



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
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Department Name: Montecito Fire
Protection District
Department No.:
For Agenda Of: January 10, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: 2 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Counsel on behalf of
the Montecito Fire Protection
District

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SUBJECT: Ratification of Montecito Fire Protection District's adoption of building standards relating to fire and panic safety that are more stringent than those building standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal and contained in the California Building Standards Code

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Select_Other

As to form: Select_Concurrence

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions: Adopt resolution ratifying Montecito Fire Protection District's Ordinance 2016-01 that 1. adopts by reference and amends the 2016 California Fire Code and Appendix Chapters and Appendix Standards governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire, hazardous materials or explosion; 2. provides for the issuance of permits for hazardous uses or operations; 3. establishes a bureau of fire prevention and provides officers therefore and defines their powers and duties within the District; 4. amends section R313 and Appendix J of the California Residential Code; 5. amends section 1505 of the 2016 California Building Code; and 6. repeals Montecito Fire Protection District's Ordinance No. 2013-1.

- (b) Upon ratification of the Ordinance, instruct staff to forward a copy of the Board's ratifying Resolution, and the Fire Protection District's Ordinance (including the Fire Protection District's findings which are set forth in section 12 of the Ordinance), to the California

Department of Housing and Community Development, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7.

- (c) Determine that the adoption of this resolution is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act in compliance with Section 15061 (b), (3), (No possibility of impact on the environment).

Summary Text:

Montecito Fire Protection District has adopted by ordinance, building standards relating to fire and panic safety that are more stringent than those adopted by the State Fire Marshal and contained in the California Residential Code and the California Building Standards Code. No ordinance adopted by a fire protection district shall be effective unless ratified by the County where the ordinance will apply. The county may ratify, modify or deny any such ordinance.

Background:

On November 28, 2016, the Montecito Fire Protection District adopted Ordinance No. 2016-01 which adopted by reference and amended the 2016 California Fire Code that prescribes regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire, hazardous materials or explosion. The Ordinance also provides for the issuance of permits for hazardous uses or operations and establishes a Bureau of Fire Prevention. Further, the Ordinance amends section R313 and Appendix J of the California Residential Code pertaining to the installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in existing townhouses and one and two family dwellings and existing buildings and structures, and amends section 1505 of the 2016 California Building Code pertaining to roofing requirements; these amendments are more restrictive than the requirements contained in the State Codes.

Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7 provides that a fire protection district may adopt building standards relating to fire and panic safety that are more stringent than those building standards adopted by the State Fire Marshal and contained in the California Building Standards Code. More stringent building standards are contained in Montecito Fire Protection District's Ordinance No. 2016-01. The related findings are in section 12 of the Ordinance.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7, Montecito Fire Protection District has forwarded Ordinance 2016-01 to the County and has requested ratification by the Board of Supervisors. (December 1, 2016 Letter and Ordinance 2016-01 are attached). The Board may ratify, modify or deny the adopted ordinance and transmit its determination to the District within 15 days of its determination. Any modification or denial of an adopted ordinance shall include a written statement describing the reasons for any modifications or denial. Montecito Fire Protection District's Ordinance is not effective unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

Copies of the Ordinance were provided by the Fire District to Supervisor Salud Carbajal, the County Building Official and County Fire Marshal on or about October 6, 2016. No written comments were returned to the Fire District.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Not applicable.

Staffing Impacts:

Not applicable.

Special Instructions:

- (a) Transmit a copy of the resolution to Montecito Fire Protection District within 15 days of its adoption.
- (b) Upon ratification of the Ordinance, instruct staff to forward a copy of the Board's ratifying Resolution and the District's Ordinance (which includes the findings set forth in section 12), to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 13869.7.

Attachments:

December 1, 2016 letter from Cameron Goodman, attorney for Montecito Fire Protection District

Montecito Fire Protection Ordinance 2016-01

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