

## Addendum to the May 21, 2021 General Plan Subcommittee Policy Recommendations Memorandum

The following edits were made to the May 21, 2021 General Plan Subcommittee Policy Recommendations Memorandum on August, 27, 2021. Text edits are denoted with red text and strikeouts.

**Page 6:** At the March 23, 2021 GPAC Meeting, the GPAC recommended pursuing a policy option that would “Prohibit development within all designated Critical Habitat areas and within a buffer area around such areas.” However, after the March 23 GPAC meeting, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Service submitted a letter with which included a number of recommendations about how to protect critical habitat in the Hollister vicinity (see Attachment 3). Based in part on USFWS’ guidance, the General Plan team recommends the Planning Commission and City Council consider the following USFWS recommendations in place of the policy options originally presented to the GPAC:

- Require a qualified biologist to evaluate the potential for protected biological resources for proposed projects on sites that may support these species the California red-legged frog and California tiger salamander.
- Avoid development in areas with high quality habitat. High quality habit includes sites with known to be occupied by the species occupants, presence of breeding habitat, larger area of suitable habitat, and the absence of nearby development.