

COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee: Land Use Policy

Date: March 25, 2009

Location: Monterey Marriott Hotel, Monterey, CA

Discussion Items

Planning Directors Meeting: Brian Balbas reported on the Planning Directors Meeting to be held in May. He had no specific information other than he expected that meeting to concentrate on Legislative issues. He will have a more complete report after the meeting.

Legislative Report: Kiana Buss reported on several pieces of legislation.

- a. Comments are due to her the week of March 30th on AB 333 the proposed extension of time for tentative maps.
- b. AB 1084 would modify the Mitigation Fee Act.
- c. Meetings have started to implement SB 375 – Climate Change issues

Deferral of Impact Fees: Placer County presented copies of the recently adopted ordinance to defer payment of impact fees from Building Permit issuance to Certificate of Occupancy. Additional discussion included Juan Perez noting that Riverside County was considering forming a Community Facilities District to fund the required fee payments. Rick Marshall noted the statewide SCIP program that has some uses for payment of fees. Henry Hash discussed Tulare County's development of an impact fee. Several members advised Henry that information was available on the CEAC website relative to fees and other offered to provide copies of ordinances to assist.

Retention Basin Survey: Tom Mattson from Humboldt County discussed the recent survey they had conducted on design of storm water retention basins. In general there is a great diversity in the design of these facilities. A report summarizing the results of the survey will be made available to CEAC when it is complete.

Streamlining Development Entitlements: Juan Perez from Riverside County provided copies of their process for streamlining the processing of development plans. The process involves many departments within the County and the BIA. Basics of the improvement included:

- o A Land Development Committee to review processes
- o County Planners acting as Project Managers on their assigned projects
- o Reducing Plan Check times
- o Creating a one stop permit center

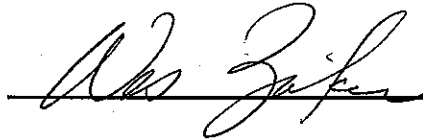
- o A pre-application meeting and fee

Affordable Housing: A brief discussion on this item took place with no clear issues being presented. The concern of providing services to affordable housing while not compromising development standards remains an issue for the committee.

Roundtable Discussion: This discussion centered on "How to ease the pain" of a reduced workload for development processing staff. The major remedy seemed to be to provide engineering services for other agencies. Some counties are already doing this. LA County for example provides many services to other jurisdictions in the county up to a limit of \$100,000 per work task. This is done under either a "Service Request" or a "Special Agreement". In either event the county does not compete with private firms on RFQs or RFPs for other agencies.

Adjournment: The Committee adjourned to the next CEAC Policy Meeting in October and the following CSAC Annual Meeting in November.

Report Prepared by



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