

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

July 30, 2007

REFERENCE: "Greater Santa Ynez Valley Baseline Report"

Dear Board of Supervisors:

It has come to our attention, through a press release, that the Office of Long Range Planning has initiated work on the "Greater Santa Ynez Valley Baseline Report". We have little or no idea why this initiative exists, what it will contain, or how it will be used.

It is our understanding that this policy initiative was first discussed at the Board of Supervisors Budget Hearing on June 11, 2007 and that action was taken to proceed at the Budget Hearing of June 13, 2007. No description of this new policy initiative was provided on either Agenda; in fact, not even the name of this initiative as a topic for discussion appeared on the Agendas. No Staff Report was ever made available to the public prior to Board action.

It appears to us, through the language of the Press Release, that this initiative may be of some significance to the future of land-use in the Santa Ynez Valley. Therefore, we find the total lack of public notice or discussion to be troubling.

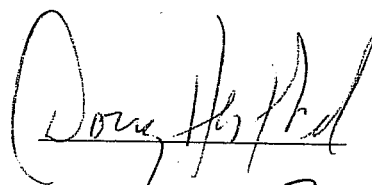
We respectfully request the following action on your part to remedy this situation:

- 1) Cease work on this project until the following action items are completed,
- 2) Properly notice this item for discussion at a regular Board of Supervisors Meeting,
- 3) Provide the public with a comprehensive Staff Report at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, as required by law, and preferably at least a week prior,
- 4) Allow adequate time for public comment and responses from Staff to the questions and concerns which may be raised, and
- 5) After public deliberations on your part, either cancel this project or continue after clearly defining its objectives and parameters.

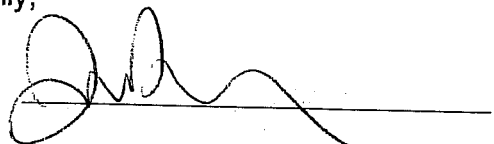
We would appreciate a response to this request at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

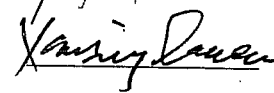
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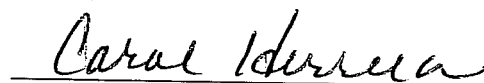
Valley Alliance :



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SEE SEPARATE LETTER

WE Watch :



County Initiates *Greater Santa Ynez Valley Baseline Report*: **Public Participation Encouraged**

The Santa Barbara County Office of Long Range Planning today has initiated work on the "*Greater Santa Ynez Valley Baseline Report*." The report, once completed, will provide a key snapshot of the area's existing social, demographic, economic and environmental characteristics.

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors directed the development of the *Greater Santa Ynez Valley Baseline Report* in response to calls from the community to help address potential changes facing the region. Planning officials estimate the report will take about a year to complete and will include ample opportunity for the public to participate in its formation.

This is a topic that merits examination and thorough documentation and by commissioning this report, it's clear that the Board of Supervisors is proactively responding to the public's concerns.

The report will be a journal of facts that can aid policy makers and the community in making informed decisions affecting future land use proposals. The goal is to profile the distinctive features of the Greater Santa Ynez Valley region.

This baseline report will provide a comprehensive overview of the region's current conditions. It is distinctly different from the Santa Ynez Community Plan which shapes the community's land-use policy vision for the future.

To provide data for the *Greater Santa Ynez Valley Baseline Report*, or to learn more about the report, the public is encouraged to go online to:
www.countyofsb.org/plandev/comp/programs/GreaterSYVBaselineReport
<<http://www.countyofsb.org/plandev/comp/programs/GreaterSYVBaselineReport>>



AGENDA

Monday, June 11, 2007

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
BOARD HEARING ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR
105 EAST ANAPAMU STREET, SANTA BARBARA**

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Closed Session

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7:50 A.M. Convene and Recess to Closed Session

(Posted addendum available Friday)

9:00 A.M. Reconvene to Regular Session

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Report from Closed Session

Budget Hearings

Santa Barbara County, Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Plan

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9:00 AM Budget Overview - County Executive Officer

Presentation
Budget Binder
Budget Book

10:30 AM Public Comment

10:45 AM Departmental Budgets Function: Policy and Executive

Board of Supervisors (pg. D-5)
County Executive Office (pg. D-19)
County Counsel (pg. D-29)

11:00 AM Public Comment

11:15 AM Departmental Budgets Function: Law and Justice

Court Special Services (pg. D-39)
District Attorney (pg. D-47) *
Public Defender (pg. D-59) *

11:45 AM Public Comment

12:00 PM Lunch

1:30 PM Departmental Budgets Function: Public Safety

Fire (pg. D-67) *
Probation (pg. D-87) *
Sheriff (pg. D-111) *

2:30 PM Public Comment**2:45 PM Break****3:00 PM Departmental Budgets Function: Community Resources & Public Facilities**

Public Works (pg. D-301)
Agriculture & Cooperative Extension (pg. D-229)
Housing & Community Development (pg. D-241)
Parks (pg. D-253)
Planning and Development (pg. D-273)

End of Day Public Comment**Adjourn to****June 13, 2007****County Administration Building****Board Hearing Room****105 East Anapamu Street , Fourth Floor****Santa Barbara**

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Announcements

The meeting of June 11, 2007, will be telecast live on County of Santa Barbara TV channel 20 at 9:00 AM, and will be rebroadcast on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 5:00 PM on CSBTV Channel 20.

The Budget Hearing will be rebroadcast in its entirety on Sunday, June 17, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. and Monday, June 18, 2007 starting at 9:00 A.M.

<http://www.countyofsb.org>



AGENDA

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

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Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services (pg. D-135) *
Child Support Services (pg. D-163)
Public Health (pg. D-173) *
(Children's Health Initiative)
Social Services (pg. D-201)

11:00 AM Public Comment**11:15 AM Departmental Budgets Function: Support Services**

Auditor-Controller (pg. D-329)
Clerk-Recorder-Assessor (pg. D-345) *
(Property Tax Trends, Assessed Values, Documentary Transfer Tax)

11:45 AM Public Comment**12:00 PM Lunch****1:30 PM Departmental Budgets Function: Support Services**

General Services (pg. D-361)
Human Resources (pg. D-381)
Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator (pg. D-395)
General County Programs (pg. D-413)

2:15 PM Public Comment

- 2:30 PM Outside Organizations and Non-County Agencies Requests
- 3:30 PM Public Comment
- 3:45 PM Preliminary Board Deliberations
- End of Day

Adjourn to

Friday, June 15, 2007

County Administration Building

Board Hearing Room

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