



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Board of Supervisors	(2) MEETING DATE 6/8/2021	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Caleb Mott, Legislative Assistant (805) 781-4337 Lynn Compton, Chairperson, District 4 Supervisor	
(4) SUBJECT Request to recognize the Vitality Advisory Council of Oceano as a community advisory council to the Oceano area. District 4.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board recognize the Vitality Advisory Council of Oceano (VACO) as a community advisory council to the Oceano area.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP Yes	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Lisa M. Howe			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 4			



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning and Building
Caleb Mott, Legislative Assistant

VIA: Lynn Compton, Chairperson, District 4 Supervisor

DATE: 6/8/2021

SUBJECT: Request to recognize the Vitality Advisory Council of Oceano as a community advisory council to the Oceano area. District 4.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board recognize the Vitality Advisory Council of Oceano (VACO) as a community advisory council to the Oceano area.

DISCUSSION

In 1996, the Board of Supervisors adopted resolution No. 96-485 establishing criteria for a community advisory council to be recognized by the Board. The purpose was to assure that these advising bodies represent their communities on current and future planning matters before the Board. The resolution requires that advisory councils meet the following minimum criteria to be recognized by the Board:

- Must be based in and representing a defined community within an established urban or village reserve line and which can include representatives from outlying or surrounding unincorporated areas associated with the community.
- Membership must reflect a broad cross-section of the community.
- Meetings must occur regularly and be publicly noticed in a timely manner and open to the public.
- Must have bylaws with a statement of purpose, rules of order, frequency of meetings and method of appointment of subcommittees and membership.
- Recommendations for the Board of Supervisors must be made by a majority vote of the quorum with public input.

Although the Board's resolution set forth a procedure by which advisory councils can be recognized, they are considered private organizations and not legally constituted public agencies. Although most advisory councils receive funds from the Board to help pay for administrative costs, there is no requirement that the County General Fund or a Board member's community funds be used to pay for their activities.

In May of 2021, a group of Oceano residents created the VACO and in April of 2021 requested recognition by the Board (Attachment 1). In their request, they included their bylaws which set out their purpose, proposed boundaries, membership and subcommittee criteria, meeting schedules and public access, and meeting rules (Attachment 2). The proposed boundaries include the Oceano Community Service District, the Oceano Fire District, and the Oceano Dunes SVRA.

There is currently another advisory council in Oceano, but its boundaries do not include the Oceano Dunes SVRA. It is also the concern of some community members that the current Oceano Advisory Council does not appropriately reflect a cross section of the community and does not reach out to or seek input from a broad cross section of Oceano residents.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The Department of Planning and Building and County Counsel have reviewed this request and staff report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Staff costs associated with meetings and other support related to the advisory council will be covered by the associated Department's annual General Fund support budget.

RESULTS

Recognizing the Vitality Advisory Council of Oceano as a community advisory council to the Oceano area will allow the Vitality Advisory Council of Oceano to give input on current and future community matters, supporting the County's goal of promoting well-governed communities.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Letter from VACO
- 2 The Vitality Advisory Council of Oceano Bylaws with Boundary Map