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SUBJECT: Dissolution of the Technical Advisory Committee

On October 18, 2022, the Lassen County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance Number 2022-12 (attached). Said ordinance will become effective on November 18, 2022. Amongst other actions, said ordinance eliminates the Technical Advisory Committees (TAC), designated in Lassen County Code Chapters 9.60 (Surface Mining and Reclamation Plan Regulations), Chapter 18.112 (Use Permits), and Title 16 (Subdivisions).

In part, said ordinance was adopted because, with Environmental Health and the Surveyor's Office now being part of the Planning and Building Services Department, a majority of the TAC members are all in one Department. The Brown Act prohibits discussion between a quorum of a body's members outside of an agendized meeting. Since Planning, the Surveyor's Office, and Environmental Health constitute a quorum of the members of the Title 16 TAC, this makes internal discussion of projects in compliance with the Brown Act difficult. As such, it was recognized that changes were required. While the above ordinance eliminates TAC, the need for consultation on future projects with current members of the TAC will still be required.

Under the previous ordinance, the TAC made recommendations to the Planning Commission for use permits, parcel maps, subdivisions, and other discretionary projects. Under the current ordinance, the Planning and Building Services Department will compile comments and recommended conditions for the functions that fall under the Department (i.e. Planning, Building, Surveyor, and Environmental Health) and seek comment from others (i.e. Public Works, Fire Warden, and Assessor) prior to presentation to the Planning Commission.

Projects that were previously approved by the TAC (i.e. lot line adjustments, conditional certificates of compliance, notices of violation, etc.) will now be considered by the Director of the Planning and Building Services Department. The Planning and Building Services Department will compile comments for the functions that fall under the Department (i.e. Planning, Building, Surveyor, and Environmental Health) and seek comment from others (i.e. Public Works, Fire Warden, and Assessor) prior to presentation of projects to the Director. The Planning Commission is established as the appeal body for determinations made by the Director of the Planning and Building Services Department.

Review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is not affected by the above ordinance since the TAC was not formally part of the CEQA process. Pertinent projects will continue to be referred to appropriate agencies (which include previous TAC members, as well as other agencies) for comment, prior to the Planning Commission's consideration of said projects. Please see the Lassen County Environmental Review Guidelines (adopted by Board Resolution 01-043) for further information regarding this process.

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