Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Time Extensions Due To Economic Hardship Ordinance Amendment

December 6, 2011

Economic Hardship Time Extension Background

- 2009 Board of Supervisors amended the:
 - County LUDC
 - Montecito LUDC
 - MGMO
 - Chapter 21 Land Division (Lot Line Adjustments)
- Added provisions allowing the Director to grant a two-year time extension due to economic hardship

Economic Hardship Time Extension Background

- Adopted in response to the national recession and delays in obtaining permits due to the economy
- Lessened the possibility of permit approvals expiring even if existing provisions for time extensions are used

Economic Hardship Time Extension Existing Standards

- Extension is in addition to normal time extensions
- Can be granted before or after an applicant has obtained normal time extensions
- Must be able to make the original findings
- Director's decision may be appealed to Planning Commission (except MGMO)
- Ordinance expires January 12, 2012

Economic Hardship Time Extension Proposed Standards

- Proposed amendment extends date to January 12, 2015
- Allows Director to grant more than one 2 year time extension if necessary due to economic hardship
 - Time extension application may only be submitted within the 6 months prior to permit expiration
- Retains existing provisions
 - Application submitted prior to permit expiration
 - Must be able to make original findings
 - Decision may be appealed to the Planning Commission (except MGMO)

Economic Hardship Time Extension Next Steps

• 12/13/2011: Board of Supervisors Hearing on resolution transmitting Article II and MGMO amendments to the Coastal Commission for certification

Economic Hardship Time Extension Recommendation

- Follow the recommendations and procedures regarding:
 - 110RD-00000-00024 County LUDC
 - 110RD-00000-00025 Montecito LUDC
 - 110RD-00000-00026 Article II CZO
 - 110RD-00000-00028 MGMO

Economic Hardship Time Extension Recommendation

- 110RD-00000-00027 Chapter 21 Land Division:
 - Approve the introduction (first reading) of the ordinance
 - Set a hearing (administrative agenda) for 12/13/2011 to:
 - Make the findings for approval
 - Determine the ordinance is CEQA –exempt
 - Adopt (second reading) the ordinance