



Planning and Development Department

Office of Long Range Planning

Transmittal Memorandum

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TO: GavPAC Members

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SUBJECT: GavPAC Meeting No. 10

The items listed below have been included as part of the meeting materials for GavPAC Meeting No. 10, to be held Wednesday April 21, 2010, 6:30 p.m. at the Vista de Las Cruces School auditorium:

- 1. Meeting Agenda:** Please see the attached agenda for the April 21, 2010 GavPAC meeting (Attachment 1). For details, please see discussion of agenda items below.
- 2. Administrative Briefings:** None.
- 3. Draft Meeting Minutes:** Staff has provided draft meeting minutes from the March 20, 2010 GavPAC workshop (revised) and April 7, 2010 GavPAC meeting for review and approval (Attachments 2 & 3).
- 4. Presentation of Permit Coordination Efforts:** Mr. Michael Hays, Agricultural Land Use Planner, will present information on the coordination efforts between the County and NRCS for permitting of beneficial restoration projects. This includes recent ordinance and policy changes exempting NRCS-sponsored projects from Planning & Development (P&D) permits. Attached are two background documents to help prepare for this presentation: 1) the adopted Board of Supervisors resolution (Attachment 4); and, 2) the 2009 P&D administrative policy removing exemption distinctions between Federal Cost Share and Federal Non-Cost Share projects (Attachment 5). In addition, Mr. Hays will share an update on the status of the Cachuma Resource Conservation District's Permit Coordination Program, which is broader effort to coordinate multi-agency permit processes for beneficial agricultural projects.
- 5. Presentation of Agricultural Permit Process Streamlining Project:** Mr. Noel Langle, Planner III, will present a status update of the Agricultural Permit Process Streamlining Project which was recommended for Board of Supervisors approval by the Planning Commission on April 7, 2010. In general, this streamlining project proposes to exempt or downshift permit requirements for certain agricultural structural development in addition to raising the square footage threshold for a discretionary development plan. Attached is a summary sheet (Attachment 6) of the proposed Agricultural Permit Streamlining Ordinance Amendments.

6. **Presentation of Coastal Commission Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) Certification Process:** Mr. Noel Langle, Planner III, will make a presentation about the status of Coastal Commission Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) Certification. On April 6, 2010, the Board of Supervisors voted to request that the CCC continue the CCC hearing until August 11-13 in San Luis Obispo, to allow staff adequate time to review and make recommendations to the Board regarding the CCC staff report. Staff has attached the 04/06/10 Board Letter (Attachment 7) for your review. The Board of Supervisors directed staff to return with recommendations in response to the CCC Staff Report to the Board hearing of July 6, 2010.
7. **Long Term GavPAC Meeting Schedule:** The revised GavPAC long term meeting schedule (Attachment 8) is attached for your review.

In addition to this packet, please bring the GavPAC Documents binder with you to the meeting.

All GavPAC materials are also available for download from the following webpage:

<http://longrange.sbcountyplanning.org/planareas/gaviota/gaviota.php>

GavPAC Meeting No. 10 Agenda

Following the April 7th meeting, staff met to discuss the longer-term meeting schedule and strategy for development of Plan topics. We had originally planned to devote two meetings to a recap and structuring of the workshop information. However, it seems the most important issues for our planning process have already been revealed and the GavPAC is ready to move forward to a discussion of constraints, opportunities and possible tools. It is likely that additional issues, or subsets of issues will manifest themselves as we move further into the discussions, but staff believes the most productive way to move forward is to start delving into the issues already identified. To that end, staff is compiling a comprehensive inventory of the issues, known constraints, potential opportunities, possible tools, and research topics. We are structuring the material into a framework which (we hope) will identify the most effective strategies for working through the topics. Because of their scope, some of the topics lend themselves to sub-committees, while other topics need additional in-depth research, white papers or subject experts. There is considerable work involved in compiling this inventory and in thinking through proposed strategies. To that end, staff has eliminated the planned discussion for Meeting No. 10, and has limited the agenda to only the requested briefings. We will return at our next meeting with a comprehensive analysis of the above information and a proposed strategy for moving forward with Plan development. Staff recognizes the tremendous time and energy that GavPAC members commit to this process. We respect that commitment and want to match it with an intelligent, well-planned process. We anticipate a slightly abbreviated meeting time on April 7th: we may adjourn as early as 8:30 p.m., depending upon the discussion.

Attachments:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. March 20, 2010 Workshop Minutes
3. April 7, 2010 Meeting Minutes
4. Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 4573
5. P&D Administrative Policy 2009-1
6. Agricultural Permit Streamlining Ordinance Amendments Summary
7. 04/06/10 Board Letter
8. Long-Term Schedule