



Initial Study Assessment Guidelines Update

Since September of 2008, the County of Ventura has been in the process of comprehensively updating its Initial Study Assessment Guidelines (Guidelines). The Guidelines provide the threshold criteria and methodology for evaluating whether or not a project (individually or cumulatively with other projects) could have a significant effect on the environment.

On July 27, 2010 the Board of Supervisors approved the staff recommended revisions to the Guidelines, with the exception of the changes proposed to Section 4 - Biological Resources. The Board of Supervisors directed staff to conduct additional public outreach and discussion with affected parties regarding the proposed changes to Section 4 - Biological Resources, and to return to the Board for further consideration.

On March 1, 2011 the Board of Supervisors considered the revised Guidelines for Biological Resources and decided to continue the hearing to **April 26, 2011 at 12:30 pm**. The Board directed staff to continue public outreach until the next hearing, with emphasis on the thresholds of significance for Locally Important Species.

The Planning Division will be holding four meetings on the Guidelines throughout March. At three of these meetings staff will be available to answer questions and hear comments from individuals and groups on any topic related to the Guidelines for Biological Resources. Staff will be available in Room 311 of the Hall of Administration during the following times:

Thursday, March 17, 3-5 PM

Wednesday, March 23, 4-6 PM

Tuesday, March 29, 3-5 PM

An additional meeting will be held to specifically cover the topic of Special-Status/Locally Important Species. This meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Hall of Administration on:

Thursday, March 24, 2-5 PM

For questions or more information please contact Christina Danko at (805) 654-5193 or christina.danko@ventura.org or Bruce Smith at (805) 654-2497 or bruce.smith@ventura.org.

Documents

- ▶ [Existing Initial Study Assessment Guidelines](#) 📎
- ▶ [Proposed Biological Resources Section of the Guidelines with Revisions in Legislative Format](#) 📎
- ▶ [December 14th Public Meeting Presentation](#) 📎
- ▶ [January 11th Public Meeting Presentation](#) 📎

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