# **Boards of Architectural Review**

### **General Alignment**



# Background

- On November 22, 2005, the County Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance 4584, dividing the existing County Board of Architectural Review (BAR) into a County Boards of Architectural Review – creating three new regional BARs to join the existing Montecito BAR (MBAR).
- To date, these BARs are recognized as NBAR, CBAR and SBAR. These new regional BARs were established as part of a 2-year pilot program, requiring Supervisors to either approve the continuance of the newly established regional BARs or deny, which would have resulted in a return to the previously established countywide BAR and MBAR.
- After a vote by the Board to extend the pilot project in 2008, Supervisors removed the sunset clause through a unanimous vote on November 12, 2013.

# Summary Text

- In Santa Barbara County Code Section 2-33.2, the current textual description of the boundaries for the North County Board of Architectural Review (NBAR), Central County Board of Architectural Review (CBAR) and South County Board of Architectural Review (SBAR) do not align with the accompanying map of the BARs' jurisdictional responsibilities or the current Supervisorial districts.
- This inconsistency is a result of the decennial census and redistricting process in Santa Barbara County that was finalized and approved in January 2022.

## **Ordinance Amendments**

- The proposed ordinance amendments to County Code Section 2-33.2 would update the map and ordinance text to address these inconsistencies with the purpose of:
  - Revising the CBAR and NBAR's jurisdictional boundaries to more closely align with current Supervisorial districts;
  - Updating the description of the SBAR's jurisdictional boundary to correspond with the adopted map;
  - Enhancing regional and demographic contiguity; and
  - Addressing constituent concerns and requests



#### Map



## **Recommended Actions**

a) Consider the introduction (first reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-33.2 of the Santa Barbara County Code to revise the jurisdictional boundaries for the County Boards of Architectural Review

b) Read the title and waive further reading of the Ordinance in full; and

c) Continue the hearing to March 14, 2023 on the Administrative Agenda to consider recommendations, as follows:

i) Consider the adoption (second reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-33.2 of the Santa Barbara County Code; and

 ii) Determine that the adoption of this Ordinance is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b), as it consists of an organizational activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.