



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Planning and  
Development  
Department No.: 053  
For Agenda Of: 02/21/2012  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Planning and Development Glenn Russell, Ph.D., Director, (805) 568-2085  
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**SUBJECT:** **Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission's Designation of the Irene and Frances Rich Beach Cabaña as a County Historic Landmark**

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**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

Receive and file this Board Agenda Letter.

As explained below, your Board may wish to pull this item from the Administrative Agenda and set a public hearing on March 6, 2012 to take action on the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission's (HLAC) designation of the Irene and Frances Rich Beach Cabaña as a County Historic Landmark.

**Background:**

**Previous Board Action.** On December 7, 2010, the project was brought before the Board in order to consider the HLAC designation of the Irene and Frances Rich Beach Cabana as a Historic Landmark. At this hearing, the Board was presented with five options: *a.*) Approve the HLAC Landmark Designation, *b.*) Modify the HLAC Designation, *c.*) Direct the project back to HLAC for consideration as a Place of Historic Merit, *d.*) Disapprove the Landmark designation request, or *e.*) Take no action and let the HLAC Designation expire. On a vote of 3-2, the Board denied the Landmark request. There is current litigation, *Lee Carr v. Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara*, Superior Court Case No. 137432, challenging the Board's December 7, 2010 denial.

**HLAC's Designation of Cabaña as a County Historic Landmark.** On July 28, 2011, Lee Carr, property owner, submitted a Coastal Development Permit application to P&D accompanied by a request to nominate the cabaña located 4353 Marina Drive, Hope Ranch, Second Supervisorial District (Assessor's Parcel Number 063-220-023) as a County Historic Landmark. The cabaña is located on the bluff face

(see Attachment A). The application has also submitted a Geologic and Geotechnical Assessment by Grover Hollingsworth & Assoc., Inc, dated November 9, 2011, a Structural Assessment by Braun & Associates, Inc, dated December 12, 2011, and a Historic Report by San Buenaventura Research Associates, dated June 2, 2010. The assessments concluded that the site of the cabaña is safe and remains stable and the historic report concluded that the structure appears to reach a level of significance for designation as a historic resource. Both the assessments and the report are included in Attachment D.

On December 12, 2011, HLAC approved a resolution designating the cabaña as a County Historic Landmark (Resolution No. 2011-3, Irene and Frances Rich Beach Cabaña). In part, HLAC concluded that the cabaña is historically significant because it reflects special elements of the cultural, social or aesthetic history of the County; was identified with persons or events significant in local, state or national history; and exemplifies one of only a handful of beach cabañas surviving in the County (see Attachments B - C).

Consideration by Board of Supervisors. Section 18A-2 of the County Code states “. . . Such designation as a landmark shall remain and be in effect for a period of ninety days only and thereafter shall be of no force and effect, unless prior to the expiration of such period of ninety days the Board of Supervisors shall have set a date for a public hearing . . . and either at such public hearing or after such public hearing, and within such ninety-day period shall have confirmed the action of the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission.” Section 18A-5 of the County Code states “At such hearing, the Board may approve, modify or disapprove the designation by the commission . . .”

The ninety-day period for Resolution No. 2011-3 ends on March 11, 2012. From a practical standpoint, this means the designation will expire and have no further effect unless your Board conducts a public hearing on or before the March 6, 2012 Board hearing and confirms the action of HLAC.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

P&D will charge the applicant for the staff time required to prepare this Board Agenda Letter and, if necessary, present this nomination to your Board at a public hearing. Staff time is budgeted in the Permitting and Compliance Program of the Development Review Division – South on page D-314 of the County of Santa Barbara Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 Operating Plan. Staff time to prepare this Board Agenda Letter and complete other related tasks totaled approximately six hours. An additional four to six hours will be required if your Board decides to conduct a public hearing to take formal action on this matter.

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**Attachments:**

- A. Photographs – Irene and Frances Rich Beach Cabaña
- B. HLAC [Unapproved] Minutes, dated December 12, 2011
- C. HLAC Resolution 2011-3
- D. Hearing Materials presented to HLAC on December 12, 2011 by Property Owners

**Cc:**

Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission

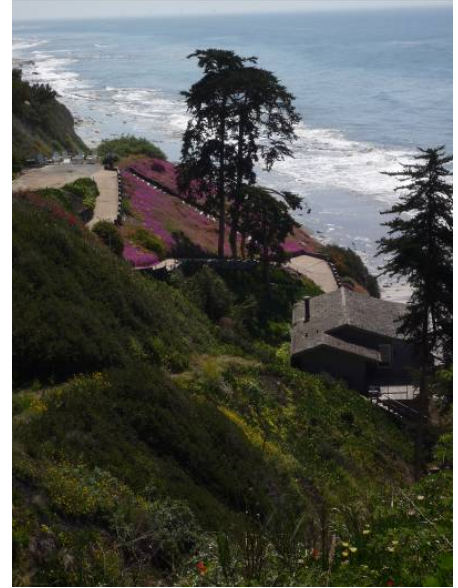
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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**PHOTOGRAPHS**  
**IRENE AND FRANCES RICH BEACH CABAÑA**



Exterior view – Circa 1983  
(Likely appearance at time of  
Construction in 1956)



Current Appearance  
(May, 2010)



Exterior View  
(May, 2010)



Aerial View  
(2008)



Interior View  
(May, 2010)