



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Glenn Russell, Director

FROM: Noel Langle  
Administration Division

DATE: February 22, 2010

RE: Permitting requirements for temporary hoop structures

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Outside of the Carpinteria Agricultural Overlay Zone that only applies to property zoned AG-I within the Coastal Zone, structures that qualify as plant protection devices under the following definition do not require any planning permits.

*PLANT PROTECTION DEVICE: A device used to protect plants from frost, rain, sunburn, heat, etc. that is temporarily affixed to the ground (i.e., no permanent posts or footings). The devices are not installed in a single location for more than 10 months out of a 24 month period and are between 4 feet and 10 feet in height.*

These structures do not require the approval of a building permit if there are no utilities associated with the structure. In certain circumstances a permit from the applicable fire agency or district is required if it meets the definition of a "membrane structure" under the California Building Code Section 3102.1.

Temporary hoop structures located within the Carpinteria Agricultural Overlay Zone that are over 500 square feet require a CDP at a minimum and, if the area covered by the hoop structures is 20,000 square feet or more, a Development Plan.

Attached are copies of staff reports to the Agricultural Advisory Committee and Planning Commission from 1997.

Please let me know if you would like any further information.