



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Planning &
Development
Department No.: 053
For Agenda Of: March 9, 2010
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: 1 hour on March 23,
2010
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Glenn S. Russell, Director, Planning & Development, 568-2085
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: **2010-2011 Annual Work Program and Mid-Year Report for Land Use Planning
Projects & Policy Initiatives**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Set a hearing for March 23, 2010 to consider the *2010-2011 Annual Work Program and Mid-Year Report for Land Use Planning Projects and Policy Initiatives*.

On March 23, 2010 take the following actions:

- A. Receive and file the *2010-2011 Annual Work Program and Mid-Year Report for Land Use Planning Projects and Policy Initiatives*;
- B. Consider recommendations from the County and Montecito Planning Commissions, as well as the Agricultural Advisory Committee; and
- C. Direct staff to continue work on current projects, required services and operations management and any additional recommended new projects for the 2010-2011 Annual Work Program.

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Background:

The *2010-2011 Annual Work Program and Mid-year Report for Land Use Planning Projects and Policy Initiatives* (Work Program) provides a summary of the various land use planning projects and policy initiatives proposed for the upcoming 2010-2011 fiscal year. The Work Program (Attachment A) provides a framework to consider and determine priority planning efforts and policy initiatives that improve and/or update the County's General Plan. The purpose of the Work Program is to provide the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors with an opportunity to review current ongoing and new potential projects and select those that warrant general fund allocation and staff resources in the upcoming fiscal year. This is the eleventh consecutive year that a Work Program has been prepared for consideration by the decision makers and the community.

A number of factors influenced development of this year's list of proposed projects, significant among them, the economic and budgetary realities facing the County. Other major factors include pending or recently adopted state legislation which influences local land use and transportation planning, the multi-year character of current, ongoing projects and the number of outstanding action items from previously adopted General Plan amendments and Community Plans. Together, these conditions shaped a Work Program which proposes to deliver the most needed tools and programs given local circumstances and outside influences, and significantly reduces consultant expenditures over past years.

The Work Program is organized by department/division beginning with the Planning & Development's Office of Long Range Planning. Section II discusses the Office of Long Range Planning's current and future work efforts that would update and improve the General Plan and its implementing programs. It also provides an overview of the structure of the General Plan, the organizational structure of the Office of Long Range Planning, a summary of both current and potential new projects, and a mid-year report on the status of current projects. Section II concludes with a discussion of potential new projects that have been identified for the short term (recommended to begin in 1-2 years), midterm (recommended to begin in 3-5 years) and long term (recommended to begin in 5-10 years).

Short term potential new projects, such as the Medical Marijuana ordinance responds to community and County concerns which have the potential to affect residents' quality of life, while the Visitor-Serving Uses on Agricultural Properties and the Vacation Rental LUDC Amendments strive to create opportunities for economic vitality in ways appropriate to the community.

Mid-term projects are recommended to begin in 3-5 years. Many, such as the Hollister/State Street Streetscape Improvement Program, and Mission Canyon Post-Disaster Reconstruction Plan stem from current community planning efforts set to be completed in the next few years. The Comprehensive Plan Update to Reference the New Land Use Development Code will be necessary once Coastal Commission approval occurs for the portions of the Code within their jurisdiction (anticipated for Fall 2010). There is also an option for a comprehensive update of all mandatory elements of the General Plan. The timing of this update is proposed to follow completion of the County's Climate Action Strategy and the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Potential long-term projects are those suggested to begin in 5-10 years. These include Rural Region Plans as well as updates to individual mandatory elements of the General Plan and Community Plans which have not been recently updated. The Rural Region Plans would create area plans reflective of

community norms, values, trends, and conditions such as agricultural stewardship and sustainability, bio-regional planning, watershed protection, cultural resource preservation, design standards, public access, and scenic resources.

Section II includes mid-year reporting of current, ongoing efforts within the division of Long Range Planning. Significant accomplishments of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 include adoption of the Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan and completion of the draft 2009-2014 Housing Element.

Sections III through V of the Work Program provide a discussion of the land use planning projects and policy initiatives being performed by the Planning & Development Department's Development Services and Agricultural Planning functions and the Public Works Department, respectively. Each section includes a discussion of the department's role in land use planning efforts and a summary of any current or new planning projects and policy initiatives.

The Work Program was developed to reflect the budget principles adopted by the Board of Supervisors and will inform final budget development for the Department of Planning and Development. There are a number of projects listed in the Work Program that, when combined, exceed available staff and resources. Within the Office of Long Range Planning, there are 14.75 full time equivalent planners (FTE) available to work on planning projects and perform required services; this is a reduction of 0.75 FTE from the previous fiscal year, since one management position was deleted and another was converted to a Supervising Planner position. Based on a continuation of ongoing projects and services into Fiscal Year 2010-2011, there are a total of 2.11 FTE available for new projects.

Planning Commission Deliberations:

The Santa Barbara County Planning Commission considered the Work Program on February 3, 2010. Following a staff presentation and public testimony, Chair Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Cooney and carried by a vote of 5-0 to:

1. Receive and review the 2010-2011 Annual Work Program and Mid-year Report for Land Use Planning Projects and Policy Initiatives; and
2. Direct staff to forward the following Planning Commission Project Recommendations (as depicted in Table 2 of the Work Program document) to the Board of Supervisors for consideration:
 - Santa Ynez & Los Olivos Parking Studies;
 - Alcohol-Related Use Regulations;
 - Medical Marijuana Ordinance;
 - Lighting Standards & Regulations;
 - The above projects are estimated to require approximately 1.97 FTE. The Planning Commission further recommended that the remaining 0.14 FTE be used in support of the planning and implementation of the Santa Claus Lane project.
 - Finally, the Planning Commission wished to express the need for Project #24 Mission Hills/Vandenberg Village Visioning.

The County Planning Commission action letter is included as Attachment B.

The Work Program will be considered by the Montecito Planning Commission on February 24, 2010, and the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) on March 2, 2010; results of those meetings were not available at the time of this staff report filing. Recommendations of the Montecito Planning Commission and the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be provided at the Board hearing.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized</u> <u>On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time</u> <u>Project Cost</u>
General Fund	\$2,780,377		
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$2,780,377	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: Funding for staff of the Office of Long Range Planning to complete the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Work Program will be considered as part of the County budget process.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

14.75 in Office of Long Range Planning

Special Instructions:

Please forward the minute order to the Office of Long Range Planning.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: 2010-2011 Annual Work Program and Mid-year Report for Land Use Planning Projects and Policy Initiatives (March, 2010)
- Attachment B: February 3, 2010 County Planning Commission Memorandum

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2010-2011 Annual Work Program and Mid-year Report for Land Use Planning Projects and Policy Initiatives
March 9, 2010
Attachments

Attachment A

2010-2011 Annual Work Program and Mid-year Report for Land Use Planning Projects and Policy Initiatives (March, 2010)

Attachment B

February 3, 2010 Planning Commission Memorandum