

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Planning Commissioner compensation and reimbursement

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing on March 21, 2006 (estimated time 15 minutes) to consider Planning Commissioner compensation and reimbursement.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The County Planning Commission considered the issue of Commissioner compensation and reimbursement at their January 25, 2006 meeting. By a 4-0-1 vote, with Commissioner Boysen abstaining, the Commission recommended the Board of Supervisors amend the provisions of the County Code affecting the compensation of planning commissioners and directed staff to present this recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

The Planning Commission recommendation specifically proposes two modifications to compensation and reimbursement. The first is to increase the amount paid for review of materials and meeting preparation to \$100 per meeting from the current amount of \$50 per meeting. Second, the Commission recommends compensating members of the Commission for attendance at meetings of official committees formally appointed by the Board of Supervisors or the Planning Commission at the rate of \$100 per meeting; Commissioners are currently not compensated for such attendance. The Planning Commission memorandum describing the recommendations and outlining the basis of the recommendations is attached. Also attached is a background memorandum prepared by staff for the Commission.

If the Board desires to accept the Planning Commission recommendations, staff will prepare the necessary ordinance for consideration by the Board at a future meeting.

Mandates and Service Levels

None from the proposed recommendation of setting the hearing nor is the Board of Supervisors mandated to consider the Planning Commission recommendations.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts

None from the proposed recommendation of setting the hearing.

Regarding the fiscal impacts of the Commission's recommendations, Commissioners have an average of two meetings of official committees per month. Compensating members of the Commission \$50 for such meetings would result in an annual impact of \$2400.

The Planning Commission holds three regular meetings per month with an estimated four special meetings annually. Increasing the five Commissioners' compensation by \$50 for review of materials and preparation for these meetings would result in an annual financial impact of \$10,000.

Attachments: Attachment 1 – Staff memorandum to Planning Commission 10/18/05 entitled
“Commission compensation and reimbursements”
Attachment 2 – Planning Commission memorandum dated 1/2/06 entitled
“Commission Compensation”