

ATTACHMENT A: FINDINGS

CASE NO. 09ORD-00000-00009

1.0 CEQA Findings

- 1.1 The Board of Supervisors has considered the Negative Declaration 09NGD-00000-00007 together with the comments received and considered during the public review process. The Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board of Supervisors, has been completed in compliance with CEQA, and is adequate for this proposal.
- 1.2 On the basis of the whole record, including the negative declaration and any comments received, the review authority finds that the project as approved will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 1.3 The documents and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based are in the custody of the Secretary of the County Planning Commission, Dianne Black, located at 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.
- 1.4 Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 requires that the County adopt a reporting or monitoring program for the changes to the project which it has adopted or made a condition of approval in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment. Negative Declaration 09NGD-00000-00007 did not identify any significant effects associated with this project. Therefore, a reporting or monitoring program is not required to be adopted for this project.

2.0 Legislative Findings

The following findings are made in compliance with the County Land Use and Development Code Section 35.104.060 (Findings Required for Approval of Amendments):

- 2.1. The request is in the interests of the general community welfare.

The proposed ordinance amendment is in the interest of the general community welfare since the amendment will serve to clarify, update, and streamline the development permit process for typical agricultural activities and projects located on AG-I and AG-II zoned land without compromising community values, environmental quality, or the public health and safety. The proposed amendments include a comprehensive set of development standards that give decision-makers additional ability to regulate the siting and use of such facilities in order to minimize potential adverse visual, agricultural and/or biological impacts to the surrounding area.

- 2.2 The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and applicable Community and Area Plans, the requirements of State planning and zoning laws, and the County Land Use and Development Code.

The Planning Commission staff report for the hearing on February 17, 2010 finds the ordinance amendment consistent with Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan policies and in compliance with the Land Use and Development Code, as discussed in Sections 8.0 Policy Consistency and 9.0 Ordinance Compliance of County Planning Commission Staff Report dated January 29, 2010, hereby incorporated by reference. The Comprehensive Plan and Land Use and Development Code are consistent with State planning and zone law. The proposed amendments include a comprehensive set of development standards that give decision-makers additional ability to regulate the siting and use of such facilities in order to ensure compliance with County policies. These revisions will not result in any inconsistencies with the adopted policies and development standards of the County's Comprehensive Plan and the Community and Area Plans. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors finds that the Ordinance amendment request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the requirements of State planning and zoning laws, and the Santa Barbara County Land Use and Development Code.

2.3 The request is consistent with good zoning and planning practices.

The proposed amendment is consistent with sound zoning and planning practices to regulate land uses for the overall protection of the environment and community values. As discussed in Sections 7.0 and 8.0 of the Planning Commission staff report for the hearing on February 17, 2010, the amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the County Land Use and Development Code. Additionally, the Negative Declaration 09NGD-00000-00007 prepared for this amendment concluded that the project would not have any potentially significant impacts either short-term, long-term or cumulatively due to the development standards contained in the proposed ordinance language, the existing adopted policies and ordinance requirements, and current Planning and Development Department permit review practices and requirements.