

Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 Long Range Planning Division Work Program (“Work Program”)

Introduction

The purpose of the Work Program is to provide the Montecito Planning Commission, County Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors with an opportunity to receive public input, review current ongoing and new potential projects, and select projects that warrant general fund allocation and staff resources in the upcoming fiscal year. The Work Program provides a framework for consideration and determination of top priority projects, from the many requests for projects that are intended to improve our communities and/or update our Comprehensive Plan. Finally, the Work Program is a public method to track projects which the Planning Commissions, Board of Supervisors, staff, and members of the public have identified for consideration.

Staff presented their recommended Work Program to the Montecito Planning Commission on February 15, 2017, and County Planning Commission on February 22, 2017, and March 8, 2017. During the weeks of April 17, 2017, and June 12, 2017, the Board of Supervisors will consider staff’s recommended Work Program, along with the recommendations and comments that staff received during the preparation of the proposed Work Program. The Board of Supervisors will consider the Work Program as part of its consideration and adoption of the County budget for FY 2017-2018.

Staff’s proposed Work Program is set forth below, along with the recommendations and comments that staff has received to date regarding the proposed Work Program.

Staff-Recommended Required Services, Operations, and On-Going Projects

Table 1 (below) summarizes the required services, operations, and projects with remaining work from the FY 2016-2017 Work Program, to be included in the FY 2017-2018 Work Program. These services, operations, and projects include grant funded projects, state-mandated projects funded by general fund contributions, and on-going projects funded by general fund contributions. Table 1 also provides the estimated full-time equivalent (FTE) staffing levels required to implement the services, operations, and projects. Attachment A sets forth a brief description of each on-going project listed in Table 1.

Staff-Recommended New Projects

In addition to the on-going projects that are listed in Table 1, the Long Range Planning Division could undertake a number of new projects—assuming that existing staff levels are maintained and the Board of Supervisors adopts a final budget for the Planning and Development Department to fund the new projects. Based on the suggestions from a variety of sources, Long Range Planning Division staff is recommending that the Board of Supervisors include the projects listed in Table 2 (below) as part of the FY 2017-2018 Work Program. Attachment A sets forth a brief description of each new project listed in Table 2.

Table 1 –FY 2017-2018 Required Services, Operations, and On-Going Projects

Services and Operations	
Required Services	FTEs
Grant Research and Applications	
Agricultural Preserve Processing and Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee Support	
Regional and Inter-Agency Coordination	
Technical Support to Other Departments	
Legislative Review	
General Plan Consistency Review	
Responsible Agency Review	
Capital Improvement Projects Conformity Review	
General Plan Annual Report	
Local Agency Formation Commission/Santa Barbara County Associate of Governments Review	
Required Services Subtotal =	2.2
Operations	FTEs
Budget Development and Implementation	
Public Information, Referrals, Website, and Outreach	
Staff Meetings and Training	
Evaluation and Performance Reviews	
Division Administration	
Operations Subtotal =	2.5
On-Going Projects	
Comprehensive Plan and Community Plan Projects	FTEs
Airport Land Use Plan Consistency Amendments	0.2
Coastal Resiliency	0.2
Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan Habitat Mapping	0.2
Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan Update	0.1
Energy and Climate Action Plan Implementation	0.5
Gaviota Coast Plan	0.2
Hollister Avenue - State Street Streetscape Improvements	0.2
Housing Element Program 1.16 – Design Residential Zone Modifications	0.1
Montecito Design Guidelines Phase II	0.2
Santa Claus Lane Beach Access and Street Improvements	0.6
Comprehensive Plan and Community Plan Projects Subtotal =	2.5
Ordinance Amendments	FTEs
Advanced Meter (Southern California Gas) Ordinance Amendments	0.1
Agriculture Tiered Permitting Project	0.6
Hoop Structure Ordinance Amendments	0.4
Short Term Rentals Ordinance Amendments	0.3
Ordinance Amendments Subtotal =	1.4
Required Services, Operations, and On-Going Projects Total =	
	8.6

Table 2 – FY 2017-2018 Recommended New Projects

Mandated New Projects	
Circulation Element Update	0.5
Zoning Ordinances Amendments to Implement Housing Density Bills of 2016*	0.4
Mandated New Projects Subtotal =	0.9
Non-Mandated New Projects	
Categorical Exclusion for Agricultural Development in the Coastal Zone	0.6
Eastern Goleta Valley Census Designation	0.1
Marijuana Regulations	0.8
Non-Mandated New Projects Subtotal =	1.5
Recommended New Projects Total =	2.4

*The housing density bills consist of Assembly Bills 1934, 2442, 2501, and 2556 that were signed into law in 2016.

Staff-Recommended Potential New Projects

Table 3 (below) lists potential new projects that the Board of Supervisors could include in: subsequent FY work programs; or the FY 2017-2018 Work Program, provided that the Board of Supervisors adjusts the recommended projects set forth in Tables 1 and 2 (above). The list of new projects is based on suggestions from a variety of sources and projects are not listed in terms of priority.

Table 3 – Staff-Recommended Potential New Projects

General Plan Amendments and Implementation Projects	
Mandated Projects	FTEs
Safety Element: Climate Adaptation and Resiliency*	1.0
Environmental Justice Element**	1.0
Mandated Projects Subtotal =	2.0
Non-Mandated Projects	FTEs
Economic Development Element	1.0
Noise Element Update	1.3
Land Use Element Update	3.0
Open Space Element Update	2.7
Groundwater Policy Updates/Consistency Amendments	1.0
Climate Adaptation (Inland County)	1.0
Safety Element Update	0.5
Public Health Element/Public Health Policies	1.0
Los Alamos In-Lieu Parking Program	0.7
Santa Ynez and Los Olivos Parking/Circulation Plan	0.4
Non-Mandated Projects Subtotal =	12.6
Ordinance Amendments	
Sign Ordinance	0.5
Outdoor Lighting Ordinance	0.5
Ordinance Amendments Subtotal =	1.0
Total Potential New Projects =	15.6

*Pursuant to Government Code § 65302(g)(4), Santa Barbara County must update the Safety Element to address climate adaptation and resiliency strategies, upon the next revision of the local hazard mitigation plan.

**Pursuant to Government Code § 65302(h), Santa Barbara County must adopt an environmental justice element when it amends two or more general plan elements concurrently, on or after January 1, 2018.

County Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations for the Work Program

After receiving a staff report and public testimony on the Work Program at its February 22, 2017, and March 8, 2017, hearings, the County Planning Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the staff-recommended Work Program, subject to the following considerations:

- Consider as part of the Circulation Element Update project, a new public road connection at the east side of the Union Valley Parkway and U.S. 101 interchange.
- Add the development of a Lompoc Valley community plan to the list of potential new projects.
- The Board of Supervisors should prioritize the Outdoor Lighting Ordinance project, and consider adding it to the FY 2017-2018 Work Program.
- The Board of Supervisors should consider adding a new project to the Work Program that involves rezoning lands with a Shopping Center (SC) zoning designation to a commercial zoning designation.

Speakers at the February 22, 2017, and March 8, 2017, County Planning Commission hearings, as well as individuals who submitted comment letters for the County Planning Commission's consideration, requested the following:

- The Board of Supervisors should consider adding a new project that involves the development of a community plan for Cuyama.
- The Board of Supervisors should consider expanding the incentive dwelling unit program that is set forth in the Gaviota Coast Plan, and add it as a project to the Work Program.
- The Board of Supervisors should add the Montecito Tree Protection Ordinance project to the Work Program.
- The Board of Supervisors should consider adding a project to the Work Program that involves a carrying capacity study for the Gaviota Coast.
- The Board of Supervisors should consider adding a new project to the Work Program that involves rezoning lands with a Shopping Center (SC) zoning designation to a commercial zoning designation that allows parking lots as a principal use of property.
- One speaker stated that the speaker supported the Agricultural Advisory Committee's recommendations (stated below), and also encouraged the Board of Supervisors to support projects that involve alternative uses of agricultural lands (e.g., agritourism).

Montecito Planning Commission Hearing and Recommendations for the Work Program

After receiving a staff report and public testimony on the Work Program at its February 15, 2017, hearing, the Montecito Planning Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the staff-recommended Work Program, subject to the following considerations:

- The Board of Supervisors should prioritize macro issues (e.g., water) over micro issues (e.g., a parking study), when considering the projects that should be included in the Work Program.
- The Montecito Historic Resources Ordinance and Montecito Tree Protection Standards projects should be added to the list of potential future projects of the Work Program.
- If the remaining work on the Montecito Design Guidelines Phase II project is not completed by the end of FY 2016-2017, the Board of Supervisors should allocate the necessary funds to complete this project in FY 2017-2018.
- The Board of Supervisors should consider adding a project to the Work Program that involves a carrying capacity study for the County.

Speakers at the February 15, 2017, Montecito Planning Commission hearing, as well as individuals who submitted comment letters for the Montecito Planning Commission's consideration, also requested the Board of Supervisors to add the Montecito Tree Protection Standards project to the Work Program, and prioritize completion of the Montecito Design Guidelines Phase II project if staff does not complete it in FY 2016-2017.

Agricultural Advisory Committee's Recommendations for the Work Program

At its meeting on March 1, 2017, the Agricultural Advisory Committee considered the staff-recommended Work Program, and encouraged the County Planning Commission to recommend that the Board of Supervisors include the following projects in the Work Program:

- Categorical Exclusions for agricultural development in the Coastal Zone
- ordinance amendments to allow second residential units on Agricultural II (AG-II)-designated lands
- a streamlined permit process for farmworker housing

Attachment A – Long Range Planning Division Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 Work Program Project Descriptions

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I. On-Going Projects

Table 1 in the Work Program document lists the on-going Long Range Planning Division projects from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 work program that staff is recommending to be included in the FY 2017-2018 work program. The following provides a brief description of each recommended, on-going project.

A. Comprehensive Plan and Community Plan Projects

1. Airport Land Use Plan Consistency Amendments

The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) is preparing comprehensive amendments to the Airport Land Use Plan (ALUP). SBCAG's update of the ALUP will include revised information for the six airports in Santa Barbara County, including Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Lompoc, Santa Ynez, and New Cuyama Airports, as well as Vandenberg Air Force Base. Updated information will reflect four major plan areas, including noise, safety, airspace protection, and overflight with specific land use compatibility criteria. SBCAG will serve as the lead agency for environmental review of the ALUP, which will be utilized by the County for CEQA compliance of the Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Government Code §§ 65302.3(a) and -(b) require: (1) the ALUP to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan; and (2) within 180 days (6 months) of adoption by SBCAG of the ALUP, the county to amend the Comprehensive Plan to achieve consistency with the ALUP. This project would amend the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use and Development Code to achieve consistency with the ALUP.

Project initiation is contingent upon SBCAG's completion of environmental review, which could occur in either FY 2017-2018 or FY 2018-2019 depending on the type of environmental document that is required for the project.

2. Coastal Resiliency

This grant-funded project involves collaboration with the University of California, Santa Barbara and the cities of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, and Goleta to model sea level rise and potential associated hazards from coastal erosion and coastal flooding. Staff used the modeling results to develop a Coastal Hazard Vulnerability Assessment, and is currently using the modeling results and Coastal Hazard Vulnerability Assessment to develop policies and programs that mitigate impacts from coastal hazards. Staff provided draft Local Coastal Program policies to Coastal Commission staff for review. Depending (in part) on Coastal Commission staff's feedback on the draft Local Coastal Program policies, staff intends to complete the tasks (e.g., public outreach and Planning

Commissions hearings) in order to present the Coastal Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and policies and programs to the Board of Supervisors for consideration during FY 2017-2018.

3. Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan (EGVCP) Habitat Mapping

The EGVCP Focused Environmentally Sensitive Habitat/Resource Conservation (ESH/RC) Overlay Mapping project will update the ESH/RC Overlay Map within the Rural Area of the EGVCP plan area. The project would implement, in part, Action ECO-EGV-5A, adopted as part of the EGVCP on October 20, 2015, which states: "...maps of ESH/RC overlay areas shall be studied and updated to reflect the current extent of known biological resources/habitat areas..."

The maps will show chaparral habitats and Environmentally Sensitive Habitats based on existing inventories, 2015 aerial photography, and limited fieldwork. The 2015 aerial photography will be used to refine the boundaries of existing mapped habitats. Field work will be limited to validating mapping updates. The updated map will provide an enhanced tool for the implementation and enforcement of the new ESH policies, development standards, and ESH/RC Overlay regulations adopted as part of the EGVCP.

A consultant will prepare the maps in Spring 2017. Staff will conduct community outreach in Summer 2017 and present the maps to decision-makers during FY 2017-2018.

4. EGVCP Update

On October 20, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted the EGVCP, which updated and expanded the 1993 Goleta Community Plan for Eastern Goleta Valley. The EGVCP is in effect in the inland area but will not go into effect in the Coastal Zone until the California Coastal Commission certifies the portion of the EGVCP that applies to the Coastal Zone. On December 22, 2015, the County submitted the EGVCP and related Coastal Zoning Ordinance amendments to California Coastal Commission staff. On May 5, 2016, California Coastal Commission staff determined that the County's submittal to be legally adequate. California Coastal Commission staff expects that the California Coastal Commission will consider the plan and zoning ordinance amendments in June 2017. The remaining work effort for this project will involve: (1) litigation support to County Counsel; and (2) coordination with Coastal Commission staff with regard to the certification of the plan, and presenting any Coastal Commission-recommended modifications to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

5. Energy and Climate Action Plan (ECAP) Implementation

In June 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted the County's Energy and Climate Action Plan (ECAP) and appropriated funds to the Community Services Department, Planning and Development Department, and other county departments, to implement the plan. The

ECAP includes a baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory, a forecast of emissions to 2020 and 2035, a GHG reduction target of 15 percent below baseline emissions by 2020, a set of nearly 50 emission reduction measures designed to meet the reduction target, and a methodology for tracking and reporting emissions.

Long Range Planning Division staff will retain a consultant to conduct an emissions inventory in 2017, in order to complete an update to the ECAP by no later than 2018, pursuant to current ECAP requirements (ECAP, § 6-2).

6. Gaviota Coast Plan

The Board of Supervisors adopted the Gaviota Coast Plan on November 8, 2016. The Gaviota Coast Plan sets forth land use policies for the Gaviota Coast that reflect community values, trends, and conditions, and are intended to protect Gaviota's unique characteristics and rural integrity. The plan addresses a number of unique land use issues involving agricultural stewardship and sustainability, biological resources, design standards, public access, and scenic resources. In December 2016, Long Range Planning Division staff submitted the plan to Coastal Commission staff to begin the Coastal Commission certification process.

The remaining work effort for this project will involve: (1) providing litigation support to County Counsel; and (2) coordination with Coastal Commission staff with regard to the certification of the plan, and presenting any Coastal Commission-recommended modifications to the plan to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

7. Hollister Avenue – State Street Streetscape Improvements

The Long Range Planning Division and the Public Works Department are working together to improve the public roadway and streetscape on Hollister Avenue – State Street between San Antonio Road to the west and State Route 154 to the east. This project implements several objectives in the EGVCP, which aim to revitalize this commercial area with mixed-use zoning and a “complete streets” design. The Public Works Department is responsible for designing roadway and circulation improvements for this busy and important “gateway” corridor between the city of Santa Barbara and Eastern Goleta Valley. It will release a draft environmental impact report for the proposed improvements in 2018.

The Long Range Planning Division is responsible for producing a streetscape improvements plan addressing lighting, seating, landscaping, transit structures, bike racks, public art, signage, hardscape, and other public streetscape improvements. The Long Range Planning Division has developed draft design concepts and standards, in close coordination with the Public Works Department. It expects to present conceptual plans to the public in Spring 2017 and present a formal streetscape improvements plan to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in Summer/Fall 2017.

8. Housing Element Program 1.16 -- Design Residential Zone Modifications

The 2015-2023 Housing Element Update contains 37 programs with separate timeframes to help meet the housing goals and needs of the unincorporated county. Program 1.16 is designed to create incentives for new affordable, special needs, and senior housing. In 2016, staff completed stakeholder outreach, prepared draft ordinance amendments, and presented the draft ordinance amendments to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors adopted the ordinance amendments in September 2016.

In December 2016, the County submitted the amendments to Coastal Commission staff. The remaining work effort for this project will involve coordination with Coastal Commission staff with regard to the certification of the amendments, and presenting any Coastal Commission-recommended modifications to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

9. Montecito Architectural Guidelines and Development Standards Limited Update, Phase II

This project will address community concerns regarding detached accessory structures within Montecito. Specifically, staff is investigating the need for further guidelines to limit the size and number of detached accessory structures on residential properties. Staff began initial research and data collection in 2016. Staff also prepared a community outreach program and regulatory options. Staff anticipates presenting proposed recommendations and guidelines to the Montecito Board of Architectural Review, Montecito Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors in Summer 2017. Assuming that the Board of Supervisors approves amendments to the guidelines, the amendments will be presented to Coastal Commission staff for certification.

10. Santa Claus Lane Beach Access and Street Improvements

This multi-year project consists of master planning for streetscape improvements, beach access, and public parking for an approximately one-half mile segment of frontage road and beach located between Summerland and Carpinteria (Santa Claus Lane). The project includes an at-grade pedestrian rail crossing to provide safe access to Padaro Beach, one of the County's most popular beaches. The Planning and Development Department is responsible for preliminary streetscape improvement plans, environmental review, and permitting. The Public Works Department is responsible for preparing construction plans. The project enjoys broad support from local businesspersons, residents, and beachgoers.

In 2017, the Long Range Planning Division will: continue public outreach; complete environmental review for streetscape improvements; and process a Coastal Development Permit for the rail crossing and streetscape improvements. These activities will be based on the Public Works Department's 65 percent construction plans for streetscape

improvements, which the Public Works Department intends to complete in early 2017.

B. Ordinance Amendments

1. Advanced Meter [Southern California Gas (SCG)] Ordinance Amendments

The Santa Barbara County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) regulates how the county permits telecommunication facilities. SCG is proposing to install new facilities which qualify as telecommunications facilities, in support of its Advanced Metering Program. Rather than apply for permits, SCG is seeking approval of an ordinance amendment to the Santa Barbara County LUDC and Montecito LUDC to exempt the SCG facilities from any discretionary permit requirement. Using SCG funds, the County has hired a consultant to draft the amendment and prepare the environmental documents for this project, pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As of December 2016, staff was working with SCG and the consultant to develop the project description and assess existing environmental conditions. In January 2016, SCG requested the consultant and staff to cease processing this project until further notice from SCG; however, SCG did not formally withdraw SCG's application and this project will be included in the Long Range Planning Division FY 2017-2018 Work Program to complete the remaining work on the project.

2. Agriculture Tiered Permitting Project (formerly known as “Agricultural Permit Streamlining Project” in the FY 2016-2017 Work Program)

This project involves the development of zoning ordinance amendments to create a revised zoning permit structure for certain agricultural uses and allow compatible new uses which support and encourage the continuation of local agricultural operations on agricultural lands. The agricultural tiered permit structure may identify certain agricultural development that will be exempt from permitting requirements, and may allow landowners to develop small-scale uses with an over-the-counter or other type of staff-issued permit. The project will evaluate agricultural tiered permit concepts developed as part of the draft Gaviota Coast Plan and consider their appropriateness countywide.

Long Range Planning Division staff will: begin public outreach in Spring 2017; conduct environmental review and decision-maker hearings in FY 2017-2018; and complete the Coastal Commission certification process in FY 2018-2019.

3. Hoop Structures Ordinance Amendments

On February 9, 2016, the Board of Supervisors considered options to exempt hoop structures from building code and zoning ordinance permitting requirements. The Board of Supervisors directed staff to return to the Board of Supervisors with building code amendments and consider/include corresponding zoning ordinance amendments in the Annual Work Program. On April 19, 2016, the Board of Supervisors adopted

amendments to the Building Code to increase the maximum allowable height of hoop structures from 12 feet to 20 feet. This project involves the development of the corresponding zoning ordinance amendments to expressly allow hoop structures up to 20 feet, as well.

Long Range Planning Division staff will begin public outreach in Spring 2017, and conduct environmental review and decision-maker hearings in FY 2017-2018.

4. Short Term Rentals (STRs) Ordinance Amendments

In Summer 2015, the Board of Supervisors directed Planning and Development Department staff to develop new zoning ordinance regulations concerning the use of STRs.

On December 6, 2016, Long Range Planning Division staff presented the Planning Commissions' recommended ordinance amendments to the Board of Supervisors and, in response, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to return to the Board of Supervisors with additional information in 2017. Staff intends to present the information to the Board in May 2017, at which time staff will likely receive further direction from the Board of Supervisors regarding the scope of the project and remaining work effort. Although it is unclear at this time specifically what additional work effort will be involved, staff anticipates additional work will occur in FY 2017-2018 involving the development of regulatory options for the Board of Supervisors' consideration.

II. Recommended New Projects

Table 2 of the Work Program document lists staff's recommended new projects to be included in the FY 2017-2018 work program. The following provides a brief description of each recommended, new project.

A. Mandated New Projects

1. Circulation Element Update

This project involves a comprehensive update to the Circulation Element (i.e., one of the seven state-mandated Comprehensive Plan elements, which was adopted in 1980). The update will involve: a thorough review of current state law; updating the Circulation Element with regard to current traffic information and roadway requirements; and integrating new state requirements into the Circulation Element which seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles, facilitate multi-modal transportation, and create complete streets to reduce reliance on the automobile as the primary form of transportation. Another component of this project involves the development of environmental thresholds to address vehicle miles traveled (VMT), contingent on the Office of Planning and Research's completion of the rulemaking procedures for new VMT environmental thresholds that will be included in the State CEQA Guidelines.

Long Range Planning Division staff intends to conduct the initial research, scoping meetings, and public outreach, as well as commence with environmental review, for this project during FY 2017-2018, and complete the environmental review, decision-maker hearings, and Coastal Commission certification process in FY 2018-2019.

2. Zoning Ordinances Amendments to Implement Housing Density Bills of 2016

During the 2016 legislative session, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bills (AB) 1934, 2442, 2501, and 2556,¹ which became effective on January 1, 2017. These laws create new incentives and specific procedural requirements for the creation of affordable housing for very low and low income households, senior citizens, transitional foster youth, disabled veterans, and homeless persons. These laws allow up to 35% higher density and other development incentives (e.g., reductions in parking requirements and increases in maximum floor area ratio regulations) for projects that include a certain minimum amount of housing for these target populations. These laws also relax certain procedural requirements and change the findings of approval for certain affordable housing projects that provide a minimum amount affordable housing.

Although these laws are currently in effect, the Santa Barbara County zoning ordinances predate and do not reflect the requirements of these laws. Long Range Planning Division staff is proposing to amend the zoning ordinances to be consistent with these laws, in order to provide greater clarity regarding the regulations that apply to affordable housing projects.

B. Non-Mandated New Projects

1. Categorical Exclusion for Agricultural Development in the Coastal Zone

During the development of the Gaviota Coast Plan, a number of property owners expressed interest in pursuing a Categorical Exclusion from the Coastal Commission, in order to remove the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit for certain agricultural development. As a result, the Gaviota Coast Plan included Action AG-7 (Categorical Exclusion) which states that the county should pursue such a Categorical Exclusion.

Consistent with Action AG-7, the Long Range Planning Division will work with stakeholders to develop an application for a Categorical Exclusion for certain agricultural development. Staff would research the appropriateness of a Categorical Exclusion that would apply not only to agricultural development located along the Gaviota Coast, but throughout the Coastal Zone, as well. This project would involve research, outreach,

¹ AB 1934, 2442, 2501, and 2556 of the 2016 legislative session are codified in Government Code §§ 65915.7, 65915(b)(1)(E), 65915(f)(3)(B), 65915(a)(2), 65915(a)(3), 65915(k), 65915(q), and 65915(c)(3)(B) et seq.

environmental review, and decision-maker hearings during FY 2017-2018, followed by Coastal Commission certification tasks in FY 2018-2019. Although the two projects are distinct, there are a number of similarities between this project and the Agricultural Tiered Permitting Project (described above). Staff would explore methods to consolidate the work efforts of these two projects, to the extent possible.

2. Eastern Goleta Valley Census Designation

This project involves the preparation of an application to designate Eastern Goleta Valley as a Census Designated Place prior to the next decennial census. Census Designated Place's are concentrations of population that the United States Census Bureau identifies for statistical purposes. They are delineated for each decennial census as the statistical counterparts of incorporated places. Establishing and revising these boundaries can occur during each census cycle. A key benefit of the designation is that the Census Bureau would collect survey data specific to the area, including detailed population data, economic statistics of businesses, and population commuting data that can be used for planning purposes (e.g., Housing Element updates).

This project would involve the preparation and submittal of the Census Designated Place application to the U.S. Census Bureau prior to the initiation of the 2020 Census, followed by the creation of a sign program to identify the Eastern Goleta Valley after formal designation.

3. Marijuana Regulations

The adoption of Proposition 64 in November 2016 legalized the cultivation, distribution, sale, and use of recreational marijuana. In 2018, the state will initiate a licensing program for the commercial cultivation and sales of recreational marijuana. Furthermore, county staff has received a number of complaints and expended substantial time enforcing the current regulations that apply to the cultivation of medical marijuana—particularly with regard to land use incompatibilities (e.g., odor complaints). Currently, medical marijuana dispensaries are prohibited, cultivation for personal use is permissible (under certain conditions), and cultivation for non-personal use is allowed only at sites that existed legally as of January 19, 2016. Also, currently the cultivation of recreational marijuana is restricted to personal use only (under certain conditions); commercial cultivation and dispensaries of recreational marijuana are prohibited.

On February 14, 2017, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to (1) create a registry of those who currently operate, and those who are considering operating, marijuana-related activities within the unincorporated areas of the county; (2) draft an urgency ordinance to prohibit recreational-related marijuana activities during the time the county develops new recreational-related marijuana regulations; and (3) work with an ad hoc advisory committee consisting (in part) of Supervisors Lavagnino and Williams, to draft a permanent ordinance to regulate recreational-related marijuana activities. This project

will involve the development of the urgency ordinance and permanent ordinance regarding recreational-related marijuana regulations.