

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, June 7, 2021
9:30 a.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair
Supervisor David Haubert

Location: Board of Supervisors Chamber – 5th Floor
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Update on Floor Area Ratio (FAR) as it pertains to Agricultural Buildings from Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) – Informational item

Chuck Moore, Chair, Agricultural Advisory Committee gave a brief oral update on the Agricultural Committees' activities including the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) as it pertains to Agricultural Buildings.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee with the assistance of Bruce Jensen have formed a subcommittee on solar activity. The solar subcommittee is developing a matrix of recommendations for the County, and it should be completed by June 25, 2021.

The Measure D subcommittee has discussed a ballot measure to settle the Floor Area Ratio and would like the County to consider developing a definition for “agricultural building”. The subcommittee discussed that there may be no need for a ballot measure if a definition can be agreed upon.

Mr. Moore will meet with Albert Lopez, Liz McElligott in the Planning Department and a member of County Counsel to discuss how to move forward.

Speakers

Dick Schneider supports square footage instead of floor area ratio for covered arenas.

Kelly Abreu commented on solar panels, and agricultural buildings.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education**
- Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. Update on Implementation of SB 1383 – The Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Reduction Act [Attachment](#)

Liz McElligott, Assistant Agency Director, Community Development Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Implementation of SB 1383 – The Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Reduction Act.

SB 1383, signed by Governor Jerry Brown in 2016, requires the state to reduce the disposal of organic waste, including food waste, green waste, and paper products, by 75 percent by 2025. This amounts to reducing organic waste disposal statewide by more than 20 million tons annually by 2025.

To implement SB 1383, the Community Development Agency, Planning Department has been given responsibility for providing organics collection services to all residents and businesses in the unincorporated area outside of the service area boundaries of the Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) and Oro Loma Sanitary District (OLSD).

Ron Browder presented a PowerPoint presentation on Impacts of SB 1383 to the Environmental Health Department.

Implementation of SB 1383 involves the Department's Retail Food Safety and the Solid Waste programs and staffing levels not currently adequate for additional responsibilities. SB 1383 also requires the development of an edible food recovery program.

Karen Cook, General Services Agency, presented a report on the implementation of SB 1383 as it relates to the General Services Agency.

The General Services Agency Office of Sustainability is taking the lead on coordinating the implementation of Article 12 of the regulations: Procurement of recovered organic waste product.

The Agency must procure a target amount of recovered organic waste products: compost, mulch, renewable gas, or biomass. In addition, the agency must procure recycled content paper: office paper and supplies, janitorial paper, printing paper and other goods.

Kathleen Pacheco, County Counsel was available for questions and clarifications.

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III. Planning Department Permit Issuance Process

[Attachment](#)

Albert Lopez, Director, Planning Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Planning Department Permit Issuance process.

Planning serves as point of entry for new development applications, a hub for other involved departments. The Department consists of three separate divisions: Current Planning (projects), Policy Planning (plans and policy) and Code Enforcement.

Planning Department will continue to provide development review services to the Unincorporated community, with a strong push towards creating a virtual project review process (portal) that can improve timelines and customer service and provide more direct access to various departments.

Speakers

Ken Carbone and Kelly Abreu made public comments about the permit issuance process.

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- Other:

IV. Fire Plan Review Services Overview

[Attachment](#)

Chief William McDonald, Alameda County Fire Department and Bonnie Terra, Fire Marshal, Alameda County Fire Department presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Fire Plan Review Services.

Process

Response targets: respond to applicant inquiries and schedule site visits within 48 hours

Plan checks: provide first review within 10 days; resubmittals within 5 days

Currently responding within 1.5 business days

Plan checks for other county agencies (i.e., Building, Planning, Grading) to Fire Building: reviews routed electronically (via Mainstar)

Planning: documents routed electronically (via e-mail CountyFPplanchecks@acgov.org)

Grading: hard copy plans routed via County Messenger

Fire system plans and state agency review (DSA)

Applicant submits plans directly to County Fire Prevention Electronically via e-mail, mail and in person

The County Fire Department website is updated regularly to provide County specific plan submittal information.

Purpose:

Report progress

Advocacy or Education

Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation

Other:

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V. Environmental Health Permit Issuance Process – *continued to July 6, 2021*

[Attachment](#)

VI. Cannabis Operator Permit Application Status Update – *continued to July 6, 2021*

Planning Department, Community Development Agency

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.