



SAN BENITO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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County Administration Building – Board of Supervisor Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, California

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

JULY 21, 2010

6:00 PM ~ CALL TO ORDER

- ***Pledge of Allegiance***
- ***Roll Noted ~ Commissioners present noted by Clerk***
- ***Planning Department Informational Report***

PUBLIC COMMENT

The San Benito County Planning Commission welcomes you to this meeting and encourages your participation.

- If you wish to speak on a matter which does **NOT** appear on the agenda, you may do so during the Public Comment period at the beginning of the meeting.. Please complete a Speaker Card and provide to the Clerk prior to the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law; no action shall be taken on any item NOT appearing on the Agenda or items that have been continued to a future public hearing date. When addressing the Commission, **please state your name for the record**. Please address the Commission as a whole through the Chair. This open forum period is provided to allow members of the public an opportunity to address the Planning Commission on general issues of land use planning and community development. It is not intended for comments on items on the current agenda, any pending items.
- If you wish to speak on an item contained in the Agenda, please complete a Speaker Card identifying the Item(s) and provide it to the Clerk prior to consideration of the item.
- **Each individual speaker will be limited to a three (3) minute presentation**

CONSENT AGENDA

- These items will be considered as a whole without discussion unless a particular item is requested by a member of the Commission, Staff or the public to be removed from the Consent Agenda. Approval of a consent item means approval of the recommended action as specified in the Staff Report.
- If any member of the public wishes to comment on a Consent Agenda Item please fill out a speaker card present it to the Clerk prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda and request the item be removed and considered separately.

1. Acknowledge Public Meeting Notice
2. Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

PUBLIC MEETING:

3. The County of San Benito has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Panoche Valley Solar Farm project. The purpose of the EIR is to identify the significant effects on the environment of the proposed project, to identify alternatives to the proposed project, and to indicate the manner in which those significant effects can be mitigated or avoided. The Draft EIR is available for public review online at the project website and at the County's website: www.panochesolar.info / www.san-benito.ca.us. The Draft EIR is being circulated for review and comment to the public, agencies, individuals, and interest groups who have requested to be notified. The public comment period for the Draft EIR ends on Monday, August 16, 2010.

The County Planning Commission will receive oral and written comments on the Draft EIR. Responses to the comments will be made in the Final EIR. No decision will be made about the project at this meeting.

The following outline will be followed:

- Introduction and purpose of the Meeting – Interim Director Cathy Woodbury
- Project Overview – Associate Planner Michael Krausie
- Environmental Analysis – Susan Lee, Aspen Environmental Group
- Next Steps - Interim Director Cathy Woodbury
- Public Comment

DISCUSSION:

4. Commissioner Announcements/Reports/Discussions

ADJOURNMENT:

5. Adjourn to August 4, 2010 6:00 P.M.

NOTE: A copy of this Agenda is published on the County's Web site by the Friday preceding each Commission meeting and may be viewed at www.san-benito.ca.us/agendas. All proposed agenda items with supportive documents are available for viewing at the San Benito County Administration Building, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA between the hours of 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays.) This is the same packet that the Planning Commission reviews and discusses at the Commission meeting. The project planner's name and email address has been added at the end of each project description.

As required by Government Code Section 54957.5 any public record distributed to the Planning Commission less than 72 hours prior to this meeting in connection with any agenda item shall be made available for public inspection at the Planning Department, 3224 Southside Road, Hollister, CA 95023. Public records distributed during the meeting will be available for public inspection at the meeting if prepared by the County. If the public record is prepared by some other person and distributed at the meeting it will be made available for public inspection following the meeting at the Planning Department.

APPEAL NOTICE: Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Planning Commission may appeal the decision within ten (10) calendar days to the Board of Supervisors. The notice of appeal must be in writing and shall set forth specifically wherein the Planning Commission's decision was inappropriate or unjustified. Appeal forms are available from the Clerk of the Board at the San Benito County Administration Office, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister and the San Benito County Planning Department, 3224 Southside Road, Hollister.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) the Board of Supervisors meeting facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Clerk of the Board's office at (831) 636-4000 at least 48 hours before the meeting to enable the County to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.