SECTION 7: CONCLUSION

The Marin County Civic Center Master Design Guidelines endeavor to review and update previous studies of the Civic Center’s potential for possible future development. They equip Marin County with guidelines that incorporate environmental protection and land use planning considerations for future development on-site together with architectural and landscape design parameters.

New development at the Civic Center is anticipated which may include a new public safety building, a new passenger rail station, a new courthouse, and additional cultural facilities at the Marin Center. While this document does not specifically propose new development or authorize any new construction, it does provide recommendations for project proposals formulated elsewhere. Its purpose is to reevaluate and analyze potential sites for any possible future projects at the Marin County Civic Center. In addition, it defines design parameters regarding architecture, landscape architecture, lighting, signage, and environmental protection.

Detailed environmental review and additional studies will be required for any proposed future projects. However, these guidelines outline ways to reduce adverse environmental effects and provide a framework for the future development of high-quality projects. The County is committed to the enhancement of the Civic Center campus and to ensuring the protection of its natural resources and cultural assets.