



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

LAND USE AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: April 13, 2011

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: FORMATION OF THE RED TAPE REDUCTION TASK FORCE
(DISTRICT: ALL)

SUMMARY:

Overview

On March 2, 2011 (1), the Board of Supervisors directed formation of the Red Tape Reduction Task Force (Task Force). The purpose of the Task Force is to examine the permitting process and identify opportunities for operational improvements that will result in efficiencies in the permit process. The permitting process is regulatory in nature and involves multiple departments within the County. As such, the Task Force will examine the process across various departments. It will be comprised of land use professionals who are experienced in land development. The Task Force will operate independently throughout the year and provide a report with their findings by December 2011. The proposed actions include establishment of the Task Force and appointment of its members.

Recommendation(s)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Adopt the resolution entitled A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors Establishing the Red Tape Reduction Task Force.
2. Direct the Task Force to return to the Board of Supervisors by the end of December 2011 with a report containing recommendations for operational improvements that will result in efficiencies in the land development permit process.

Fiscal Impact

The Task Force will operate independently throughout the year. Staff will be available to provide information and answer questions as requested by the Task Force. Administrative support will also be provided to support the Task Force. Total staff costs will be dependent on the level of staff involvement, including research and analysis, requested by the Task Force.

Business Impact Statement

Streamlining project processing will benefit customers, communities and the County by streamlining timelines while maintaining the goal of safe and livable communities. By continuously working to improve the quality, efficiency and cost effectiveness of

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services, the County will maximize value for taxpayers and increase our ability to provide key services while living within diminishing resources.

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

BACKGROUND:

Processing projects is complicated. For example, the land development process involves multiple County departments, property owners, consultants, community groups, federal and state agencies, water, sewer and fire districts, environmental groups and many other stakeholders. Each of the agencies involved has regulations that applicants must comply with. Depending on the project, there can be many reviews by these groups from the time of a project idea to completion. Project issues can arise with any of the entities involved, resulting in delays to the overall project timeline. In most cases, the County is the lead agency for administering federal and state requirements, along with coordinating regulatory recommendations from planning groups, fire and water districts, etc. In the past two decades the amount and complexity of regulations has increased significantly in all areas.

The County departments involved include Departments of Planning and Land Use, Public Works, Environmental Health, Parks and Recreation, County Counsel, and County Fire Authority. In recent years these departments have worked to improve communication among the County, applicants, stakeholders, other regulatory agencies, and communities. While County departments have implemented many beneficial changes resulting in improved efficiency and effectiveness, the overall process remains challenging for applicants to navigate.

On March 2, 2011 (1), the Board of Supervisors directed the formation of the Red Tape Reduction Task Force (Task Force). The purpose of the Task Force is to examine the processing of projects and identify opportunities for operational improvements that will result in efficiencies in the permit process.

The Task Force will be comprised of land use professionals who are experienced in the permit process. In accordance with Board Policy A-74, the proposed actions include establishment of the Task Force and appointment of its members. Upon formation, the Task Force will determine meeting frequency, a mission statement and specific objectives. They will report to the Board within 30 days to communicate the Task Force's mission and objectives. The Task Force will operate independently throughout the year and provide a report with their findings by December 2011.

The CAO will provide administrative support for the Task Force to assist in functions such as Brown Act compliance, scheduling and note taking. Additional staff from County departments involved in the processing of projects will participate on an as-needed basis.

Environmental Statement

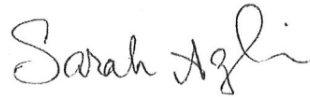
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Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

The County of San Diego Strategic Plan includes required discipline for continuous improvement. The purpose of the Task Force is to identify opportunities for improvements in the processing of projects. By continuously working to improve the quality, efficiency and cost-effectiveness of its services, County staff will maximize value for taxpayers and increase our ability to meet emerging public needs while living within diminishing resources.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Aglassi".

SARAH E. AGHASSI
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment A: A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors Establishing the Red Tape Reduction Task Force

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET |

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED

 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

March 2, 2001 (1) Formation of the Red Tape Reduction Task Force

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

A-74 Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

N/A

**ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION
NUMBER(S):**

N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Department of Planning and Land Use

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): N/A

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