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**PLANNING COMMISSION
AGENDA**

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

Website: www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov

NOTICES:

- A. This regular meeting of the Planning Commission can be viewed live on City TV-18, or on your computer at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV. You can also click on www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTVProgamGuide for a rebroadcast schedule. An archived video copy of this meeting will be viewable, on computers with high speed internet access, the next business day at <http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PCVideos>.
- B. **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.
- C. This agenda schedule is subject to change. It is recommended that applicants and interested persons plan to arrive 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.
- D. The scope of a project may be modified as it proceeds through the planning process. If you have any questions, wish to review the plans, or wish to be placed on a mailing list for future agendas for an item, please contact the Case Planner as listed in the project description. Our office hours are 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday. Please check our website under City Calendar to verify closure dates.

- E. AGENDAS, MINUTES and REPORTS: Copies of all documents relating to agenda items are available for review at 630 Garden St. and agendas and reports are posted online at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC. Please note that online Staff Reports may not include some exhibits. Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Planning Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the Community Development Department located at 630 Garden St., during normal business hours.

I. ROLL CALL

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

- A. Requests for continuances, withdrawals, postponements, or addition of ex-agenda items.
- B. Announcements and appeals.
- C. Comments from members of the public pertaining to items not on this agenda.
[Due to time constraints, each person is limited to two (2) minutes.]

III. RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL:

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.**

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IV. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA:

- A. Committee and Liaison Reports
 - 1. Staff Hearing Officer Liaison Report
 - 2. Other Committee and Liaison Reports

V. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING PROCEDURES

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE: You are welcome to attend this hearing. The public is invited to speak on any item on the Planning Commission Agenda. After receiving recognition from the Chair, please approach the podium and speak into the microphone. State your name and purpose for appearing. Your name and comments will be entered into the public record.

The order of presentation after the Chair introduces the item is as follows:

1. Presentation by Staff (15 minutes)*.
2. Presentation by Applicant (15 minutes)*.
3. Public Hearing*.
4. Additional response by Applicant/Staff (5 minutes each)*.
5. Questions and comments by the commission.
6. Commission consideration of Findings and Conditions of Approval.
7. Motion, discussion of motion, decision, and vote by the Commission.

***Time may be extended or limited by the Chair of the Planning Commission.**

Items that generate a large amount of citizen interest may be taken out of their scheduled order on the agenda as a courtesy to the public in attendance. Where there are a large number of people wishing to speak on an item, the Chairman may limit time allotted to each speaker.

WRITTEN COMMENT PROCEDURE: Written comments are welcome and will be entered into the public record. Written information should be submitted prior to the meeting at the Planning Division Office, 630 Garden St; by mail attention Planning Commission Secretary, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990; or by email at PCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov, and received no later than 4:30 P.M. on the Monday before the Planning Commission hearing. Please submit 12 copies of any written materials over 2 pages. Written comments are accepted at and up to the time of the hearing; however, the Planning Commission may not have time to consider materials submitted after the Monday deadline.

It is not possible to determine the precise time an item will be heard. The Planning Commission sessions are broadcast live on the Government Access Television Channel 18. Monitoring will assist in determining when the item will come up. Any continued items are announced at the beginning of the meeting and repeated throughout the meeting by the Chair.

APPEALS AND SUSPENSIONS: Many of the items before the Commission may be appealed to the City Council. For further information on appeals, contact the Planning Division Staff or the City Clerk's Office.

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