

MONTECITO PLANNING COMMISSION

Staff Report for 2013 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report

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Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5)

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1.0 REQUEST

Hearing on the request of the Planning and Development Department to receive and file the *2013 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report* and authorize staff to provide the annual progress report to the Board of Supervisors, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and State Department of Housing and Community Development, pursuant to Government Code Section 65400.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROCEDURES

The Planning and Development Department recommends that the Montecito Planning Commission:

1. Receive and file the *2013 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report* (Attachment A).
2. Determine that the Montecito Planning Commission's action is not a project, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).
3. Authorize staff to provide the annual progress report to the Board of Supervisors, Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and State Department of Housing and Community Development.

Please refer the matter back to staff if the Montecito Planning Commission takes actions other than those recommended.

3.0 JURISDICTION

Government Code Section 65400 requires the "planning agency" of certain cities and all counties to provide by April 1 of each year an annual report to the legislative body, the Office of Planning and Research, and the Department of Housing and Community Development that includes all of the following:

- (A) The status of the plan and progress in its implementation.
- (B) The progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs determined pursuant to Section 65584 and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 65583.
- (C) The degree to which its approved general [comprehensive] plan complies with the guidelines developed and adopted pursuant to Section 65040.2 and the date of the last revision to the general [comprehensive] plan.

For purposes of Government Code Section 65400, Santa Barbara County Code Section 2-25.1 (Designated as Planning Agency) establishes the County Planning Commission and Montecito Planning Commission as the planning agency for the County. The Board of Supervisors is the legislative body for the County. As a result, the County Planning Commission and Montecito Planning Commission review, file, and provide by April 1 of each year the annual progress report to the Board of Supervisors, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

4.0 ISSUE SUMMARY

Enclosed is the County's *2013 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report*. The report summarizes programs undertaken by the Planning and Development Department in 2013 (January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013) to maintain and implement the Comprehensive Plan. The report also provides details on housing production, including a subsection on the Isla Vista plan area. Specifically, the report is divided into the following sections:

1. Purpose of the Annual Progress Report;
2. Structure of the Comprehensive Plan and Supporting Documents;
3. Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Implementation Activities for 2013;
4. Housing Element Activity; and
5. 2014-2015 Work Program.

In summary, the annual progress report shows that the County continues to make progress towards maintaining and implementing the Comprehensive Plan and meeting its share of regional housing needs. (Note: A copy of the 2014-2015 Work Program will be enclosed with the annual progress report. The Montecito and County Planning Commissions will review the Draft 2014-2015 Work Program on February 19 and March 5, respectively. Therefore, the enclosed copy of the annual progress report does not include the Draft 2014-2015 Work Program.)

5.0 CONCLUSION

The annual progress report is used by the State to identify statewide trends in land use decision making and analyze how local planning and development activities relate to statewide planning goals and policies. It is also used by the State Department of Housing and Community Development to track housing information, including the County's progress in meeting its affordable housing goals.

Staff will provide the annual progress report to the Board of Supervisors, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and the State Department of Housing and Community Development after it has been received and filed by the Montecito and County Planning Commissions. The County Planning Commission is scheduled to receive and file the annual progress report on March 5, 2014. The Board of Supervisors is expected to receive and file the annual progress report on March 18, 2014.

Attachments

- A. *2013 Comprehensive Plan Annual Progress Report*