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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

PLANNING COMMISSION
HEARING OF APRIL 7, 2010

RE: *Agricultural Ordinance Amendments; 09ORD-00000-00009*

Hearing on the request of the Planning and Development Department that the County Planning Commission consider and adopt a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that they adopt an ordinance (Case No. 09ORD-00000-00009) amending the County's Land Use and Development Code (County LUDC) to streamline the permit process for certain agricultural projects on lands zoned agricultural. The proposed changes would only apply in the non-Coastal Zone area of Santa Barbara County located outside of the Montecito Planning Area. The proposal includes amendments to the LUDC that would:

- a) Shift the permitting requirements for certain minor agricultural-related permits from a Land Use Permit to a Zoning Clearance or Exemption and from a Minor Conditional Use Permit to a Land Use Permit. Amendments to achieve these revisions to the permit process would be required in Article 35.2, Zones and Allowable Land Uses, Article 35.3, Site Planning and Other Project Standards, Article 35.4, Standards for Specific Land Uses, and Article 35.11, Glossary.
- b) Change the threshold for requiring the approval of a Development Plan by the Planning Commission when the combined floor area of all structures on a lot in an agricultural zone exceeds 20,000 square feet to a sliding scale based on lot area. Amendments to achieve these revisions to the permit process would be required in Article 35.2, Zones and Allowable Land Uses and Article 35.11, Glossary.

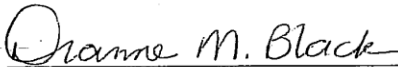
and recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept as adequate the Negative Declaration (09NGD-00000-00007) pursuant to the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act. The Negative Declaration and all documents referenced may be reviewed at the Planning and Development Department, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara. The ordinances would affect AG-I and AG-II zoned properties in the inland portion of the County of Santa Barbara. (Continued from 2/17/10 and 3/03/10)

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

At the Planning Commission hearing of April 7, 2010, Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Brooks and carried by a vote of 3 to 2 (Valencia and Blough no) to:

1. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt the findings, including CEQA findings, as revised to include a new Section 1.2 and to renumber existing Sections 1.2 and 1.3 as Section 1.3 and 1.4 respectively, for approval of the proposed amendment (Attachment 2 of the staff memo, dated April 7, 2010);
2. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the Final Negative Declaration 09NGD-00000-00007 (Attachment 3 of the staff memo, dated April 7, 2010); and,
3. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt Case No. 09ORD-00000-00009, an amendment to Section 35-1, the County Land Use and Development Code, of Chapter 35, Zoning, of the County Code (Attachment 4 of the staff memo, dated April 7, 2010) with the following revisions:
 - a. Revise Subsection D.2.b.(1) of SECTION 2 to provide that in order be exempt from a Development Plan that only one agricultural structure of 15,000 square feet could be allowed and all other agriculture structures would be limited to 10,000 square feet; and,
 - b. Revise Subsection D.2.b.(3)(b)(i) of SECTION 2 to increase the individual structure size to 3,000 square feet.

Sincerely,



Dianne M. Black
Secretary Planning Commission

cc: Case File: 09ORD-00000-00009
Planning Commission File
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Pat Saley, Planner
Noel Langle, Planner

Attachments: Attachment 2 – Findings
Attachment 4 – 09ORD-00000-00009

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