SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2240 Agenda Number:
Prepared on:5/25/05Department Name:CEODepartment No.:012Agenda Date:6/21/05Placement:AdministrativeEstimate Time:90 Minutes on 7/12/05Continued Item:NOIf Yes, date from:

то:	Board of Supervisors	
FROM:	Michael F. Brown County Executive Officer	Stephen S. Stark County Counsel
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SUBJECT:	Set hearing (first reading) to consider amendments to Chapter 2, Article V of the Santa Barbara County Code relating to the Board of Architectural Review	

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing for July 12, 2005 to:

- a) Consider the introduction of an ordinance amending sections of Chapter 2, Article V relating to the creation of regional County Boards of Architectural Review, and
- b) Find that this is not an activity subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15060 (c) (3) and 15378.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

This recommendation is primarily aligned with having an efficient government able to anticipate and respond effectively to the needs of the community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The County Board of Architectural Review (BAR) is designed to encourage development that exemplifies the best professional design practices to enhance the visual quality of the environment, benefit surrounding property values, and prevent poor quality of design. It is important periodically to consider if the BAR is meeting its goals as best as it can be or to determine if there are options for process improvements.

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On April 26, 2005 the Board of Supervisors "directed the County Executive Officer to proceed with necessary steps to create a North County BAR. The Board requested that the Fourth and Fifth District Supervisors be involved in determining the boundaries, protocol for implementations and process. The Board further directed staff to review the possibility of an independent BAR for the Santa Ynez Valley."

This is a request to set a hearing for July 12, 2005. Staff is developing a draft ordinance to make the changes as directed by the Board. This proposal will be presented to the Board of Architectural Review and the Planning Commission for their input and comment. These comments, as well as public input at these meetings, will be considered in finalizing a draft ordinance for the Board's consideration on July 12, 2005. If the Board introduces the ordinance on July 12, 2005 the second reading will occur on July 19, 2005.

The proposed ordinance will contain language, including but not limited to, identifying geographic boundaries for north, central, and south county BARs; number of members for each BAR; meeting frequency; appointing authority; and member compensation and mileage reimbursement. The proposed ordinance does not change the existing provisions for the Montecito BAR. Upon adoption by the Board on July 19, staff will proceed with seeking interested members, developing information handouts for the public, revising application forms, and implementing the logistics of the BAR restructuring.

Mandates and Service Levels:

None from the requested action.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None from the requested action. The financial impact of implementing the proposed ordinance will be included with the July 12, 2005 Board letter.

Special Instructions: The Clerk of the Board complete required legal noticing for adoption of the ordinance.

Concurrence: None

Attachments: None

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