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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Susan Ingalls for Robert Westmeyer - County Counsel
County Counsel
REPORT BY: Susan Ingalls, Paralegal, 259-8152
SUBJECT: Resolution Revising CEQA Procedures

RECOMMENDATION

County Counsel and the Planning Director request adoption of a resolution amending the County's Local Procedures for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as authorized by Section 15022 of the State CEQA Guidelines to allow applicants to contract directly with consultants for preparation of environmental documents.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: General Rule. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable. [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to the County's local CEQA procedures, environmental documents for all private projects require that the consultant be under contract with the County. The proposed resolution will amend the County's local CEQA procedures to provide more flexibility by allowing applicants the option of directly contracting with consultants for preparation of CEQA documents, including Environmental Impact Reports.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

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BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Board adopted Resolution No. 04-206 on December 7, 2004 creating local procedures for administering the County's responsibilities under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to the County's local CEQA procedures, environmental documents for all private projects require that the consultant be under contract with the County. The County now desires to adopt this Resolution amending its local CEQA procedures to provide more flexibility by allowing applicants the option of directly contracting with consultants for preparation of CEQA documents, including Environmental Impact Reports.

County Counsel and the Planning Director recommend the Board adopt the Resolution.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Section 104 (redlined)
- B . Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman