



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Department Name: Public Works
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: October 8, 2013
Placement: Set Hearing
Estimated Time: 45 min. on 10-15-13
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Scott McGolpin, Public Works Director, ext. 3010
Director

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SUBJECT: Set Hearing to Begin the Environmental Review of the Proposed Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance.
All Supervisorial Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors set a public hearing for October 15, 2013 for 45 minutes to consider and direct staff to proceed with the environmental review process for the proposed Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance.

Summary Text:

On June 25th, 2013, your Board directed staff to use the Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON) Single Use Carryout Bag Ordinance Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to:

- 1) Develop a draft Single Use Carryout Bag Ban Ordinance for the County unincorporated areas;
- 2) Determine how the ordinance would be enforced;
- 3) Provide a budget for modifying the BEACON EIR to reflect the County as the Lead Agency;
- 4) Return to the Board at the end of summer 2013 to consider the above items.

As a member of BEACON, Santa Barbara County contributed funds towards a regional EIR to study the impacts of a ban on single-use plastic bags. The study area included all of Ventura and Santa Barbara

County with the exceptions of the cities of Ojai and Carpinteria which already have a ban ordinance in effect.

As of September 17th 2013, there are 59 adopted Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban Ordinances in California that affect 80 local jurisdictions. The goal of these ordinances is to decrease the negative environmental and fiscal impact of these bags on our communities. Each year, over 250,000,000 plastic bags are consumed by the residents of Santa Barbara County per BEACON EIR. Due to their light weight and common usage, millions of plastic bags each year end up on public lands, creeks, and ultimately at the ocean. The Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works expends resources each year cleaning up plastic bags from clogged storm water drains, roadsides, illegal dumpsites, and the areas surrounding trash collection facilities which could be directed to other services.

This hearing would cover the impacts of single use plastic bags mentioned above, present a draft ordinance including an enforcement protocol, cost, and provide a timeline for the environmental review process. A Board Letter will be submitted prior to the departmental hearing providing the proposed Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance that will be available to the public on October 10th, 2013 on the County Clerk of the Board's Website for the October 15th Board of Supervisors hearing and hard copies will be available at the Clerk of the Board office at 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara as well as the offices of the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division at 130 East Victoria Street, Suite 100 in Santa Barbara.

Performance Measure:

If the ordinance is enacted, there is a reporting system that would be able to measure the effectiveness of this ordinance by tracking paper bag usage at affected retail establishments over three years.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

\$35,000 was provided by the General Fund to the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division of the Public Works Department for the FY 13/14 budget to develop an EIR and pursue the ban.

Staffing Impacts: None

Special Instructions: None

Attachments: None

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