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**CITY OF IONE OFFICIALLY ADOPTS UPDATED GENERAL PLAN
*CITY COUNCIL ALSO CERTIFIES THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT***

IONE, CA – Seventeen months after beginning the lone General Plan update project, the City has officially adopted the updated plan. The lone General Plan will serve as a blueprint to guide future development in lone and ensure that its community values are maintained.

“We are very proud of the work that we’ve done over the last year,” stated Kim Kerr, City Manager of lone. “The project was a collaborative effort among City leaders, business owners and residents, so we feel that it is a good representation of the needs of the community at large.”

The updated General Plan addresses an array of issues in the city related to transportation, public health and safety, open space and housing needs, among others. Specific highlights of the update include maintaining Downtown lone (Main Street) as the heart of the community with opportunities for growth. Larger commercial development is designated for areas of the city where new roads can be built to accommodate higher traffic levels.

The City Council also certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the General Plan. This document is now officially the primary environmental document to evaluate planning and permitting actions associated with projects in the city.

The City actively sought public input and support in order to create a General Plan that is reflective of the needs and values of the lone community. By way of a project Web site, staff posted project documents, meeting notices and background information on the General Plan for the public’s review. There were also three public workshops, a public survey and a series of Planning Commission and City Council meetings and workshops.

About the Ione General Plan Update

The Ione General Plan Update is a blueprint for guiding and developing the City of Ione's future. It addresses land use, circulation, housing, natural resources, open space, community character, economic development and safety.

The public's participation and contribution has been essential in preserving Ione's history and creating a viable and flourishing community.

To learn more about the Ione General Plan and EIR, please visit the project Web site at www.ionegeneralplan.com.

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