



SEISMIC SAFETY & SAFETY ELEMENT FIRE HAZARDS UPDATE

County Board of Supervisors Hearing
February 3rd, 2015

BACKGROUND

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- Senate Bill 1241 (SB 1241) requires Seismic Safety & Safety Element (Safety Element) update regarding fire hazards
- Creation of “wildland-urban interface”
- Increased risk of wildfires

SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATES

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- Previous Safety Element update - 2009
- Updated historical data
 - ▣ Number of fires, recorded fire size, list of major fires
- Updated citations
 - ▣ Dates, links to current documents
- Subdivision requirements
 - ▣ Already exist within Chapter 21 of County Code (Subdivisions)

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MANAGEMENT PLAN

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- Minor text amendments in relation to Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Management Plan (MJHMP)
- MJHMP is a supplement to Safety Element
- Removing outdated publication reference

STATE BOARD OF FORESTRY COMMENTS

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- Received comments from State Board of Forestry on November 7th, 2014
 - ▣ Worked with County Fire and Cal Fire to incorporate these comments into the Safety Element
 - ▣ Cal Fire is in agreement with proposed two-phased approach
 - P&D Annual Work Program 2015/2016
 - Proposed new project

STATE BOARD OF FORESTRY COMMENTS

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- Government Code requires Board response (Attachment D, Exhibit 1)
 - ▣ Staff recommendations include formal response through the Board of Supervisors to this letter
 - Details revisions made in response to comments
 - Acknowledges County's intent to coordinate with State Board of Forestry on subsequent update

RECOMMENDATIONS

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- **Case No. 14GPA-00000-00017.** Your Board should consider the following actions:
 - Make the findings for approval of the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment, including CEQA findings
 - Find that this amendment is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act and Notice of Exemption
 - Adopt a Resolution to approve Case No. 14GPA-00000-00017 to update fire hazard information within the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan Seismic Safety and Safety Element
 - Adopt a Resolution confirming the Board of Supervisors have considered recommendations made by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection in its correspondence dated November 7, 2014 and implemented the recommendations where appropriate. Following Board Action, the County will submit its written response to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection



QUESTIONS?