



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Agenda Number:

Submitted on:  
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Planning & Development  
Department No.: 053  
Agenda Date: Set hearing on February 11, 2025 for March 4, 2025  
Placement: Set-Hearing  
Estimated Time: 10 Minutes on March 4, 2025  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director(s): Lisa Plowman, Director, (805) 568-2086  
Contact Info: Travis Seawards, Deputy Director, Development Review Division  
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**SUBJECT:** Set hearing to consider the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission’s designation of Arroyo Hondo Bridge as a County Historic Landmark, Third Supervisorial District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) On February 11, 2025, set a public hearing for March 4, 2025, to consider the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission’s designation of Arroyo Hondo Bridge as a County Historic Landmark.
- b) On March 4, 2025, consider taking one of the following actions:
  - i. Approve the designation by, and confirm the action of, the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission and the conditions to be imposed, and adopt a resolution with conditions, designating Arroyo Hondo Bridge, located on U.S. Route No. 101, post mile 40.98, as a County Historic Landmark, and determine that the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15308;
  - ii. Modify the designation by the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission, and adopt the modified resolution with conditions to be imposed, designating Arroyo Hondo Bridge, located on U.S. Route No. 101, post mile 40.98, as a County Historic Landmark, and determine that the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15308; or

- iii. Disapprove the designation of the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission designating Arroyo Hondo Bridge, located on U.S. Route No. 101, post mile 40.98, as a County Historic Landmark and the conditions to be imposed, and determine that the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15270.

**Summary Text:**

This item sets a Board Hearing Date for the Arroyo Hondo Bridge Historic Landmark Designation item, which consists of a Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission (HLAC) recommended historic landmark designation for the Arroyo Hondo Bridge, located at U.S. Route 101, post mile 40.98, in the Third Supervisorial District of Santa Barbara County. On December 9, 2024, the HLAC adopted a resolution to designate Arroyo Hondo Bridge as a County Historic Landmark on the basis that it is representative of the County's architectural, engineering, political, and economic history, and was built in 1918 with Classical Revival design elements, in a location with unique physical characteristics, and includes an established and familiar visual feature of the Gaviota coast portion of Santa Barbara County. In addition, HLAC found that the bridge embodies elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship that represent a significant structural or architectural achievement or innovation, and it reflects significant geographical patterns associated with historical settlement and growth in the region. The designation will expire on March 9, 2025, unless the Board approves a resolution designating the bridge as a County Historic Landmark. The analysis related to this agenda item will be docketed with a separate Board Agenda Letter for the March 4, 2024, hearing.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Staff time to process the historic landmark designation and supporting documents is estimated to be 9 hours, which equates to \$2,628.00. Funding for the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission (HLAC) is budgeted \$6,800.00 for P&D staff including administrative staff support in the Planning and Development Permitting Budget Program on Page 317 of the County of Santa Barbara Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Adopted Budget. For historic landmark determination requests initiated by property owners, planner staff time is recovered from fees; no fees are collected for determinations initiated by the HLAC, including this proposal. At this time, HLAC has expended 70% of their total allocated 24-25 budget.

**Special Instructions:**

The Planning and Development Department will complete all noticing requirements.

A minute order of the hearing and a certified Board of Supervisor's Resolution shall be forwarded to the Planning and Development Department, Hearing Support, Attention: Jonathan Martin.

In addition, authorize the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to mail a copy of the executed resolution to:

Jonathan Martin, Secretary

Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission

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