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

PLANNING COMMISSION
HEARING OF JANUARY 10, 2018

RE: Revised Cultural Resources Thresholds of Significance; 17ORD-00000-00017

Hearing on the request of the Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Department to consider Case No. 17ORD-00000-00017, and recommend that the Board of Supervisors amend the County of Santa Barbara's Environmental Thresholds and Guidelines Manual, by revising thresholds of significance to guide the County's environmental analysis of cultural resources for projects subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and recommend that the Board of Supervisors find the adoption of a revised thresholds is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15064.7, 15378, and 15378(d). (Continued from 12/20/17)

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

At the Planning Commission hearing of January 10, 2018, Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Ferini and carried by a vote of 3 to 0 to recommend that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors make the required findings for approval of the proposed amendment, including CEQA findings (Attachment A of the staff report dated November 21, 2017);
2. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors determine the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guideline Sections 15308 and 15378(b) of CEQA, included as Attachment C of the staff report dated November 21, 2017; and
3. Adopt a Resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopt Case No. 17ORD-00000-00017, amending the County of Santa Barbara's *Environmental Thresholds and Guidelines Manual*, by revising thresholds of significance to guide the County's environmental analysis of cultural resources of a project subject to the CEQA (Attachment B of the staff report dated November 21, 2017), and as revised at the hearing of January 10, 2018.

Sincerely,



Jeff Wilson
Secretary Planning Commission

cc: Case File: 17ORD-00000-00017
Planning Commission File
Dianne M. Black, Assistant Director
Johannah Hartley, Deputy County Counsel
Glenn Russell, Director

Attachments: **Attachment A – Findings**
 Attachment B – Resolution to the Board of Supervisors

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

IN THE MATTER OF RECOMMENDING
THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AMEND THE COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL
THRESHOLDS AND GUIDELINES MANUAL
TO REVISE THE THRESHOLD TO
DETERMINE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF
IMPACTS TO CULTURAL RESOURCES
FROM DISCRETIONARY PROJECTS
SUBJECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

RESOLUTION NO.: 18 – 05

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- A. The *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act* encourage each public agency to develop, publish and adopt thresholds of significance that the agency uses in the determination of the significance of environmental effects (CEQA Guidelines Section 25064.7).
- B. The County's *Guidelines for County Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA* define a process by which the County's *Environmental Thresholds and Guidelines Manual* is amended, which includes two hearings before the County Planning Commission, one in north county and one in south county, and transmittal of the Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.
- C. The County Planning Commission now finds that it is in the public interest of the County of Santa Barbara to recommend that the Board of Supervisors amend the County's *Environmental Thresholds and Guidelines Manual*, by revising Chapter 8, Cultural Resource Guidelines Archaeological, Historical, and Ethnic Elements, retitle the chapter as "Guidelines for Determining the Significance of and Impacts to Cultural Resources Archaeological, Historic, and Tribal Cultural Resources, as written in Exhibit A to this Resolution.
- D. The proposed amendment is consistent with and implements the policies of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan (including the Coastal Land Use Plan) and Chapter 35, Zoning, of the Santa Barbara County Code (including the Coastal Zoning Ordinance for coastal areas and the Land Use and Development Code for most inland areas). See sections 6.3 and 6.4 of the staff report.

E. This Commission held two duly noticed public hearing at which time the proposed amendment to the aforementioned *Environmental Threshold and Guidelines Manual* was explained and comments were invited from the attendees of these two hearings.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. In compliance with the *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970*, §F.3.b (Process for thresholds amendment and adoption), the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, following the required noticed public hearing, approve and adopt the aforementioned recommendation of this Commission.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors.
4. The Chair of this Commission is hereby authorized and directed to sign and certify all documents and other materials in accordance with this Resolution to show the aforementioned action by the Planning Commission.

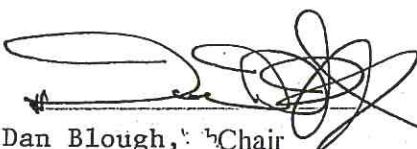
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2018, by the following vote:

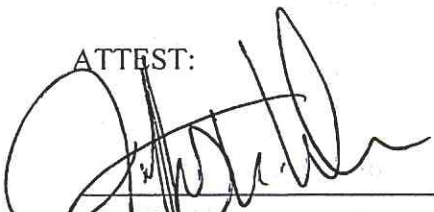
AYES: Brown, Ferini, Blough

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Cooney


Dan Blough, Chair
Santa Barbara County Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Jeff Wilson
Secretary to the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael C. Ghizzoni
County Counsel

