



City of Santa Barbara California

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO INTERESTED PARTIES AND AFFECTED APPLICANTS

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015
1:00 P.M.* (SEE NOTE BELOW)
CITY HALL – 735 ANACAPA STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL DROUGHT-RELATED DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS

The City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan states that the City Council should consider regulations of water use and suspension of permit approvals during Stage Two and Stage Three Drought Conditions. The City is currently in a Stage Two Drought Condition, with some water use regulations in effect that restrict how water can be used during the drought.

A Staff team has been considering possible development restrictions in order to appropriately manage a critical water shortage while balancing possible effects on the local economy. These restrictions, as well as additional water use regulations, could be implemented by City Council as part of a phased approach. The first phase could include a voluntary landscape deferral program, so that anyone interested in deferring landscape installation could do so, but it would not be mandatory. The next phase could include mandatory landscape deferral, suspension of building permits for new pools, and suspension of building permits for projects that result in net new water use (generally, an increase in number of units or commercial floor area). These actions could be implemented as part of a Stage Three Drought declaration, or could be further phased, depending on the drought condition at that time.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow the Planning Commission and the public an opportunity to review the proposed development restrictions and provide Staff and the City Council with feedback. A staff report outlining the proposed restrictions will be available for review beginning February 5, 2015 at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC. **No formal action will be taken at this hearing.**

You are invited to attend this hearing. If you have any questions or suggestions about possible development restrictions due to the drought, please contact us at LDTDrought@SantaBarbaraCA.gov, or at (805) 564-5470, ext. 4552. Input from the community is welcomed at any time.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need auxiliary aids or services or staff assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact the City Administrator's Office at (805) 564-5305. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will usually enable the City to make reasonable arrangements. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead time to arrange.

*** NOTE:** On Thursday, February 5, 2015, an Agenda with all items to be heard on Thursday, February 12, 2015, will be available at 630 Garden Street. **AGENDAS, MINUTES and REPORTS:** Copies of all documents relating to agenda items are available for review at 630 Garden St. and posted online at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC. Please note that online Staff Reports may not include some exhibits. **Agenda items are subject to change.** It is recommended that applicants and interested parties plan to arrive for the meeting at 1:00 p.m. However, for longer agendas, all parties are encouraged to monitor Channel 18 and when the item prior to the application of interest begins come to the Commission hearing. Continuances will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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