

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Naomi Schwartz
First District Supervisor

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SUBJECT: Montecito Board of Architectural Review (MBAR)

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors approve changes to the time and place for meetings of the Montecito Board of Architectural Review and the proposed cost recovery fee schedule.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal no. 1: An efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community, and Goal No. 6: A County Government that is Accessible, Open and Citizen Friendly, and is required by law or routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On June 4 and June 18, 2002 the Board approved ordinance amendments to form the Montecito Area Planning Commission and Board of Architectural Review to commence in March 2003. The MBAR would meet twice per month in the Planning Commission Hearing room during normal business hours. After further consideration, the community has requested that the place and time for the MBAR meetings be changed to enhance the effectiveness of the Board and public participation in the process.

In addition to the current fee of \$400 dollars for preliminary/final architectural review, the estimated cost to hold MBAR meetings in the community and provide mailed notices for all projects is approximately \$210 dollars per application. This would replace the current \$140 dollar fee that applicants presently pay for review by the Montecito Associations Architectural Review Committee (ARC). See attached documents from Planning & Development and the Montecito Association.

On a related matter, the Montecito Association currently reviews most projects at the conceptual stage and receives comments from neighbors and community members at that point. Conceptual review by Board of Architectural Review is not required for projects in the County. If applicants elect to apply for Conceptual Review by the MBAR, an application fee of \$150 dollars would be required. To require Conceptual Review for projects in the Montecito Community Plan Area, amendments must be made to Zoning Article IV and Article II. Any amendment to Article II will require approval of the California Coastal Commission. It is anticipated that this issue will be discussed further by the newly formed MBAR.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The California Government Code allows but does not mandate establishing area planning commissions and design review boards.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Proposed increase of MBAR project fees will mitigate associated cost.

Special Instructions:

Please send a copy of the minute order to the Montecito Association, P.O. Box 5278, Santa Barbara, CA 93108.

Concurrence: