SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: TLMA and Planning Department

SUBMITTAL DATE: February 6, 2013

SUBJECT: FAIRSCORE Committee Progress Report

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors receive and file this progress report for the FAIRSCORE process.

BACKGROUND: At its January 8th, 2013 meeting the Board of Supervisors approved the appointment of a committee to participate in the Facilitate Accredited Impartial Required Studies County Entities (FAIRSCORE) process. This committee is tasked with assessing our current environmental review and consultant selection process and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on appropriate changes and enhancements that will make our process more open, transparent, and effective.

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Carolyn Syms Luna		Juan C	. Perez			
Planning Director JCP/dlp		Director of Transportation and Land Management				
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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:		\$ N/A	In Current Year	Budget: N	/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:		\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment: N/A		
	Annual Net County Cost:		\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:		
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A					Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	
					Requires 4/5 Vote	
C.E.O. RECOM	MENDATION:	APP	ROVE	_		

Policy Policy

X

Consent

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Stone, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried by unanimous vote. IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley

Nays:

None

Absent: Date:

None

County Executive Office Signature

February 26, 2013

XC:

TLMA, Planning

Prev. Agn. Ref. 3.59 11/20/12 3.33 01/08/13

District: ALL

Agenda Number:

Kecia Harper-Ihem

Departmental Concurrence

Exec. Ofc.:

Dep't Recomm.:

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The Committee met on January 30, 2013 and is scheduled to have its second meeting on February 27th. These meetings are conducted in accordance with the Brown Act and are open to the public.

The Committee identified the following tasks to focus on:

- Improving transparency by increasing public participation/accessibility through early public outreach and use of electronic media.
- Provide the Board of Supervisors with a report comparing the pros and cons of the current process with models used in other jurisdictions.
- Consider when peer review of environmental documents may be appropriate.
- Review how the County establishes, reviews and utilizes the authorized consultant list.
- Review the standard three party MOU between the County, Consultants, and the Applicant, which establishes communication protocols.
- Consider the appropriateness of penalties or sanctions for violations of the MOU.
- Consider a process for the County to regularly brief consultants on the latest legislative and legal decisions that impact land use.
- Provide broad-level suggestions to the Board of Supervisors on CEQA reform topics for the County to consider pursuing through its legislative agenda.

The Committee anticipates holding another 4 meetings to finalize its work and expects to provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors by the end of May.