



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

#-9

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 990
For Agenda Of: 02/13/2007
Placement: Departmental
Estimate Time: 10 min
Continued Item: YES
If Yes, date from: 12/19/06
Vote Required: No Vote Required

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Ron Cortez, Deputy CEO, 568-3400 *RC*
Contact Info: John McInnes, Director of Long Range Planning, 568-3552
SUBJECT: Uniform Rules Update Project

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form/legality: Yes No N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: Yes No N/A

Recommended Action(s):

That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the following status report from the County Executive Office pertaining to the Uniform Rules Proposed Final Environmental Impact Report and continue the hearing to June 26, 2007.

Summary:

The County Executive Office of Long Range Planning intends to update and revise, as necessary, the cumulative impact analysis sections within the Uniform Rules Proposed Final Environmental Impact Report. Upon completion of the revision, those sections will be re-circulated for public comment, consistent with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. Once the mandatory public comment period has closed, staff will respond to all relevant comments and present the Uniform Rules Update project, including the completed Final EIR, to the Board of Supervisors on June 26, 2007.

Background:

Hearings before the Board of Supervisors on the proposed Uniform Rules Update occurred on December 5th and December 19th, 2006. Several of the public comments on December 5th focused on the cumulative impact analysis in the Uniform Rules Proposed Final EIR and the relationship to various policy initiatives affecting rural lands that have arisen since the Draft EIR was originally released to the public for comment in August 2004. Several members of the public stated that the cumulative effects of the recent rural area policy initiatives should be analyzed in conjunction with the environmental analysis for the Uniform Rules Update, and that this information should be made available to the public and the Board prior to taking final action on the Uniform Rules Update. Additionally, attached is a memorandum provided to the Planning Commission clarifying information presented on December 5, 2006 to the Board of Supervisors about the Commission's action regarding the Uniform Rules Update on November 29, 2006.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized Cost:</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$ 100,821.00		
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 100,821.00	\$ -	\$ -

The Uniform Rules Update Project is in the adopted FY 2006-2007 Long Range and Strategic Planning Department's budget, with a General Fund source of \$81,900.

Staffing Impact(s):

Legal Positions:
N/A

FTEs:
N/A

Special Instructions:

None

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Memorandum

Date: February 5, 2007

To: Santa Barbara County Planning Commission

From: Ron Cortez, Deputy County Executive Officer

Subject: Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves Presentation to the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2006

CC: John Baker, Director of P&D
John McInnes, Director of Long Range Planning
Bill Gillette, Agriculture Commissioner



During the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 5, 2006, a presentation was given to the Board of Supervisors by the Comprehensive Planning Division regarding the Uniform Rules. At this meeting, staff provided a comprehensive report to the Board regarding this proposal and reported that the Santa Barbara Planning Commission had reviewed the item and had made a recommendation to the Board.

During public comment, and subsequent to the presentation, a few members of the public have voiced their concerns that the Planning Commission recommendation was not clearly stated to the Board of Supervisors, specifically in one of the slides presented by staff. Essentially their concern focused on whether or not the Planning Commission requested the Board to proceed or not to proceed with a decision prior to returning to the Planning Commission for further review and public input.

We have reviewed the tapes from this meeting and believe the following clarifies the Planning Commission's intentions:

After hearing the matter on November 29, 2007, Commissioner Smyser made a motion that, "the Board of Supervisors return the matter of the Uniform Rules to the Planning Commission for further public review in workshop form to answer some of the issues that have been raised by the public." This motion was approved by the PC on a 4-1 vote.

In addition, the Planning Commission made a motion that the Expanded Home Occupation Ordinance not be reconsidered until the Housing Element EIR is completed. This motion was approved by the PC on a 5-0 vote.

As staff, it is always our intent to convey your recommendations and thoughts as accurately as possible and we are certainly open to suggestions on improving this process in the future. It our intention to forward this letter to the Board of Supervisors as part of our report on the Uniform Rules on February 13th.