



County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development

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TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

PLANNING COMMISSION
HEARING OF MAY 31, 2023

RE: Safety Element Update Wildfire Policies; 22GPA-00000-00005

Hearing on the request of the County of Santa Barbara (County) Planning and Development Department (P&D) that the County Planning Commission (Commission) recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt a Comprehensive Plan amendment, Case No. 22GPA-00000-00005, amending the wildfire hazard information and policies in the Seismic Safety and Safety Element (Safety Element) of the County Comprehensive Plan, including incorporating the 2022 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by reference into the Safety Element pursuant to Government Code 65302.6.

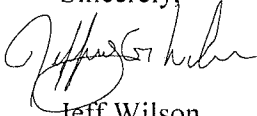
Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

At the Planning Commission hearing of May 31, 2023, Commissioner Martinez moved, seconded by Commissioner Bridley and carried by a vote of 5 to 0 to:

1. Recommend the Board of Supervisors make the required findings for approval (Attachment A of the staff report dated May 23, 2023), including CEQA findings, for the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment.
2. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors find that the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Attachment B of the staff report dated May 23, 2023).
3. Adopt a resolution (Attachment C of the staff report dated May 23, 2023) recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopt Case No. 22GPA-0000-00005, to update wildfire information and policies, and adopt the 2022 MultiJurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by reference into the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan Seismic Safety and Safety Element (Attachment C, Exhibit 1 of the staff report dated May 23, 2023).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" being more prominent and stylized.

Jeff Wilson
Secretary Planning Commission

cc: Case File: 22GPA-00000-00005
Planning Commission File
Jeff Wilson, Assistant Director
Whitney Wilkinson, Planner

Attachments: **Attachment A – Findings**
 Attachment C – Planning Commission Resolution

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ATTACHMENT C: 22GPA-00000-00005 RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF RECOMMENDING TO) **RESOLUTION NO. 23- 04**
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE) **CASE NO. 22GPA-00000-00005**
ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS RELATING)
TO UPDATED WILDFIRE INFORMATION,)
POLICIES, AND ACTIONS WITHIN THE)
SEISMIC SAFETY AND SAFETY ELEMENT OF)
THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN)

WHEREAS, on January 22, 1979, by Resolution No. 79-43A, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara adopted the Seismic Safety & Safety Element of the General Plan for the County of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2140, passed in 2006, allows the County to be eligible for a larger State share of eligible disaster relief funding when the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) has been adopted in accordance with the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as part of the Safety Element; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1035, passed in 2018, requires counties to review and revise their safety element at least every eight years with any new information relating to flood and fire hazards, climate adaptation, and resiliency strategies; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 99, passed in 2019, requires that upon the next revision of the Housing Element on or after January 1, 2020, the County's Safety Element identify residential developments in hazard areas that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes; and

WHEREAS, the County contacted and offered to consult with California Native American tribes in compliance with Government Code Sections §65352.3 and 65352.4 (Senate Bill 18). No tribes contacted the County requesting further consultation; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2023, specified draft amendments were prepared for the Seismic Safety and Safety Element of the County's Comprehensive Plan and were circulated to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and other local fire protection agencies as required by California Government Code §65302.5; and

WHEREAS, the County's proposed Seismic Safety and Safety Element amendments were presented by California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection at the State Board of Forestry

Resource Protection Committee hearing on March 7, 2023, and the State Board of Forestry notified the County that it has no official comments or recommendations on changes to the County's proposed Seismic Safety and Safety Element Update; and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on May 31, 2023, in compliance with Government Code section §65353, at which time County staff explained the proposed amendment and the Commission invited comments from the attendees of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of California Government Code §65302, the County Planning Commission has considered the recommendations of the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Government Code section §65302.6, the County Planning Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt the 2022 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and incorporate by reference into the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan Seismic Safety and Safety Element; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Government Code section §65359, the County Planning Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors determine that the proposed amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, including the Seismic Safety and Safety Element, and provides the greatest community welfare without compromising community values, environmental quality, or public health and safety, as specified in the Findings for Approval, Attachment A, of the County Planning Commission staff report dated May 23, 2023, which is incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, it is now deemed in the interest of the orderly development of the County and important to the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of said County to amend the Comprehensive Plan's Seismic Safety & Safety Element, as attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. In compliance with the provisions set forth in County Code section 2-25.1, the County Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors, following the required noticed public hearing, approve and adopt the amendment to the Seismic Safety and Safety Element of the Comprehensive Plan, specified in Exhibit 1 of this resolution.
3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the County Board of Supervisors.
4. The Chair of this County Planning Commission is hereby authorized and directed to sign and certify all maps, documents, and other materials in accordance with this resolution to show the above mentioned action by the County Planning Commission.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this seventeenth day of May 31, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Cooney, Bridley, Parke, Ferini, Martinez

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

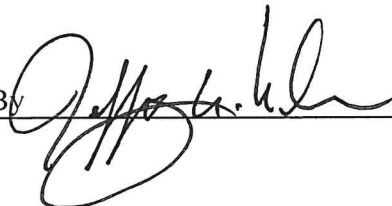


JOHN PARKE, CHAIR
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION

ATTEST:

JEFF WILSON
SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION

By



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

By



DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL

EXHIBIT:

1. Seismic Safety and Safety Element Amendment (Case No. 22GPA-00000-00005)

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