

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, June 3, 2019
9:30 a.m.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley

Location: Board of Supervisors Chamber – 5th Floor
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

CONSENT CALENDAR

I. Pre-Application Meeting Attendance: May 2019

[Attachment](#)

Liz McElligott, Assistant Agency Director, presented a memorandum regarding the Pre-Application Meeting Attendance for the month of May 2019.

The memorandum lists the persons invited to attend the meeting and the actual attendees. The Planning staff, going forward, will make clear to invitees that their attendance is necessary.

Supervisor Haggerty requested that the staff bring back a report to the Transportation & Planning Committee on the attendance at the Pre-Application Meetings over the last twelve (12) months.

Speaker

Kelly Abreu stated that the Department Heads should be empowered to make decisions and send any representative they choose to the Pre-Application meeting. He believes the Planning staff is overreaching and want to dictate the outcomes of the meetings.

Purpose:

- Report progress**
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

REGULAR CALENDAR

II. Update on the Progress of the Measure D Stakeholders' Group regarding a Potential Ballot Measure to Change the Measure D Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Restrictions and the Resource Management Land Use Designation – Community Development Agency

[Attachment](#)

Liz McElligott, Assistant Agency Director, presented a memorandum to update the Committee on the progress of the Measure D Stakeholder's Group regarding a potential ballot measure to change the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) restrictions and the Resource Management Land Use designation.

At the direction of the Board of Supervisors, staff convened a group of stakeholders to discuss issues related to Measure D. The Stakeholder's discussions have focused on two major issues: the existing .01 Floor Area Ratio (FAR) and land use restrictions on property designated "Resource Management.

Staff requests the Transportation and Planning Committee provide direction on how to proceed with potential amendments to Measure D.

Speakers

Dianna Hanna, agricultural landowner in Castro Valley, and a member of the Measure D Stakeholder Group stated that agricultural stakeholders cannot agree on changing the FAR.

Dr. Larry Gosselin stated that there needs to be a review of ECAP in relation to Measure D.

Kelly Abreu recommended that Alameda County look at other counties definitions for agricultural buildings and other definitions; Alameda County should make sure zoning ordinances should comply with Measure D. There has been no environmental input in these stakeholders' groups. Mr. Abreu requested that the Illegal Dumping Task Force be open to the public.

Dick Schneider stated that there was a survey sent out to the Measure D Stakeholders Group and only six people completed the survey. There has been little input from the wineries in the South Livermore area. Zoning ordinances have not been updated to align with Measure D.

Chuck Campos stated that Measure D was passed to revise urban growth boundaries, preserve open space, preserve and enhance agricultural lands. Measure D allows limited urban style development with FAR to prevent urban sprawl.

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Recommendation from the Transportation & Planning Committee: Community Development Agency staff will review the evolution of ECAP and the use of non-residential buildings in relation to Measure D; meet with stakeholders to discuss the non-residential building interpretations and report back to the Committee with the results of the discussions. Staff will begin working to revise ordinances to align with Measure D.

III. Discussion of Permit Application Process, including discussion on typical timeframes and ways to expedite and streamline the process

[Attachment](#)

Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Permit Application process, including typical timeframes and ways to expedite and streamline the process.

Speakers

Dr. Larry Gosselin stated that the Public Works Agency does a great job on routine projects, however a project that falls outside of routine standards may cause problems. Projects that are stretched out over time need immediate engagement, possibly by a citizen's oversight panel. There is a conservation resource investment strategy that can be used to facilitate issues with regulatory agencies being supported by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Kelly Abreu stated that the County needs to be environmentally friendly. There are structures being built without permits and there is no enforcement. Some permits that are applied for take over 200 days for completion.

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Recommendation from Transportation and Planning Committee: The Public Works Agency will collaborate with other departments to work on streamlining and improving processes.

IV. Discussion of Permit Application Process, including discussion on typical timeframes and ways to expedite and streamline the process

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Ron Browder, Director, Environmental Health Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation and report on the department's Permit Application process, including typical timeframes and ways to expedite and streamline the process.

Speakers

Dr. Larry Gosselin stated that his experience with Environmental Health has been positive, and they are geared towards problem solving. When projects fall outside a projected scope, an immediate review needs to begin, perhaps with a citizen's oversight panel.

Kelly Abreu stated that the County needs more citizen and environmental oversight.

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- Other:

Recommendation from Transportation and Planning Committee: The Environmental Health Department Agency will collaborate with other departments to work on streamlining and improving processes.

V. Cannabis Banking Update – continued to future Transportation & Planning Committee meeting

VI. Report on Activities of the Alameda County Integrated Pest Management Committee

[Attachment](#)

Cathy Roach, Agricultural Commissioner, Community Development Agency, presented a memorandum to report on activities of the Alameda County Integrated Pest Management Committee.

The Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Committee's membership was revised by Board Resolution on May 21, 2019. The IPM Committee held an initial meeting on May 28, 2019 to establish next steps, including draft and adopt by-laws governing committee operations, review IPM policies and practices from other jurisdictions and establish written protocols to evaluate sensitive pest management practices.

The next IPM Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2019, in Alameda, CA.

Supervisor Haggerty suggested that if possible that the meeting be moved to a more central location, such as in Hayward, CA.

Speakers

Isis Feral stated that most agencies are obstacles to pesticide management and the community has expressed concerns about health and ecology. There are safe alternatives to pesticide use.

Mary Sue Meads stated that the issue of pesticide use has been increased by more lawsuits of Roundup, the pesticide use should be suspended until there is a final decision. The County should not change from one poison to another.

Kelly Abreu stated that there is a laboratory and legal perspective in dealing with pesticides. The East Bay Regional Parks District holds meetings on pest management and Mr. Abreu suggested the County attend their meetings or combine the meetings.

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VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Abreu stated that he read definitions from Monterey County defining agriculture, agricultural housing and agricultural processing plants, which includes wineries. Mr. Abreu suggested Alameda County review Monterey County definitions.