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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s): Lisa Plowman, Planning Director  
Contact: Alex Tuttle, Deputy Director  
**SUBJECT:** Long Range Planning Division (LRP) Fiscal Years (FY) 2026 – 2029 Work Program

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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:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Receive a report on the staff-recommended Long Range Planning FY 2026 – 2029 Work Program;
- b) Provide any direction that the Board would like to make regarding the staff-recommended Long Range Planning FY 2026 – 2029 Work Program; and
- c) Determine that the Board's action is not a "project" that is subject to environmental review pursuant to the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines [§ 15378(b)(5)].

**Summary Text:**

This Board letter and attachments provide an update on, and set forth staff's recommendations regarding, the Planning & Development (P&D) Department's Long Range Planning Division (LRP) FY 2026 – 2029 Work Program. Staff's recommendations are based on the following considerations:

- Multi-year projects that staff initiated at the Board's direction as part of past LRP work programs, that require a continued commitment of resources to complete;

- Existing State mandates, as well as changes in State and federal laws and regulations that affect local land use policies and regulations;
- Projects that advance the goals and programs set forth in the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan;
- Continued P&D support for County-sponsored projects that have specific deadlines that must be met and/or funding commitments that must be satisfied; and
- Staff availability and budget constraints, given the fiscal priorities of Santa Barbara County and available funding sources.

The three-year planning timeframe affords the Board the opportunity to prioritize multi-year projects, some of which are interrelated and should be considered together when developing the work plans for them.

### **Discussion:**

#### **1. FY 2025 – 2026 Quarter (Q)1 – Q3 Accomplishments**

The following is a list of LRP's accomplishments in the first three quarters of FY 25-26. Attachment 1 to this Board letter includes a more complete summary of these accomplishments to date.

- *Housing Element Update (HEU)* – LRP staff made substantial progress in implementing programs and actions from the 2023-2031 HEU during the past nine months. Specific accomplishments included the following:
  - o Program 1, Adequate Sites for Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) – Staff coordinated with Coastal Commission staff and obtained California Coastal Commission certification of the four rezone sites located in the Coastal Zone.
  - o Program 1, Monitoring of No Net Loss – Regularly tracking progress toward the County's RHNA to ensure compliance with Government Code Section 65863 (No Net Loss). No Net Loss calculations and findings prepared for eight housing projects during this period.
  - o Program 9, Sites for Emergency Shelters – Researched current capacity of Emergency Shelters in the County to ensure sufficient capacity to meet homeless Point-in-Time counts. Presented zoning ordinance amendments to comply with state law to the Board for adoption on June 24, 2025 and submitted the coastal zoning ordinance amendments for Coastal Commission certification in fall 2025.
  - o Program 10, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) – Researched options for providing pre-approved ADU plans in compliance with state law. Selected a consultant, RRM, to develop pre-approved plans for ADUs. Executed the RRM contract in summer 2025 and completed the plans and made available to the public in March 2026.
  - o Program 13, Density Bonus Provisions – Prepared an analysis of current moderate-income density bonus provisions and recent changes to State Density Bonus Law that require zoning ordinance amendments. Staff drafted zoning ordinance amendments to comply with state law and presented them to the Board for adoption on February 3, 2026, as part of the general amendment package. Staff have prepared a framework for additional amendments to incentivize and encourage moderate-income units and will prepare draft amendments for adoption in summer/fall 2026.
  - o Program 16, Reduction of Governmental Constraints – Staff drafted zoning ordinance amendments to modify development standards for multi-family housing to ensure maximum

densities can be achieved, and to facilitate mixed-use development in commercial zones. These amendments were presented to the Board for adoption on January 27, 2026, as part of a larger zoning ordinance streamlining package. Additionally, staff drafted zoning ordinance amendments to repeal the Montecito Growth Management Ordinance and presented them to the Board for adoption on February 3, 2026, as part of the general amendment package.

- o Program 21, Local Preference – Prepared a framework for a local preference program that prioritizes people who live and/or work within the South Coast to rent or purchase new housing units. Staff have worked closely with the Community Services Department (CSD) to address both affordable and market-rate housing and will be presenting a joint package to the Board for consideration in April 2026.
- *Agricultural Enterprise Ordinance (AEO) Amendments* – Specific accomplishments included the following:
  - o Worked with Development Review staff on processing procedures for implementation and developed a website with information for prospective applicants.
  - o Coordinating with Coastal Commission staff on review and certification of the LCPA submittal of the coastal zoning ordinance amendments.
  - o Prepared minor ordinance amendments to clarify certain AEO provisions, which were included in a general ordinance package that was adopted by the Board on February 3, 2026.
- *Environmental Justice (EJ) Element* – Finalized the draft EJ Element, prepared for decision-maker hearings and presented the project to the County Planning Commission and Board. Specific accomplishments include the following:
  - o Finalized the Draft EJ Element and made it available in English and Spanish on the project website.
  - o Presented the project to the Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Equity Advisory and Outreach Committee prior to decision-maker hearings.
  - o Presented the project at three County Planning Commission hearings, culminating in a 3-0 vote recommending approval of the EJ Element to the Board of Supervisors in November 2025.
  - o Presented the EJE to the Board of Supervisors for consideration at the March 10, 2026, hearing. The Board approved the EJE with minor amendments.
- *Utility Scale Solar Ordinance Amendments* – Specific accomplishments included the following:
  - o Worked with the consultant to prepare the Draft PEIR, responded to public comments, and finalized the PEIR.
  - o Finalized the draft zoning ordinance amendments and comprehensive plan amendments.
  - o Received unanimous 5-0 recommendation from the Montecito Planning Commission in February 2026 and presented to the County Planning Commission on March 11, 2026, where it was continued to May 6, 2026, for further consideration.
  - o Board adoption of the final package is anticipated in summer 2026.
- *Open Space Element Update* - Developed scope of work options and tasks to initiate development of the proposed project in compliance with SB 1425 statutory requirements and presented the

options to the Board for direction in August 2025. Conducted meetings with stakeholders, and began drafting text amendments to the Open Space Element per the Board's direction.

- *Circulation Element Update* – Working with the consultant on the traffic modeling and data collection in support of the Circulation Element update.
- *Zoning Ordinance and Other Comprehensive Plan Amendments (FY 2022 – 2023 Expansion Project- Modernization of Multi-Family/Commercial Zone Districts; Expand Ministerial Permits)* – Completed draft amendments related to modernization of multi-family and commercial zone districts (Pursuant to Program 16 of the Housing Element Update) and permit process streamlining (Phase 2) and presented the ordinance package to the Board for approval on January 27, 2026; initiated work on Phase 3 to establish more projects eligible for ministerial approvals.
- *Safety Element Update* – LRP staff continued to prepare a draft Climate Adaptation Plan to bring the Safety Element into compliance with Senate Bill 379. Climate Adaptation Plan efforts included coordination with an interdepartmental advisory group and the project consultant to continue to make necessary revisions to the draft adaptation strategies and actions. Additionally, staff completed the Evacuation Modeling and Planning Project, which was funded by a grant received from the California Fire Safe Council, and together with OEM and staff from other affected departments, have been reviewing the recommendations of the study to identify priorities, feasibility, and funding opportunities. Information and analysis from the Study will inform updates to the Safety Element.
- *Zoning Ordinance Maintenance and Amendment Packages* – Coordinated with Coastal Commission staff to obtain certification of the Telecommunications coastal zoning ordinance amendments in September 2025. Prepared and completed a general package of zoning ordinance amendments for Board adoption on February 3, 2026, to address various clean-up items, implement action items of the Housing Element Update, and ensure our ordinance stays up to date with state law. Completed ongoing publication tasks associated with publishing the zoning ordinances on-line with the County Code.
- *Cannabis Odor Ordinance Amendments* – Submitted the Board-adopted LCPA for the cannabis odor ordinance amendments to the Coastal Commission for certification in April 2025, obtained conditional certification in September 2025, and final acceptance by the Board and certification in December 2025.
- *Senior Mobile Home Parks Overlay Ordinance* – Prepared a set of ordinance amendments to preserve senior mobile home parks and presented to the Board for adoption on July 15, 2025. Submitted the LCPA to Coastal Commission for certification and coordinated with Coastal Commission staff on their review of the LCPA application.
- *Oil and Gas Phaseout Ordinance Amendments* – At the request of the Board, prepared a set of options for phasing out oil and gas wells and presented the proposal to the Board in October 2025 for Board direction. Preparing draft ordinance amendments to prohibit new wells as part of Phase 1, with planned decision-maker hearings scheduled for spring 2026, beginning with a Planning Commission hearing on April 8, 2026.

- *Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) Amendments* – Finalizing draft ordinance and Comprehensive Plan amendments to ensure consistency with adopted ALUCPs, to be presented at decision-maker hearings in summer 2026.
- *Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report (APR)* – Completed the 2025 Comprehensive Plan APR and filed it with the State Housing and Community Development Department by the April 1, 2026, filing deadline.
- *Responsible Agency Reviews (RARs) / Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Reportbacks* – Processed five RARs and one LAFCO Reportback.

## 2. Priorities for Q4 of FY 2025 – 2026

- *Housing Element Update* – Complete the Local Preference program adoption; complete draft ordinance amendments to amend Chapter 21 subdivision regulations to facilitate housing on large rezone sites and the County density bonus program to incentivize moderate-income housing.
- *Circulation Element Update* – Manage the consultant in the completion of the traffic modeling and data collection component of the contract. Initiate draft amendments to the Element, along with public outreach efforts.
- *Open Space Element Update* – Complete administrative draft amendments to the Open Space Element; initiate mapping of open space inventory and complete mapping of public and conserved lands ownership patterns; select consultant to support stakeholder and public engagement efforts; initiate public outreach.
- *Safety Element Update* – Continue to work with the consultant in completing the Climate Adaptation Plan draft adaptation strategies and coordinate with affected county departments in refining draft strategies. Staff will also be applying for state grant funding (SB 1) to support completion of the sea level rise planning and outreach aspects of the Adaptation Plan.
- *Utility Scale Solar Ordinance Amendments* – Complete County Planning Commission review of the project. Staff will prepare to present the project to the Board of Supervisors following the recommendation from the County Planning Commission.
- *Zoning Ordinance and Other Comprehensive Plan Amendments (FY 2022 – 2023 Expansion Project)* – Provide a briefing to the Board on the Phase 3 ministerial streamlining amendments, draft ordinance amendments related to establishing more ministerial permits consistent with Board direction, and bring Phase 3 to the Board by the end of 2026; coordinate with Coastal Commission staff on the LCPA submittal of Phase 2 amendments and certification of the lighting and signs ordinance amendments.
- *Zoning Ordinance Maintenance and Amendment Packages* – Coordinate with Coastal Commission staff on pending LCPA submittals and certification of outstanding Coastal Zoning Ordinance amendments, including the Accessory Dwelling Unit amendments; identify and initiate work on next set of ordinance amendments, including additional ordinance packages to address further changes in State Law pertaining to ADUs and SB 9.

- *Oil and Gas Phaseout Ordinance Amendments* – Complete decision-maker adoption hearings of Phase 1 ordinance amendments and submit the coastal zoning ordinance amendments to the Coastal Commission for certification.
- *Agricultural Enterprise Ordinance (AEO) Amendments* – Continue coordinating with Coastal Commission staff on review and certification of the LCPA submittal of the coastal zoning ordinance amendments.
- *Mobile Home Park Overlay Ordinance Amendments* – Continue coordinating with Coastal Commission staff on review and certification of the coastal zoning ordinance amendments.
- *Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Amendments* – Complete draft amendments and initiate decision-maker hearings.
- *Comprehensive Plan Conformity Review of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2026-2031* – Complete conformity review of all Capital Improvement Program projects to be presented to the Planning Commission in spring/summer 2026.

### 3. Recommendations for Fiscal Year One (FY 2026 – 2027)

Table 1 summarizes staff's recommended staffing allocations for the services, operations, and on-going projects to be included in Year One of the Work Program, based on either a total Division staff of 14 FTE which requires the restoration of one of two FTEs the Division unfunded as part of the preliminary budget process, or a staff of 13 FTE which assumes a two-FTE reduction from current levels. Attachment 1 to this Board letter provides descriptions of the Comprehensive Plan Projects that are listed in Table 1 and discussed further below. Attachment 2 provides a timeline for completion of the projects based on staff's recommended staffing allocations shown in Table 1. Staff understands that the Board will not take action on restoration at this time, but is looking for the Board to give direction on priorities for either a 14 or a 13 FTE staffing level.

**Table 1 – Staff-Recommended LRP Staffing Allocations**

Task / Project	14 FTE	13 FTE
<b>Required Services</b>		
Grant Research and Applications		
Ag Preserve Processing and APAC Support		
Regional and Inter-Agency Coordination		
Technical Support to other Departments		
Legislative Review		
General Plan Consistency Review and Maintenance		
Responsible Agency Review and LAFCO Report backs		
CIP Conformity Review		
General Plan Annual Progress Report		
Consultants List Maintenance		
SBCAG Review/Participation		
<b>Required Services Subtotal</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Operations</b>		
Budget Development and Implementation		
Public Information (including Public Records Act requests), Referrals, Website, and Outreach		
Staff Meetings and Training		
Process Improvement / Strategic Plan		
Evaluation and Performance Reviews		
Division Administration and Supervision		
<b>Operations Subtotal</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>New, On-Going FY 25 – 26, and Delayed Projects from Past Work Programs</b>		
Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans (ALUCPs) Consistency Amendments & Coastal Commission Certification (Mandated)	0.2	0.2
Circulation Element Update (Mandated)	0.7	0.7
Open Space Element Update (Mandated)	0.6	0.6
Environmental Justice Element Implementation (Mandated)	0.2	0.2
Housing Element Update Implementation (Mandated)	2.0	2.0
Safety Element Update (Mandated)	1.3	1.3
Short-Term Rentals LCPA (Mandated under Housing Element Update Program 19)	0.2	0.2
Objective Standards - Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA) (CCC Mandated)	0.1	0.1
<b>Mandated Projects Subtotal</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>
Agricultural Enterprise Ordinance Amendments – Coastal Commission Certification and Implementation	0.2	0.2
Utility Scale Solar General Plan, Ordinance, Williamson Act Amendments – Coastal Commission Certification and Implementation	0.3	0.2
Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Allow Ministerial Development/Uses	0.9	0.7
Oil and Gas Phaseout Ordinance Amendments – Phase 2	0.5	0.3
Climate Action Plan Implementation	0.1	0.1
Recreation Master Plan - Comprehensive Plan Consistency Amendments	0.1	0.1
Potential Zoning Ordinance Amendments Packages (Level of effort identified – Low, Medium, High)		
Housing Laws/ADU/SB 9 Updates (M)		
Farmworker Housing (M/H)		
Special Events (M/H)		
HLAC Updates (L)		
Equestrian Facilities (L/M)		
General Package (L)		
<b>Other New and On-Going Projects</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>New, On-Going FY 25 – 26, and Delayed Projects from Past Work Programs Subtotal</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>LRP WORK PROGRAM TOTAL</b>		
	<b>14.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>

### 3.1 State Mandated, On-Going Projects

As in prior years, State-mandated projects will continue to play a significant role in establishing the priorities for the Work Program in the next fiscal year. The Work Program includes the continuation of the following State-mandated projects.

- *Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans (ALUCP) Consistency Amendments* – The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) adopted updates to the ALUCPs in January 2023 and, consequently staff must (1) prepare amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinances to achieve consistency with the updated ALUCPs, present the consistency amendments to decision-makers for consideration of adoption in Fall 2026, and obtain Coastal Commission-certification of a LCPA involving changes to the Santa Barbara Airport ALUCP.
- *Circulation Element Update* – This update involves amendments to the Circulation Element and community plans to be consistent with the Public Works Department’s ATP and, more generally, develop policies and programs that facilitate the development of infrastructure designed to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMTs), pursuant to State mandates. The Public Works Department completed the ATP in FY 2023 - 2024. During FY 2025 – 2026, LRP staff have been working with the consultant to complete traffic modeling and data collection, in coordination with Public Works staff. For FY 2026 – 2027, staff will prepare the draft amendments to the Circulation Element and initiate the appropriate level of environmental review and public engagement for the project, and prepare the Element update for adoption hearings.
- *Open Space Element Update* – SB 1425, signed by the Governor on September 30, 2022, requires every city and county to review and update its Open Space Element by January 1, 2026. The update is to address the following: (1) Access to open space for all residents in a manner that considers social, economic, and racial equity, correlated with the environmental justice element; (2) Climate resilience and other co-benefits of open space, correlated with the safety element; and (3) rewilding opportunities, correlated with the land use element. LRP activities next fiscal year will include completing public outreach efforts, finalizing the draft update, and initiating decision-maker hearings in early FY 26-27.
- *Environmental Justice Element Implementation* –The EJ Element identifies various implementing actions to be undertaken by different County departments, including Planning & Development. In addition, the Board directed staff to continue quarterly meetings with the departmental working group, to report back annually on implementation, and return to the Board with options for the creation of an advisory committee (e.g., non-profit driven, county driven).
- *Housing Element Implementation* – The Board-adopted Housing Element Update includes 25 programs that must be implemented, including several identified as ongoing or to be initiated or completed in FY 26-27. These include:
  - Program 1 – RHNA Tracking
  - Program 5 – Tools and Incentives for Affordable Housing
  - Program 6 – Housing for Farmworkers and Other Employees
  - Program 12 – County Sites
  - Program 13 – Density Bonus Program

- Program 16 – Reduction of Governmental Constraints
- Program 19 –Short Term Rentals (STRs) LCPA
  - As discussed in Attachment A, the STR LCPA program has been delayed a number of times beginning in Summer 2024 to prioritize other ordinance amendments, including cannabis odor control regulations and a Mobile Home Park Overlay, and in Fall 2025 to work on the Oil and Gas ordinance amendments. Staff recommend this project commence this FY 26-27 as it implements Program 19 of the Housing Element Update, which dictates a completion date of December 2027.
- *Safety Element Update* – As stated above, LRP staff will be managing the third concurrent phase of the State-mandated Safety Element Update. Work associated with the prior phases included preparation of the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment, wildfire amendments to the Safety Element (information and policies), and completion of the Evacuation Modeling and Planning Project, which was funded by a grant received from the California Fire Safe Council. The third phase includes continued preparation of the Climate Adaptation Plan which will include development of final adaptation strategies, implementation framework, additional public outreach, and new Safety Element policies.
- *Objective Standards – LCPA* – With the growing inability to apply subjective policies and development standards to certain housing projects under state law, this effort involves reviewing applicable subjective policies and development standards contained within our Local Coastal Program (LCP) and developing comparable objective policies and standards where feasible. This project has been directed by the California Coastal Commission as part of a recent LCP Amendment, consistent with guidance provided at the state level. The project could be expanded to accomplish a similar goal for the inland area as well with additional staffing allocation.

### 3.2 Non-Mandated, Delayed, and On-Going Projects

There are a number of non-mandated projects that the Board either included or considered including in FY 2025 – 2026 which staff is proposing to continue working on, provided that the Board allocates the budgetary resources to do so. These projects include:

- *AEO Amendments* – As discussed above, the LCPA application is still pending CCC certification, requiring continued staff review and coordination.
- *Utility-Scale Solar Ordinance Amendments* – Final adoption by the Board of Supervisors is anticipated in Q1 of FY 2026-2027, after which staff will be submitting the LCPA to the CCC for certification, a process which could take over a year to complete.
- *Zoning Ordinance and Other Comprehensive Plan Amendments (FY 2022 – 2023 Expansion Project - Modernization of Multi-Family/Commercial Zone Districts; Expand Ministerial Permits)* – As discussed above and further in Attachment A, this project involves a series of ordinance amendments aimed at modernizing, simplifying, and streamlining our zoning codes. During FY 2026 – 2027 staff will prepare draft amendments for the expansion of projects subject to ministerial approvals consistent with Board direction and complete decision-maker hearings by the end of 2026 (Phase 3). Additionally, staff will work with the California Coastal Commission on the certification of the Process Streamlining and Housing Accommodation zoning ordinance amendments involving updates to the multi-family and

commercial zone districts to facilitate housing (consistent with Programs 1 and 16 of the Housing Element Update) and ordinance updates to streamline permit processes (Phase 2).

- *Oil and Gas Phaseout Ordinance Amendments (Phase 2)* – In accordance with Board direction, staff will be working with CSD staff on Phase 2 of the Oil and Gas Phaseout Amendments, consisting of 1) completion of the amortization study (led by CSD), and 2) initiating environmental review under CEQA (led by P&D), involving scoping of the CEQA analysis, consultant selection, and managing the consultant in the preparation of the environmental document.
- *Zoning Ordinance Amendment Packages* – As stated above, in FY 25-26, staff completed work on various ordinance amendments, including most recently a general ordinance clean-up package. Staff will 1) complete the certification of these ordinance amendments in the coastal zone in FY 26-27, 2) prepare further amendments as necessary to comply with changes in state housing law, including updates to ADU and SB 9 regulations, and 3) initiate work on any other Board priorities, which may include any of the following:
  - Farmworker housing (consistent with Program 6 of the Housing Element Update)
  - Special events
  - Equestrian Facilities
  - HLAC Updates

In addition, there are two County CSD projects that LRP staff will continue to support that require additional work in the next and/or other future fiscal years:

- *Climate Action Plan Implementation* – With adoption of the Climate Action Plan, LRP staff will be involved with the implementation of Climate Action Plan programs that affect P&D activities / functions or otherwise require LRP staff's subject matter expertise.
- *Recreation Master Plan* – In coordination with Community Services Department and the Development Review Division of P&D, LRP will provide support and advise on proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance amendments throughout the preparation of the Recreation Master Plan.

#### 4. Future Projects

Staff has developed a list of projects that the Board could include in Year Two, Year Three, and/or a future fiscal year, of the Work Program, including but are not limited to the following:

- Updates to outdated components of the Comprehensive Plan (e.g., Environmental Resources and Management Element and Conservation Element). In particular, Assembly Bill 1889, approved by the Governor in 2024, directs jurisdictions to update their Conservation Elements (in conjunction with the next update of one or more elements on or after January 1, 2028) to consider the effect of development on wildlife movement and habitat connectivity. Staff recommend initiating work on the Conservation Element update in FY 27-28 upon completion of the Open Space Element update.
- Revisiting the Coastal Resiliency LCPA, which was suspended in FY 21-22 due to policy disagreements with Coastal Commission staff and due to other Board priorities and state mandates. Notably, SB 272 requires jurisdictions to develop a sea-level-rise adaptation plan by January 1, 2034. While some of this work will be completed through the Climate

Adaptation Plan currently underway as part of the Safety Element Update, revisiting the LCPA to incorporate coastal resiliency and sea level rise adaptation policies into the Coastal Land Use Plan will be necessary in the coming years to meet this state requirement. Additionally, some of the key policy disagreements have been resolved, thus removing some obstacles to project completion. Importantly, grant funding under the Ocean Protection Council's SB 1 Sea Level Rise Planning Grant Program would likely be available to support at least some of this effort.

- Comprehensive Plan amendments to align with governing strategies of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs), as groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) adopt GSPs that govern the groundwater basins that are subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) (GC § 65352.5 et al).
- Update of the County's *Environmental Thresholds and Guidelines Manual*, as a number of the impact areas (e.g., Groundwater Thresholds) are out of date. Consultant services would be required to support this effort.
- Ordinance amendments to address odor control for outdoor cannabis operations.
- Revisiting the Isla Vista Master Plan to guide future development of the community.

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Funding to implement the staff-recommended services, operations, and projects that are included in FY 26-27 of the FY 2026 - 2029 LRP Work Program will be included in the P&D FY 26-27 Requested Budget submittal for the Board's consideration during the budget adoption process in June 2026. Funding for subsequent fiscal year work programs will be considered as part of the annual County budget process.

### **Staffing Impacts:**

LRP's FY 25-26 workplan was based on 15 FTE. LRP is almost entirely funded by the general fund. In order to balance our preliminary FY 26-27 budget, LRP unfunded two recently vacant positions. As stated above, staff has prepared two recommended staffing allocations for the services, operations, and on-going projects to be included in Year One of the Work Program, one based on a total Division staff of 14 FTE which requires the restoration of one of two FTEs the Division unfunded as part of the preliminary budget process, or a staff of 13 FTE which assumes a two-FTE reduction from current levels with commensurate slowing of timelines and reduction in flexibility to respond to non-state mandated program requests.

### **Special Instructions:**

Please email a copy of the Minute Order to Alex Tuttle, Planning and Development, at [atuttle@countyofsb.org](mailto:atuttle@countyofsb.org).

### **Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – LRP FY 2025 – 2026 Work Program Project Status Report

**Attachment B** – Timeline of Staff-Recommended Projects

**Attachment C** – Long Range Planning Division Work Assignments

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