

**ATTACHMENT 8: ARTICLE II COASTAL ZONING ORDINANCE
FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL**

Case No. 19ORD-00000-00005

1.0 CEQA FINDINGS

1.1 CEQA EXEMPTION

The Board of Supervisors finds that the proposed project, Case No. 19ORD-00000-00005, is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15265 and 15061(b)(3). Please see Attachment 9, Notice of Exemption.

1.2 FINDING THAT A PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT CAN BE USED

The Board of Supervisors finds that the previous environmental document prepared for the commercial telecommunications facilities ordinance amendments, along with 97-ND-02 and Addendum dated March 4, 2011, may be used to fulfill the environmental review requirements for this project, that portion of Case No. 19ORD-00000-00005 amending the commercial telecommunications facilities section of the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Section 35-144F). The project is a modification of the project reviewed in the previously adopted environmental document. The project modification will not substantially change the project or the circumstances under which the project will be undertaken, and there is no new information of substantial importance. Further, there is no increase in the severity of impacts due to the project, as noted in the Board Agenda Letter dated December 10, 2019, and County Planning Commission staff report dated October 30, 2019, both herein incorporated by reference. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors finds that no new CEQA document is required and that the project modification does not trigger subsequent environmental review under state CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. Projects subject to discretionary permits will be required to comply with CEQA, as applicable to the specific project proposed.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

2.1 FINDINGS FOR ARTICLE II AMENDMENTS

Findings required for Approval of an Ordinance Amendment. Pursuant to Section 35-180.6 of the Santa Barbara County Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance, the Board of Supervisors shall first make all of the following findings in order to approve the text amendment to the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance:

2.1.1 The request is in the interests of the general community welfare.

As discussed in the Board Agenda Letter dated December 10, 2019, and County Planning Commission staff report, dated October 30, 2019, both herein incorporated by reference, the ordinance amendment is in the interests of the general community welfare since the amendment will serve to (1) clarify, update, and streamline the development permit process without compromising community values, environmental quality, or the public health and safety, (2) revise existing permit processes to enhance clarity and efficiency, (3) update existing

regulations to better conform to the requirements of state and federal law, and (4) correct and clarify existing text provisions.

2.1.2 The request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the Coastal Land Use Plan, the requirements of state planning and zoning laws, and this Article.

Adoption of the proposed ordinance, as discussed in the Board Agenda Letter dated December 10, 2019, and County Planning Commission staff report dated October 30, 2019, both herein incorporated by reference, will provide more effective implementation of the state planning and zoning laws by revising the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with state and federal regulations and provide clear and efficient permit processes that will benefit the public. The proposed ordinance will not result in any inconsistencies with the adopted policies and development standards of the Coastal Land Use Plan and/or the Comprehensive Plan, including community plans. The proposed ordinance amendment is also consistent with the remaining portions of the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance that would not be revised by this ordinance. Therefore, this ordinance is consistent with the Coastal Land Use Plan and the Comprehensive Plan, including community plans, the requirements of state planning and zoning laws, and the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance.

2.1.3 The request is consistent with good zoning and planning practices.

The proposed ordinance, as discussed in the Board Agenda Letter dated December 10, 2019, and County Planning Commission staff report dated October 30, 2019, both herein incorporated by reference, is consistent with sound zoning and planning practices to regulate land uses for the overall protection of the environment since it will revise the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with state and federal regulations, and provide for clearer and more efficient permit processes. As discussed in Finding 2.1.2, above, the amendment is consistent with the Coastal Land Use Plan and the Comprehensive Plan, including the community plans, and the Article II Coastal Zoning Ordinance.