Email comments regarding the Comprehensive Plan update were collected between February 26, 2015 and April 14, 2015. The Comprehensive Plan update website includes a button which allows users to submit an email comment to Planning and Community Development staff. The flyers mailed out to property owners and posted in public places also contained staff contact information.

The emails were reviewed by staff who attempted to identify key themes and values. These themes and values were then tallied to identify those issues which were most important to members of the public submitting emails. It should be noted that because email comments were unsolicited and unfocused, the results are less objective than the survey and public meeting results. Key findings from email comments are summarized below.

- A large percentage of comments expressed concerns about rural character and general land use issues, including comments on wineries and rural event centers
- Environmental protection was frequently identified as a key theme
- Emails both supported Navy operations and expressed concerns about the impacts of flight operations and jet noise
- Economic development or activity was identified as a concern, although different ideas were expressed about how best to address the County’s economic needs
- A number of comments indicated a need to clarify the County Code or better enforce regulations