

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 05/04/05
Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
Agenda Date: 05/10/05
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael F. Brown
County Executive Officer

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Deputy County Executive Officer

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Project Manager

SUBJECT: EIR Contract Procedures Review

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Concur with the County Planning Commission's request that the Board of Supervisors schedule its hearing on the EIR Contract Procedures Review in a timeframe that accommodates the continued County Planning Commission hearing on July 13, 2005.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

This recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1, An efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On January 18, 2005 your Board directed that the County Planning Commission (Commission) review the County's EIR contract procedures and return to the Board within 90 days with a report/recommendations. Further, your Board directed that this effort be facilitated by a Project Manager to be assigned by the County Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO's Project Manager subsequently convened an Executive Committee to assist in the effort, developed a draft report and recommendations, and presented all findings at a regularly scheduled Commission hearing on May 4, 2005. At

the end of the hearing, the Commission had a few remaining questions, to which staff will respond at a future Commission hearing. Further, and more importantly, the Commission desires to provide the public with additional opportunity for participation and comment before making recommendations to your Board. In addition, the Montecito Planning Commission will be considering this item at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 18, 2005, which will provide the Commission with an opportunity to review their findings and recommendations. Therefore, the Commission authorized its Chair to write the attached letter requesting that your Board schedule its hearing in a timeframe that would accommodate the Commission's further deliberation of the public's comments and the Montecito Planning Commission's recommendations at its regularly scheduled hearing on July 13, 2005.

In the event that your Board does not concur with the Commission's request, the Commission has indicated that it will hold a special meeting on Monday, May 23, 2005 and provide recommendations to your Board as requested.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No mandates or service levels are affected by this action.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None.

Special Instructions:

None.

Enclosure:

Letter from the County Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors dated May 5, 2005.