

MONTEREY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting: April 30, 2008 Time: 10:30 a.m.	Agenda Item No.: 5
Project Description: Review Monterey County Planning Commission Rules for the Transaction of Business and Chapter 2.48 (Planning Commission) of the Monterey County Code, discuss potential modifications at a public hearing, and provide direction to staff to return modifications for consideration at a subsequent public hearing.	
Project Location: Countywide	APN: n/a
Planning File Number: PD070880	Name: County
Plan Area: Countywide	Flagged and staked: n/a
Zoning Designation: : n/a	
CEQA Action: n/a	
Department: RMA - Planning Department	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission hold a public hearing to:

- a. review the Monterey County Planning Commission Rules for the Transaction of Business (Rules) and Chapter 2.48 (Planning Commission) of the Monterey County Code,
- b. discuss potential modifications to the Rules, and
- c. provide direction to staff to return with draft modifications for consideration at a subsequent public hearing.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The County has an established set of rules by which the Planning Commission operates (Exhibit A). The Rules were last modified in December, 2003, adding Rule 10.2. According to Rule 13, the Commission is directed to review these rules annually. This Rule discusses also reviewing any adopted policies. Staff is not aware of any policies associated with these Rules.

In reviewing the rules, it is clear that we need to update the rules to reflect the Resource Management Agency and the separation of the Planning and Building Departments. The Planning Commission recently asked staff to bring back criteria for the calling of a Special Meeting. Rule 6 can be amended to include these criteria, if adopted by the Planning Commission.

In addition to the Rules, we have attached the section of County Code relating to the Planning Commission (Exhibit B). These sections of the County Code also need to be updated to reflect present day practices and terminology. A discussion of these sections and direction to staff is needed to adequately update the Rules and Chapter 2.48.

