



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning and
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: February 15, 2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director: Glenn Russell, Ph.D., 568-2085
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SUBJECT: Establishment of 2011 Window Dates for Proposed Land Use Element and Local Coastal Program Amendments

County Counsel Concurrence

N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

N/A

Other Concurrence:

N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set the 2011 window dates for acting on proposed Land Use Element and submitting Local Coastal Program Amendments to the Coastal Commission as follows:

- a. February 15, June 7, July 12, and November 1, 2011 for proposed Land Use Element Amendments;
- b. June 7, September 6, and November 1, 2011 for submittal of proposed Local Coastal Program amendments to the Coastal Commission.

Summary Text:

State planning law specifies that no mandatory element of a general plan may be amended more than four times in any given calendar year, with certain limited exceptions (Government Code §65358). In practice, the only element of Santa Barbara County's Comprehensive Plan which is subject to this limitation is the Land Use Element, for which the Planning & Development Department commonly processes several amendment requests per calendar year; other elements generally are proposed for amendment fewer than four times per year. It has been County policy to "batch" proposed Land Use Element amendment cases for hearing by the Board on four predetermined "window dates" spread throughout the year.

In addition, the Public Resources Code (Coastal Act) specifies that proposed amendments to a certified local coastal program (LCP) may be submitted to the State Coastal Commission no more than three times in

any given calendar year (Public Resources Code §30514.(b)). This effectively requires that proposed LCP amendments be submitted to the Coastal Commission on three predetermined "window dates."

Unexpected events and circumstances may require later adjustments to the proposed schedule.

Background:

Government Code §65358(b) specifies that each element of the general plan may only be amended four times per year. Public Resources Code §30514 specifies that local coastal programs may be amended up to three times per year.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

N/A

Staffing Impacts: N/A

Special Instructions:

Please forward the Minute Order to David Villalobos, Planning and Development, Hearing Support.

Attachments:

N/A

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