



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: 2/03/09
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director: John Baker, 568-2085
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**SUBJECT: Establishment of 2009 Window Dates for Proposed Comprehensive Plan
(amendments to mandatory elements) 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 2009 window dates for acting on proposed Comprehensive Plan (amendments to mandatory elements) and Local Coastal Program Amendments as follows:

- a. March 10, May 12, August 18, and November 10, 2009 for proposed Comprehensive Plan (amendments to mandatory elements);
- b. April 7, August 18, and December 1, 2009 for proposed Local Coastal Program amendments.

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 over 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 Comprehensive Plan Amendment cases for hearing by the Board on four predetermined "window dates" spread throughout the year.

In addition, the California 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 "batched" for hearing and action by the Board on three predetermined "window dates," similar to the process for Comprehensive Plan amendment cases.

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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