

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Continued Item: NO
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TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer
STAFF CONTACT: Michael Allen, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board
X-2245
SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors' Meeting Schedule for 2006

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing for December 6, 2005 to consider adoption of the 2006 Board of Supervisors' schedule of meeting dates and locations.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Board of Supervisors holds regular meetings on the first four Tuesdays of each month except as otherwise directed by the Board; the Board does not meet on fifth Tuesdays. The proposed schedule of regular Board meetings continues the current practice of conducting two meetings each month (on the first and third Tuesday) in the Board Hearing Room in Santa Barbara and two meetings each month (on the second and fourth Tuesday) in the Board Hearing Room in Santa Maria at the Betteravia Government Center. The first meeting of 2006 is scheduled for January 3, 2006 in Santa Barbara.

County of Santa Barbara Budget Hearings are conducted the second week of June. As such, in anticipation of Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget Hearings, the 2006 schedule does not include a regular hearing on Tuesday June 13, 2006. FY 2006-07 budget hearings will be scheduled by separate Board Letter from the County Executive Officer in 2006.

In previous years, the Board of Supervisors' calendar has experienced a slow period during the summer months that has resulted in the cancellation of regularly scheduled meetings and in several half-day hearings. The adopted 2005 Board of Supervisors schedule of meetings included a two week break in the summer during the last two weeks of August, including a fifth Tuesday. The proposed 2006 schedule incorporates a three week summer break during the last part of August and the beginning of September; Tuesday, August 22, 2006; Tuesday, August 29, 2006 (a fifth Tuesday) as well Tuesday September 5, 2006. Advanced knowledge of a summer recess will allow the Board and staff to efficiently schedule and set hearings for the remaining Board meetings through the summer and provide an opportunity for personal planning.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Government Code Section 25081 requires the Board of Supervisors to hold regular meetings at the County seat which is located in the City of Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 2, Article 1, Section 2-1 provides that a regular adjourned meeting may be held outside of the County seat on a regular meeting date in lieu of a regular meeting.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

NA

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments:

Attachment A – Proposed 2006 Board of Supervisors' Schedule of Meetings dates and locations.