

# **COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA**

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Committee:** LAND USE

**Date:** NOVEMBER 17, 2010

**Location:** RIVERSIDE MARRIOTT, RIVERSIDE

### **Discussion Items (Legible Handwriting Please)**

Agenda Item # 2: Kiana Buss discussed two items. First was a proposal for CEQA exemptions for infill housing projects proposed by Contra Costa County. That county has proposed an exemption to the CEQA Guidelines to extend a current exemption for Cities to Counties. No sponsor has been identified for this change to date. Second was a proposal from Contra Costa County to revise the Subdivision Map Act to extend the use of mitigation fees for "bridges and major thoroughfares" to include walkways, bus turnouts and bikeways. The committee indicated support for both of these proposals although there was no action requested.

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Agenda Item #3: Kiana gave a brief update of the GHG issues and Regional strategies.

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Agenda Item #4: Brian Balbas, Contra Costa County, noted that the California Association of County Planning Directors has scheduled a meeting in February, 2011. He plans on attending and Julie Buren may also attend. One item they will bring up is a joint meeting in the future to discuss mutual interest items.

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Agenda Item #4: Rick Marshall discussed the results of our member survey which was only returned by about 10 counties. We asked for consideration by those present to respond if they had not already done so in order to help the chair and vice chair to prepare future agendas. In discussion, those present provided several helpful suggestions for future meeting topics.

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Agenda Item #5: The committee discussed the proposal brought up at our last meeting in Sacramento concerning creating a seminar on Improvement Plan Checking, perhaps at the November 2011 meeting. Several useful comments were put forth such as making the seminar a webinar, inviting consulting engineers to take part, and not doing it as part of a regular schedule since many of the county staff actively involved in plan checking would probably not be in attendance. Another suggestion was that the League of Cities may have developed something similar. The Chair proposed to discuss the matter with the Board of Directors at their Friday meeting.

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Agenda Item #6: Under the roundtable discussion it was suggested that we discuss the relationship of impact fees to the cost of housing to better understand the implications of such fees on development relative to the need to mitigate impacts and fund certain road improvements.

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Agenda Item #8: The committee adjourned at 5:15 PM.

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### **Action Items**

1. The Chair will discuss the possibility of a seminar or webinar with the Board of Directors and get direction from them on proceeding with such a presentation.

***Report Prepared by: Wes Zicker, Chair, Placer County; Rick Marshall, Vice Chair, Napa County***