



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: 11/14/2006
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 5 min. on 11/21/06
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director(s) John Baker (568-2085)
Contact Info: Doug Anthony, Deputy Director, Energy (568-2046)
**SUBJECT: Amendments to Santa Barbara Coastal Plan to Update Information Concerning
Industrial and Energy Infrastructure and Development**

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Actions:

Set a hearing for November 21, 2006, to consider Planning Commission recommendations, as follows:
(time estimate 5 minutes)

- a) Adopt the Board Resolution included as Attachment A of this Board Agenda Letter, approving amendments to Chapters 3.6. and 4. of the Santa Barbara Coastal Plan contained in Exhibit A of the Board Resolution, as recommended in Planning Commission Resolution #06-10, included as Attachment E of this Board Agenda Letter.
- b) Adopt the finding included as Attachment B of this Board Agenda Letter, determining that the proposed Coastal Plan amendments are not subject to CEQA.

Summary:

The proposed amendments are not substantive and do not affect the County's policies. The amendments would update introductory sections of Chapter 3.6 of the Coastal Plan, concerning industrial and energy development in the County, specifically oil and gas development. The updates would also revise narrative sections of Chapter 4 that pertain to oil and gas development. The amendments serve to update citations from the California Coastal Act that have become outdated due to amendments to the Coastal Act in 2003 and prior years. The amendments also revise or delete introductory material and narrative descriptions relating to offshore oil and gas development, which have become obsolete since the last update of these sections was done in 1992.

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The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend adoption of these amendments in a duly-noticed public hearing on September 27, 2006. Staff has circulated the proposed amendments to representatives of the oil and gas industry and environmental groups, and no adverse comment has been received. Coastal Commission staff have reviewed the amendments and indicate they should qualify for expedited review by the Coastal Commission as minor amendments.

Background:

The California Coastal Act requires coastal counties and cities of the State to adopt and periodically update Local Coastal Programs and implement the coastal-management provisions of the Act (California Public Resources Code, Sections 30510-30526). Major changes have taken place in the County’s offshore-related oil and gas industry activities and infrastructure since the affected sections were last updated in 1992.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal			
Fees	\$ 2,294.00		\$ 7,824.00
Other:			
Total	\$ 2,294.00		\$ 7,824.00

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:
N/A

FTEs:
N/A

Special Instructions:

Planning and Development will perform the legal noticing for this item. Clerk of the Board shall forward certified copies of the Minute Order and executed Resolution to John Day in Planning and Development Department. The Clerk of the Board shall also forward a copy of the Minute Order to Planning and Development Hearing Support staff, Attn.: Cintia Mendoza.

Attachments:

- A. Board Resolution approving amendments to the County Coastal Plan
- B. CEQA Finding
- C. CEQA Notice of Exemption

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- D. Planning Commission Action letter for approval of Resolution #06-10
- E. Planning Commission Resolution #06-10 recommending adoption of amendments to the Coastal Plan
- F. Planning Commission staff report for amendments to the Coastal Plan

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