

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Receive and adopt the Annual Report on the County's Comprehensive Plan (General Plan)

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors receive and adopt the Annual Report of the County's Comprehensive Plan (General Plan).

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community and Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

California Law [Government Code Section 65400(b)(1)] requires all jurisdictions to submit to their legislative body an annual report on the status of the general plan and progress toward its implementation. This Annual Report must be endorsed or adopted by the legislative body and submitted to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on or before October 1 of each year. The report must also include the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs, as well as local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing pursuant to Paragraph (3) of Subdivision (c) of Section 65583.

The attached FY 03-04 Annual Report describes the County's progress on implementing its Comprehensive Plan, including the progress made in meeting its housing goals. The attached document is divided into the following sections:

- Purpose of the report;
- Structure of the Comprehensive Plan;
- County's efforts to update and maintain the Plan;
- General plan amendments adopted by the Board during the Annual Report reporting period; and
- Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation and the status of housing production.

The report concludes that the County continues to make significant progress towards implementing on-going updates to its Comprehensive Plan and is also demonstrating progress in meeting its fair share RHNA objectives for the current reporting period (1998 – 2005).

#### **Mandates and Service Levels:**

State law (Government Code Section 65300) requires cities and counties to have a current and internally consistent general plan. Seven elements are mandatory – Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Open Space, Conservation, Noise, and Safety. Each mandated element has some minimum degree of required topical coverage. The Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan serves as the county's general plan. It consists of the seven mandated Elements and the Local Coastal Plan or Program (LCP) for land use within the Coastal Commission's coastal zone jurisdiction. It also consists of eleven additional elements deemed by the local community to be valuable in guiding the development and conservation of local resources and desired quality of life standards. The Comprehensive Planning Division of the County's Planning and Development Department (P&D) maintains the Comprehensive Plan and monitors its implementation. The Comprehensive Plan meets or exceeds minimum State law requirements, although it could benefit from various levels of updating and enhancement as described in the Comprehensive Planning Division's Three Year Work Program.

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#### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Preparation of the Annual Report is covered in Planning and Development's General Fund contribution "base budget" for Fiscal Year 2004 – 2005 under the General Plan Elements program in Comprehensive Planning. This can be found on page d-286 of the County 2004-2005 budget.

**Special Instructions:**

Please forward one copy of the minute order to Planning & Development.

**Concurrence:**

N/A