

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Director of Parks

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SUBJECT: Update to Quimby Act Fee for the Lompoc Recreation Demand Area; 3rd & 4th Supervisorial Districts

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing for October 11, 2005 (45 minutes) to consider recommendations regarding the update of Quimby Act Fees in the Lompoc Recreation Demand Area as follows:

- A. Receive a presentation on park mitigation fees to include the Quimby Act Fee program and the proposed update in the Lompoc Recreation Demand Area; and
- B. Adopt a Resolution to establish an updated Quimby Act Fee for residential subdivisions in the Lompoc Recreation Demand Area.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 4. A Community that is Economically Vital and Sustainable.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The ability to collect Quimby Act Fees, authorized by State Government Code Section 66477, was first enacted by Ordinance in the County of Santa Barbara in the early 1980s, and in 1998 the Board of Supervisors adopted revised Quimby Ordinance No. 4317 and appurtenant fee resolutions to set the Quimby Fee in the Recreation Demand Areas. Per the Ordinance, the fee is automatically adjusted on a yearly basis in response to fluctuations in the Consumer Price Index. Quimby Fees are only applied in the case of land

subdivisions which are tract maps or parcel maps. The Government Code gives the County the authority and discretion to require a subdivision to dedicate land or to pay the Quimby Fee in lieu thereof for neighborhood and community park or recreational purposes as a condition of the approval.

The rate of these Quimby Fees may be adjusted periodically by the Board based upon current average cost of acquiring and developing an acre of land for park and recreation purposes within the Recreation Demand Area, and as residential land values and as costs to develop have increased in the Lompoc Recreation Demand Area, it becomes necessary to increase these fees to reflect these changes.

Mandates and Service Levels:

California Government Code 66477 and County Ordinance 4317 mandate that a new fee shall not be in effect until 60 days from adoption of the resolution.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None with the setting of this hearing

Special Instructions:

n/a

Concurrence:

County Counsel