

ATTACHMENT D: MONTECITO LUDC FINDINGS

CASE NO. 13ORD-00000-00009

Montecito Land Use & Development Code Ordinance Amendment

1.0. CEQA FINDINGS

1.1 CEQA Guidelines Exemption Findings

- 1.1.1** The Board of Supervisors finds that the proposed project, 13ORD-00000-00009, is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3). Please see Attachment B, Notice of Exemption.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

In compliance with Section 35.494.060 (Findings Required for Approval of Amendment) of the Santa Barbara County Montecito Land Use and Development Code, the Board of Supervisors shall make the following findings in order to approve a text amendment to the Montecito LUDC:

2.1 The request is in the interests of the general community welfare.

The proposed ordinance amendment is in the interest of the general community welfare since the amendment will serve to clarify, update, and streamline the development permit process without compromising community values, environmental quality, or the public health and safety. The proposed ordinance amendments will revise existing permit processes to enhance clarity and efficiency, add new development standards and restrictions pertaining to specific land uses which will serve to minimize potential adverse impacts to the surrounding area, and correct and clarify existing text provisions.

2.2 The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the requirements of State planning and zoning laws, and the Montecito Land Use and Development Code. If the Amendment involves an Amendment to the Local Coastal Program, then the request shall also be found to be consistent with the Coastal Land Use Plan.

Adoption of the proposed ordinance will provide more effective implementation of the State planning and zoning laws by providing a clearer and more efficient permit process that will benefit both the public and staff. The proposed ordinance will not result in any inconsistencies with the adopted policies and development standards of the Comprehensive Plan including the Montecito Community Plan. The proposed ordinance amendment is also consistent with the remaining portions of the Montecito Land Use and Development Code that would not be revised by this ordinance. Therefore, this ordinance may be found consistent with the Comprehensive Plan including the Montecito Community Plan, the requirements of State Planning and Zoning Laws, and the Montecito Land Use and Development Code.

The proposed ordinance does not involve an amendment to the Local Coastal Program.

2.3 The request is consistent with good zoning and planning practices.

The proposed ordinance is consistent with sound zoning and planning practices to regulate land uses for the overall protection of the environment and community values since it will provide for clearer and more efficient permit processes and add new development standards and restrictions pertaining to specific land uses which will serve to minimize potential adverse impacts to the surrounding area. As discussed in Finding 2.2, above, the amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan including the Montecito Community Plan, and the Montecito Land Use and Development Code.