



MARIN COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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Marin County Planning Commission
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, California 94903

SUBJECT: Preliminary Discussion of Planning Commission Hearing Schedule and Process for Countywide Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report

Dear Planning Commission Members:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Discuss proposed Commission hearing schedule on the Draft CWP and Draft EIR.
2. Review and comment on the attached hearing schedule.

BACKGROUND

At the December 11, 2006 Workshop, the Planning Commission proposed to develop a hearing schedule on the Draft CWP and DEIR by topic. Subsequently a subcommittee was formed that worked with staff to develop a preliminary schedule. The Draft EIR is scheduled to be released on January 12, 2007, and the hearings on the Draft EIR and 2005 Draft CWP are scheduled to begin in February, 2007. Formal action to recommend adoption of the proposed Countywide Plan Commission hearing schedule and meeting protocol is scheduled for the next Planning Commission meeting on January 22, 2007.

Please see Attachment 1 for the Draft proposed schedule for the completion of the Marin Countywide Plan Update.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this discussion is to review the proposed hearing schedule; develop agreement about the hearing process, and offer the opportunity for public input. The proposed schedule includes two DEIR meetings, one general meeting to address all CWP topics, and seven meetings focused on specific CWP topics. The goal is to obtain a tentative decision from the Commission as each topic is addressed and to finalize the Commission's recommendation on the CWP and FEIR by July 23, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachments: 1. Proposed 2007 Planning Commission Hearing Schedule on the Countywide Plan and DEIR.