



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Planning and  
Development  
**Department No.:** 053  
**For Agenda Of:** January 12, 2016  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Fish and Game Commission Composition and Name

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

On January 12, 2016, that the Board of Supervisors consider the following:

- a) Adopt a Resolution as proposed in Attachment 1 which will modify the membership from 12 to 9 members, and rename the Santa Barbara County Fish and Game Commission to the Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission; and
- b) Determine pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline 15378(b)(5) that the above action is not a project subject to CEQA review because it is an administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. (Attachment 2).

**Summary Text:**

This item recommends that the County Fish and Game Commission be renamed to the Fish and Wildlife Commission and that membership be reduced from twelve to nine. The renaming of the Commission mirrors the change that the State has implemented for the State Fish and Wildlife Commission.

The Board of Supervisors established the County Fish and Game Commission in 1975 as a ten member advisory body on County fish and game matters. Subsequent Board actions (resolutions: 83-75, 88-594,

96-10 and 03-57) increased Commission membership to 12 and modified organizations that nominate and sponsor six of the Commission members.

**Background:**

On November 17, 2015, the Board of Supervisors considered various options to modify the membership of the County Fish and Game Commission, opting to reduce the membership from 12 to 9 members, as follows: five members, one appointed by each Supervisor from within his/her District and one from each of the following organizations: Santa Barbara Sport Fishing Club, Santa Ynez Pistol and Bow Club, Santa Maria Sportsman's Association, as well as a commercial fisher. Revisions to the Resolution, included as Attachment 1, are necessary to codify these modifications, as well as to rename the Santa Barbara County Fish and Game Commission to the Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: yes

Preparation of this report is budgeted in the Administration and Support program on page D-287 of the Adopted 2015-17 adopted budget. Costs for Fish and Game Commission are offset by fine revenues. Costs for administrative support that P&D provides are reimbursed by the Fish and Game Fund up to \$1,000 per year. Support costs beyond \$1,000 are absorbed in the P&D budget.

There are no facilities impacts.

**Key Contract Risks:**

N/a

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Special Instructions:**

N/a

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1: Proposed Fish and Game Commission Resolution

Attachment 2: CEQA Exemption

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