



County of San Diego Planning & Development Services

December eBLAST

Code Compliance Makes A Positive Difference!

In the past year Planning & Development Services (PDS) Code Compliance helped protect public health and welfare by removing large amounts of waste, junk and inoperable vehicles from 102



properties throughout the unincorporated County region. Public Nuisance properties such as these are an eyesore to neighbors, impact community quality of life and property values.

To learn more about PDS Code Compliance and how you can file a request for investigation of other public nuisance properties go to [here](#).



PDS Staff Initiative Simplifies Regulations For Customers

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Working with customers on a daily basis provides staff opportunities to find ways to improve our codes and ordinances. PDS encourages staff to be proactive and initiate change! That is exactly what happened recently when staff suggested that the Zoning Ordinance regulations regarding residential and agricultural accessory structures, such as garages and barns, needed to be simplified.

The ordinance update proposed by PDS and approved by the Board of Supervisors (Board) to take effect November 28. The allowable area and setbacks for a barn on a particular lot are identical to those required of a detached

garage on the same lot. Previously the ordinance provisions for a barn and detached garage were not uniform.

“Detached garages, carports, storage buildings, workshops, hobby shops, and barns were regulated under different sections of the Zoning Ordinance, and depending on the uses, each could have different setbacks and other requirements,” said PDS Planning Manager Dag Bunnemeyer. “It was very confusing for County staff and our customers.”

For more information on the amendments or other Zoning Ordinance provisions, you may call PDS Zoning staff at (858) 565-5981.

PDS Stakeholder Outreach Opportunities

PDS has continued its efforts to regularly reach out to stakeholders through the Land Development User Group Meetings. Professionals in the fields of engineering, planning, and construction are encouraged to attend to improve communication and build relationships. Staff from the Department of Public Works, who are also involved with land development attend, which provides staff an opportunity to share innovative techniques, solutions, and introduce changes taking place within operational areas to improve customer service and allow feedback from development professionals. Meetings over the last quarter have focused on performance management and the establishment of time standards that will be used to measure and track Land Development performance. Broader topics examined and discussed have included:

- Presentation of the New Low Impact Development Handbook
- Opportunity for PACE to Satisfy Mitigation for Multiple Impacts
- Industry Suggestions on Best Practice Solutions
- Final Map Delegation Approval Authority
- BMP Sizing Spreadsheet

For more information about the Land Development User Group and when it meets, contact David Hennis at (858) 495-5484 or David.Hennis@sdcounty.ca.gov.

PDS welcomes our new Planning Commissioner

Did You Know?

Cuyamaca Peak, at its summit, is 6,512 feet and the second highest point in San Diego County. The highest point is Hot Springs Mountain near Warner Spring. Cuyamaca Peak is located within Cuyamaca Rancho State Park just southwest of Julian.

Online Services

Citizen Access Portal

Research property information and permits. Apply for some permits online.

GIS Maps

Determine the zoning and characteristics of properties with our web-based mapping tool.



Douglas Barnhart was nominated by Supervisor Horn and appointed by the Board of Supervisors in October 2014 as the newest Planning Commissioner. Mr. Barnhart has over 40 years of experience in construction engineering, currently serving as Chairman of Barnhart-Reese Construction, Inc. and Manager of Makena Medical Buildings, LLC. Prior to these positions he was the founder and CEO of his former flagship construction company Douglas E. Barnhart, Inc. Commissioner Barnhart has also served as the Governor's appointee and past Chairman of the California's Contractor's State License Board, and is a former Commissioner of the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Commission. He is active in the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America, and is a past president of both the national and San Diego chapters.



Commissioner Barnhart was the first and only AGC of America President to hail from San Diego County. Other organizations include the Society of Military Engineers, and the American Arbitration Association. Prior to founding his construction company he served in the United States Navy and as a Vice President of a construction company. In the past, he served on the Qualcomm Stadium Board for the City of San Diego, the 22nd District Agricultural Association Board for the State of California, the Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce, the San Diego International Sports Council, San Diego National Bank, and the San Diego Super Bowl Host Committee.

PACE Program Mitigation Credit Fee Goes Into Effect



The Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) mitigation credit fee went into effect November 17. Each acre of land permanently protected with an agricultural conservation easement under the PACE Program is placed within a County maintained PACE mitigation bank. Discretionary project applicants, requiring agricultural mitigation through the California Environmental Quality Act review process, could choose to purchase PACE mitigation credits, which reflect a 1:1 mitigation ratio. Applicants must have an approved discretionary project, with a condition of approval requiring agricultural mitigation, in order to purchase PACE mitigation credits. Purchase of PACE mitigation credits are nonrefundable and nontransferable.

More information on the PACE Program can be found online [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Tylke at Melanie.tylke@sdcounty.ca.gov

Upcoming Mandatory Community Planning & Sponsor Group Training



Board Policy I-1 establishes policies and procedures that govern how Community Planning and Sponsor Groups (CPG/CSG) operate. The Policy requires that all CPG/CSG members complete annual training prior to being seated. After the Board considers appointments resulting

from the November elections on December 2, PDS has three scheduled training workshops for Group members. Training workshops will assist new members in meeting the requirements of

Policy I-1. Current seated members will be able to take the on-line training which will be updated and available on December 6. This online training is available as an alternative to seated members that have previously attended in-person training. The three training sessions are:

December 6, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – East Valley Community Center, Escondido
January 10, 2015 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – County Operations Center, Kearny Mesa
January 31, 2015 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Lakeside Community Center, Lakeside

PDS is excited about improving and continuing this training program and want to reiterate our appreciation to all members for your important service to your communities and the County. To RSVP to a specific training or if you have any questions, please email CommunityGroups@sdcounty.ca.gov or call (858) 694-3064.



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