

Attachment 4

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2013

The following action minutes are listed as they were acted upon by the Planning Commission and as listed on the agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 24, 2013 together with the maps and staff reports attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference.

HEARINGS ARE ADVERTISED FOR 9:00 A.M. HEARINGS GENERALLY PROCEED IN THE ORDER LISTED, UNLESS CHANGED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE MEETING. (9:05 AM)

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ROLL CALL (9:05 AM)

PRESENT: Commissioner(s) Don Campbell, Ken Topping, Tim Murphy, Eric Meyer, and Jim Irving.

ABSENT:

4. Hearing to consider a request by the COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO to amend the Safety Element of the County General Plan to incorporate by reference the adopted San Luis Obispo County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. State legislation requires the County to adopt a local hazard mitigation plan in accordance with the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as part of the General Plan Safety Element in order to qualify for the maximum amount of disaster aid through the California Disaster Assistance Act. This proposal does not involve any substantive changes to the goals, policies, programs, or maps of the Safety Element. This project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this project may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA. [Reference: State CEQA Guidelines sec. 15061(b)(3), General Rule Exemption] County File No: LRP2012-00005 Supervisorial District: All
Mike Wulkan, Project Manager Recommend Board of Supervisors approval
POST HEARING DETERMINATION: RECOMMEND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL
(10:00 AM)

Mike Wulkan, Project Manager: presents staff report. Introduces Ron Alsop from the County Emergency Operations Center. Explains that there will be no substantive changes to goals, policies, programs, standards, or maps of the Safety Element. This request is to amend the Safety Element by incorporating, by reference, the San Luis Obispo Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP).

Jim Irving: would like an estimate of when the Safety Element will be adopted with Mr. Wulkan estimating sometime next year.

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Tim Murphy: confirms no changes are being made.

Commissioners: begin discussions.

Mike Wulkan, Project Manager: discusses questions posed by Commissioner Topping and puts them on the screen for the viewing audience. Begins clarifying and explaining the questions posed.

Jim Irving: comments on coordination with city entities in the event of a disaster with Mr. Alsop responding this was covered as far as emergency response plans, which are consistent throughout the county.

Ron Alsop, Office of Emergency Services: explains the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is a County and Flood Control District document only. The LHMP does not cover special districts, however it would not be difficult to take the LHMP and add the jurisdictions specific and those districts could also adopt the LHMP as theirs. Explains the LHMP is designed to be easily updated to include other jurisdictions if they choose to participate.

Ken Topping: Explains taking advantage of the provisions of the state law enables the county to receive additional disaster recovery funds. States this is a FEMA approved LHMP which are all prepared on a five year cycle. Confirms any changes with the board adoption will be within the framework of the FEMA approval. Feels it is important to establish consistency with the General Plan in terms of AB162 and SB1241.

Thereafter, on motion of Eric Meyer, seconded by Ken Topping, and on the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s) Eric Meyer, Ken Topping, Don Campbell, Tim Muprhy, Jim Irving.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

The Commission adopts the resolution to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed General Rule Exemption in accordance with the applicable provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code 21000 et seq.); and adopts the amendment to the Safety Element of the County General Plan as set forth in Exhibit LRP2012-00005:A.

Respectfully submitted,
Ramona Hedges, Secretary
SLO County Planning Commission