

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 05/17/05
Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
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Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time:
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael F. Brown
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Project Manager

SUBJECT: EIR Contract Procedures Review

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing to consider recommendations regarding the County's Environmental Impact Report contract procedures (Set Hearing for June 21, 2005) (Est. Time: 2 Hours, 20 min Staff).

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

This recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1, An efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On January 18, 2005 your Board directed that the County Planning Commission (Commission) review the County's EIR contract procedures and return to the Board within 90 days with a report/recommendations. Further, your Board directed that this effort be facilitated by a Project Manager to be assigned by the County Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The CEO's Project Manager subsequently convened an Executive Committee to assist in the effort, developed a draft report and recommendations, and presented all findings to the County and Montecito Planning Commissions.

On May 10, 2005, your Board directed staff to return to the Board on June 21, 2005 for a discussion regarding EIR contract procedures and to request that the County Planning Commission tailor it's recommendations to accommodate that schedule.

The County Planning Commission subsequently held two hearings on May 4, 2005 and May 23, 2005, and the Montecito Planning Commission held a hearing on May 18, 2005 to consider the staff findings and develop recommendations for your Board's consideration.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No mandates or service levels are affected by this action.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None.

Special Instructions:

None.

Enclosure:

None