifications are adopted by the affected land use agency as suggested, and the Executive Officer confirms such modifications have been made, the legislative land use decision shall be deemed certified. In the event the affected land use agency elects to meet the Authority Board's refusal of certification in a manner other than as suggested by the Authority Board, the legislative body of the affected land use agency shall resubmit its legislative land use decision to the Executive Officer and follow the procedures contained in this Section.

(f) No legislative land use decision shall be deemed final and complete, nor shall any land use entitlement be issued for property affected otherwise permitted by such legislative land use decision unless it has been certified pursuant to the procedures described in this Section.

(g) The Authority Board may only refuse to certify zoning ordinances, zoning district maps, or other legislative land use decision on the grounds that such actions do not conform with, or are inadequate to carry out, the provisions of the general plan, certified as consistent with the Reuse Plan pursuant to the provisions of this Section, applicable to the affected property.

(h) Nothing in this Section or in this Chapter shall apply to or be construed as adversely affecting any consistency determination previously obtained by a land use agency and certified by the Authority Board pursuant to the Authority Act.

8.01.030. REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENTS

(a) After the portion of a general plan applicable to Fort Ord territory has become effective, development review authority within such portion of territory shall be exercised by the land use agency with jurisdiction lying within the area to which the general plan applies. Each land use agency may issue or deny, or conditionally issue, development entitlements within their respective jurisdictions so long as the land use agency has a general plan certified pursuant to Section 8.01.020 and the decisions issuing, denying, or conditionally issuing development entitlements are consistent with the adopted and certified general plan, the Reuse Plan, and is in compliance with CEQA and all other applicable laws.

(b) All decisions on development entitlements of a land use agency affecting property within the territory of the Authority may be reviewed by the Authority Board on its own initiative, or may be appealed to the Authority Board, subject to the procedures specified in this Section. No development entitlement shall be deemed final and complete until the appeal and review procedures specified in this Section and Sections 8.01.040 and 8.01.050 of this Chapter have been exhausted.

(c) The land use agency approving a development entitlement within the jurisdiction of the Authority shall provide notice of approval or conditional approval to the Executive Officer. Notice of approval or conditional approval of a development entitlement shall include:

- (1) A complete copy of the approved development entitlement, including related or applicable text, maps, graphics, and studies.
- (2) A copy of all staff reports and materials presented or made available to any hearing body that reviewed the development entitlement.
- (3) A copy of the completed environmental assessment related to the development entitlement.

8.01.040. REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENTS BY INITIATIVE OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD

Within 35 days of the receipt of all of the notice materials described in subsection (d) of Section 8.01.030, the Authority Board, on its own initiative, may consider a resolution

setting a hearing on a development entitlement affecting Fort Ord territory. The Authority Board may continue the matter of setting a hearing once for any reason. In the event the Authority Board does not act to set the matter for hearing within the 35 day time period or at the continued meeting, whichever event is last, the decision of the land use agency approving the development entitlement shall be deemed final and shall not be subject to review by the Authority Board pursuant to this Section. Nothing in this section shall be construed as abrogating any rights that any person may have to appeal development entitlements to the Authority Board pursuant to Section 8.01.050. In the event the Authority Board sets the matter for hearing, such hearing shall commence at the first regular meeting of the Authority Board following the date the Authority Board passed its resolution setting the matter for hearing or at a special hearing date prior to such regular meeting. The Authority Board may continue the matter once. In the event the Authority Board fails to take action on the development entitlement within such time period, the development entitlement shall be deemed approved.

8.01.050. REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENTS BY APPEAL TO AUTHORITY BOARD

(a) Within 10 days of a land use agency approving a development entitlement, any person aggrieved by that approval and who participated either orally or in writing, in that agency's hearing on the matter, may file a written appeal of such approval with the Executive Officer, specifically setting forth the grounds for the appeal, which shall be limited to issues raised at the hearing before the land use agency. The person filing the appeal shall pay a filing fee in an amount equal to the fee for appeal of combined development permits as established by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors for the cost of processing the appeal. The Executive Officer shall set, schedule, and notice a public hearing before the Authority Board. In the event the Authority Board fails to act on the development entitlement within the time periods specified in this Section to conduct a public hearing and take action within 60 days on determining whether the development entitlement is consistent with the Reuse Plan and the Authority Act, the land use agency may file, upon ten days notice, a request with the Authority Board to have the matter placed on the next Board agenda for a noticed public hearing to take action to consider the development entitlement.

(b) At the time and place noticed by the Executive Officer, the Authority Board will conduct a hearing on the development entitlement. The Authority Board may continue the matter once for any reason.

(c) Said continued hearing must be rescheduled to a date that is not later than 35 days from the date of the initial hearing date. In the event the Authority Board determines the development entitlement is not consistent with the Reuse Plan, the development shall be denied and the Authority Board's decision shall be final. In the event the Authority Board determines the development entitlement is consistent with the Reuse Plan, the Authority Board shall approve the development entitlement.

8.01.060. SUPERCESSION

In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this Chapter of the Master Resolution and the Reuse Plan, the Development and Resource Plan, and other adopted FORA policies and procedures in regards to legislative land use decisions and/or development entitlements affecting lands within the affected territory, the provisions of this Chapter shall govern.

8.01.70. FORA AS RESPONSIBLE AGENCY UNDER CEQA

In taking action on all legislative land decisions and for review of all development entitlements, the Authority Board shall act as a responsible agency under CEQA.

8.01.080. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Any administrative decision made by the Executive Officer may be appealed to the Authority Board within 15 days by completing and filing a notice of appeal at the Office of the Executive Officer.

Article 8.02. CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION CRITERIA

8.02.010. LEGISLATIVE LAND USE DECISION CONSISTENCY

(a) In the review, evaluation, and determination of consistency regarding legislative land use decisions, the Authority Board shall disapprove any legislative land use decision for which there is substantial evidence supported by the record, that

- (1) Provides a land use designation that allows more intense land uses than the uses permitted in the Reuse Plan for the affected territory;
- (2) Provides a development more dense than the density of use permitted in the Reuse Plan for the affected territory;
- (3) Is not in substantial conformance with applicable programs specified in the Reuse Plan and Section 8.02.020 of this Master Resolution.
- (4) Provides uses which conflict or are incompatible with uses permitted or allowed in the Reuse Plan for the affected property or which conflict or are incompatible with open space, recreational, or habitat management areas within the jurisdiction of the Authority;
- (5) Does not require or otherwise provide for the financing and/or installation, construction, and maintenance of all infrastructure necessary to provide adequate public services to the property covered by the legislative land use decision; and
- (6) Does not require or otherwise provide for implementation of the Fort Ord Habitat Management Plan.

(b) FORA shall not preclude the transfer of intensity of land uses and/or density of development involving properties within the affected territory as long as the land use decision meets the overall intensity and density criteria of Sections 8.02.010(a)(1) and (2) above as long as the cumulative net density or intensity of the Fort Ord Territory is not increased.

(c) The Authority Board, in its discretion, may find a legislative land use decision is in substantial compliance with the Reuse Plan when the Authority Board finds that the applicant land use agency has demonstrated compliance with the provisions specified in this section and Section 8.02.020 of this Master Resolution.

8.02.020. SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AND MITIGATION MEASURES FOR INCLUSION IN LEGISLATIVE LAND USE DECISIONS

(a) Prior to approving any development entitlements, each land use agency shall act to protect natural resources and open spaces on Fort Ord territory by including the open space and conservation policies and programs of the Reuse Plan, applicable to the land use agency, into their respective general, area, and specific plans.

- (1) Each land use agency shall review each application for a development entitlement for compatibility with adjacent open space land uses and require suitable open space buffers to be incorporated into the development plans of any potentially incompatible land uses as a condition of project approval.
- (2) When buffers are required as a condition of approval adjacent to Habitat Management areas, the buffer shall be designed in a manner consistent with those guidelines set out in the Habitat Management Plan. Roads shall not be allowed within the buffer area adjacent to Habitat Management areas except for restricted access maintenance or emergency access roads.

(b) Each land use agency shall include policies and programs in their respective applicable general, area, and specific plans that will ensure consistency of future use of the property within the coastal zone through the master planning process of the California Department of Parks and Recreation, if applicable. All future use of such property shall comply with the requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act and the California Coastal Act and the coastal consistency determination process.

(c) Monterey County shall include policies and programs in its applicable general, area, and specific plans that will ensure that future development projects at East Garrison are compatible with the historic context and associated land uses and development entitlements are appropriately conditioned prior to approval.

(d) Each land use agency shall include policies and programs in their respective applicable general, area, and specific plans that shall limit recreation in environmentally sensitive areas, including, but not limited to, dunes and areas with rare, endangered, or threatened plant or animal communities to passive, low intensity recreation, dependent on the resource and compatible with its long term protection. Such policies and programs shall prohibit passive, low-density recreation if the Board finds that such passive, low-density recreation will compromise the ability to maintain an environmentally sensitive resource.

(e) Each land use agency shall include policies and programs in their respective applicable general, area, and specific plans that shall encourage land uses that are compatible with the character of the surrounding districts or neighborhoods and discourage new land use activities which are potential nuisances and/or hazards within and in close proximity to residential areas. Reuse of property in the Army urbanized footprint should be encouraged.

(f) Each land use agency with jurisdiction over property in the Army urbanized footprint shall adopt the cultural resources policies and programs of the Reuse Plan concerning historic preservation, and shall provide appropriate incentives for historic preservation and reuse of historic property, as determined by the affected land use agency, in their respective applicable general, area, and specific plans.

(g) The County of Monterey shall amend the Greater Monterey Peninsula Area Plan and designate the Historic East Garrison Area as an historic district in the County Reservation Road Planning Area. The East Garrison shall be planned and zoned for planned development mixed uses consistent with the Reuse Plan. In order to implement this aspect of the plan, the County shall adopt at least one specific plan for the East Garrison area and such specific plan shall be approved before any development entitlement shall be approved for such area.

(h) Each land use agency shall include policies and programs in their respective applicable general, area, and specific plans that shall support all actions necessary to ensure that sewage treatment facilities operate in compliance with waste discharge requirements adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

- (i) Each land use agency shall adopt the following policies and programs:
- (1) A solid waste reduction and recycling program applicable to Fort Ord territory consistent with the provisions of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, Public Resources Code Section 40000 *et seq.*
 - (2) A program that will ensure that each land use agency carries out all action necessary to ensure that the installation of water supply wells comply with State of California Water Well Standards and well standards established by the Monterey County Health Department; and
 - (3) A program that will ensure that each land use agency carries out all actions necessary to ensure that distribution and storage of potable and non-potable water comply with State Health Department regulations.

(j) Each land use agency shall include policies and programs in their respective applicable general, area, and specific plans to address water supply and water conservation. Such policies and programs shall include the following:

- (1) Identification of, with the assistance of the Monterey County Water Resources
- (2) Commence working with appropriate agencies to determine the feasibility of developing additional water supply sources, such as water importation and desalination, and actively participate in implementing the most viable option or options;
- (3) Adoption and enforcement of a water conservation ordinance which includes requirements for plumbing retrofits and is at least as stringent as Regulation 13 of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, to reduce both water demand and effluent generation.
- (4) Active participation in the support of the development of reclaimed or recycled water supply sources by the water purveyor and the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency to ensure

adequate water supplies for the territory within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

- (5) Promotion of the use of on-site water collection, incorporating measures such as cisterns or other appropriate improvements to collect surface water for in-tract irrigation and other non-potable use.
- (6) Adoption of policies and programs consistent with the Authority's Development and Resource Management Plan to establish programs and monitor development at territory within the jurisdiction of the Authority to assure that it does not exceed resource constraints posed by water supply.
- (7) Adoption of appropriate land use regulations that will ensure that development entitlements will not be approved until there is verification of an assured long-term water supply for such development entitlements.
- (8) Participation in the development and implementation of measures that will prevent seawater intrusion into the Salinas Valley and Seaside groundwater basins.
- (9) Implementation of feasible water conservation methods where and when determined appropriate by the land use agency, consistent with the Reuse Plan, including: dual plumbing using non-potable water for appropriate functions; cistern systems for roof-top run-off; mandatory use of reclaimed water for any new golf courses; limitation on the use of potable water for golf courses; and publication of annual water reports disclosing water consumption by types of use.

(k) Each land use agency shall include policies and programs in their respective applicable general, area, and specific plans that will require new development to demonstrate that all measures will be taken to ensure that storm water runoff is minimized and infiltration maximized in groundwater recharge areas. Such policies and programs shall include:

- (1) Preparation, adoption, and enforcement of a storm water detention plan that identifies potential storm water detention design and implementation measures to be considered in all new development, in order to increase groundwater recharge and thereby reduce potential for further seawater intrusion and provide for an augmentation of future water supplies.
- (2) Preparation, adoption, and enforcement of a Master Drainage Plan to assess the existing natural and man-made drainage facilities, recommend area-wide improvements based on the approved Reuse Plan, and develop plans for the control of storm water runoff from future development. Such plans for control of storm water runoff shall consider and minimize any potential for groundwater degradation and provide for the long term monitoring and maintenance of all storm water retention ponds.

(l) Each land use agency shall adopt policies and programs that ensure that all proposed land uses on the Fort Ord territory are consistent with the hazardous and toxic materials clean-up levels as specified by state and federal regulation.

(m) Each land use agency shall adopt and enforce an ordinance acceptable to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to control and restrict

excavation or any soil movement on those parcels of the Fort Ord territory which were contaminated with unexploded ordnance and explosives. Such ordinance shall prohibit any digging, excavation, development, or ground disturbance of any type to be caused or otherwise allowed to occur without compliance with the ordinance. A land use agency shall not make any substantive change to such ordinance without prior notice to and approval by DTSC.

(n) Each land use agency shall include policies and programs in their respective applicable general, area, and specific plans that will help ensure an efficient regional transportation network to access the territory under the jurisdiction of the Authority, consistent with the standards of the Transportation Agency of Monterey County. Such policies and programs shall include:

- (1) Establishment and provision of a dedicated funding mechanism to pay for the fair share of the impact on the regional transportation system caused or contributed by development on territory within the jurisdiction of the Authority; and
- (2) Support and participate in regional and state planning efforts and funding programs to provide an efficient regional transportation effort to access Fort Ord territory.

(o) Each land use agency shall include policies and programs in their respective applicable general, area, and specific plans that ensure that the design and construction of all major arterials within the territory under the jurisdiction of the Authority will have direct connections to the regional network consistent with the Reuse Plan. Such plans and policies shall include:

- (1) Preparation and adoption of policies and programs consistent with the Authority's Development and Resource Management Plan to establish programs and monitor development to assure that it does not exceed resource constraints posed by transportation facilities;
- (2) Design and construction of an efficient system of arterials in order to connect to the regional transportation system; and
- (3) Designate local truck routes to have direct access to regional and national truck routes and to provide adequate movement of goods into and out of the territory under the jurisdiction of the Authority.

(p) Each land use agency shall include policies and programs in their respective applicable general, area, and specific plans to provide regional bus service and facilities to serve key activity centers and key corridors within the territory under the jurisdiction of the Authority in a manner consistent with the Reuse Plan.

(q) Each land use agency shall adopt policies and programs that ensure development and cooperation in a regional law enforcement program that promotes joint efficiencies in operations, identifies additional law enforcement needs, and identifies and seeks to secure the appropriate funding mechanisms to provide the required services.

(r) Each land use agency shall include policies and programs in their respective applicable general, area, and specific plans that ensure development of a regional fire protection program that promotes joint efficiencies in operations, identifies additional fire protection needs, and identifies and seeks to secure the appropriate funding mechanisms to provide the required services.

(s) Each land use agency shall include policies and programs in their respective applicable general, area, and specific plans that will ensure that native plants from on-site stock will be used in all landscaping except for turf areas, where practical and appropriate. In areas of native plant restoration, all cultivars, including, but not limited to, manzanita and ceanothus, shall be obtained from stock originating on Fort Ord territory.

8.02.030. DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT CONSISTENCY

(a) In the review, evaluation, and determination of consistency regarding any development entitlement presented to the Authority Board pursuant to Section 8.01.030 of this Resolution, the Authority Board shall withhold a finding of consistency for any development entitlement that:

- (1) Provides an intensity of land uses which is more intense than that provided for in the applicable legislative land use decisions which the Authority Board has found consistent with the Reuse Plan;
- (2) Is more dense than the density of development permitted in the applicable legislative land use decisions which the Authority Board has found consistent with the Reuse Plan;
- (3) Is not conditioned upon providing, performing, funding, or making an agreement guaranteeing the provision, performance, or funding of all programs applicable to the development entitlement as specified in the Reuse Plan and in Section 8.02.020 of this Master Resolution and consistent with local determinations made pursuant to Section 8.02.040 of this Resolution.
- (4) Provides uses which conflict or are incompatible with uses permitted or allowed in the Reuse Plan for the affected property or which conflict or are incompatible with open space, recreational, or habitat management areas within the jurisdiction of the Authority;
- (5) Does not require or otherwise provide for the financing and installation, construction, and maintenance of all infrastructure necessary to provide adequate public services to the property covered by the applicable legislative land use decision.
- (6) Does not require or otherwise provide for implementation of the Fort Ord Habitat Management Plan.
- (7) Is not consistent with the Highway 1 Scenic Corridor design standards as such standards may be developed and approved by the Authority Board.

8.02.040. ADOPTION OF REQUIRED PROGRAMS

No development entitlement shall be approved or conditionally approved within the jurisdiction of any land use agency until the land use agency has taken appropriate action, in the discretion of the land use agency, to adopt the programs specified in the Reuse Plan, the Habitat Management Plan, the Development and Resource Management Plan, the Reuse Plan Environmental Impact Report Mitigation and Monitoring Plan and this Master Resolution applicable to such development entitlement.

Article 8.03. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

8.03.10. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND PURPOSE

The purposes of this Article is to provide guidelines for the study of proposed activities and the effect that such activities would have on the environment in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

8.03.020. DEFINITIONS

Except as otherwise defined in this section, words and phrases used in this Article shall have the same meaning given them by Chapter 2.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act and by Article 20 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

8.03.30. STATE CEQA GUIDELINES ADOPTED

The Authority hereby adopts the State CEQA Guidelines ("Guidelines") as set forth in Title 14, Section 15000 et seq. of the California Administrative Code and as may be amended from time to time. This adoption shall not be construed so as to limit the Authority's ability or authority to adopt additional implementing procedures in accordance with Section 15022 of such Guidelines, or to adopt other legislative enactments the Board may deem necessary or convenient for the protection of the environment.

8.03.40. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY

- (a) The Executive Officer shall, consistent with FORA obligations:
 - (1) Generate and keep a list of exempt projects and report such list to the Board.
 - (2) Conduct initial studies.
 - (3) Prepare negative declarations.
 - (4) Prepare draft and final environmental impact reports.
 - (5) Consult with and obtain comments from other public agencies and members of the public with regard to the environmental effect of projects, including scoping meetings when deemed necessary or advisable.
 - (6) Assure adequate opportunity and time for public review and comment on a draft environmental impact report or negative declaration.
 - (7) Evaluate the adequacy of an environmental impact report or negative declaration and make appropriate recommendations to the Board.
 - (8) Submit the final appropriate environmental document to the Board who will approve or disapprove a project. The Board has the authority to certify the adequacy of the environmental document.
 - (9) File documents required or authorized by CEQA and the State Guidelines.

- (10) Collect fees and charges necessary for the implementation of this Article in amounts as may be specified by the Board by resolution and as may be amended from time to time.
- (11) Formulate rules and regulations as the Executive Officer may determine are necessary or desirable to further the purposes of this Article.

8.03.050. COMPLETION DEADLINES

(a) Time limits for completion of the various phases of the environmental review process shall be consistent with CEQA and Guidelines and those time limits are incorporated in this Article by reference. Reasonable extensions to these time limits shall be allowed upon consent by any applicant.

(b) Time limits set forth in this section shall not apply to legislative actions.

(c) Any time limits set forth in this section shall be suspended during an administrative appeal.

8.03.060. PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL DECISION

(a) Notice of the decision of whether to prepare an environmental impact report, negative declaration, or declare a project exempt shall be available for public review at the Office of the Executive Officer. Notices of decisions shall be provided in a manner consistent with CEQA and the Guidelines.

(b) Notice that the Authority proposes to adopt a negative declaration shall be provided to the public at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting at which consideration of adoption of the negative declaration shall be given.

(c) Notice of decisions to prepare an environmental impact report, negative declaration, or project exemption shall be given to all organizations and individuals that have previously requested such notice. Notice shall also be given by publication one time in a newspaper of general circulation in Monterey County.

8.03.070. APPEAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL DECISION

(a) Within fifteen (15) days after the Executive Officer provides notice of a decision, any interested person may appeal the decision to the Board by completing and filing a notice of appeal at the Office of the Executive Officer.

(b) The appellant shall pay a fee in the amount as specified in Section 8.01.050 (a) of this Resolution.

(c) The Board shall hear all appeals of decisions on any environmental issue. The hearing shall be limited to considerations of the environmental or procedural issues raised by the appellant in the written notice of appeal. The decision of the Executive Officer shall be presumed correct and the burden of proof shall be on the appellant to establish otherwise. The

Board may uphold or reverse the environmental decision, or remand the decision back to the Executive Officer if substantial evidence of procedural or significant new environmental issues are presented.

- (d) The decision of the Board will be final.

8.03.080. CONFLICT DETERMINATIONS

This Article establishes procedural guidelines for the evaluation of the environmental factors concerning activities within the jurisdiction of the Authority and in accordance with State Guidelines. Where conflicts exist between this Article and State Guidelines, the State Guidelines shall prevail except where this Article is more restrictive.