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Board of Supervisors
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Subject: RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERVISOR LINDA PARKS TO

- 1) **INCLUDE MALIBU/YERBA BUENA DARK SKIES ORDINANCE IN THE PENDING PROJECTS LIST, PRIORITIZED AFTER OJAI UNINCORPORATED DARK SKIES ORDINANCE**
- 2) **DIRECT STAFF TO WORK WITH NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY (NBVC) AND NEARBY CITIES TO IMPLEMENT THE JLUS RECOMMENDATION ON DARK SKIES WITH GOAL TO DEVELOP STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL TO PROTECT NIGHT SKIES FROM SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN AMBIENT LIGHT AND GLARE NEAR NVBC, AFTER MALIBU/YERBA BUENA DARK SKIES ORDINANCE**

Recommendation:

It is requested that:

- 1) The Board of Supervisors approve directing the Resource Management Agency to include Malibu/Yerba Buena in the Pending Projects Lists, for the Resource Management Agency (RMA), Planning Division, Long-Range Planning Section's Work Program, prioritized after the Ojai Unincorporated Dark Skies Ordinance.
- 2) The Board of Supervisors approve directing staff to work with Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) and the cities of Oxnard, Camarillo and Port Hueneme to implement the JLUS (Joint Land Use Study) recommendation on dark skies with the goal to develop standard conditions of approval to protect night skies from significant increases in ambient light and glare near NVBC, prioritized after the Malibu/Yerba Buena Dark Skies Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact:

It is requested that RMA provide the Board with a budget plan to support these additional two projects.



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Discussion:

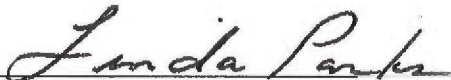
The Board of Supervisors approved adding the development of a Dark Skies Ordinance to the Pending Project List for the unincorporated Ojai area on September 16, 2014. It was noted then that such ordinances to reduce light pollution have been adopted around the world and also in nearby places such as the cities of Ojai and Calabasas, and Los Angeles and Kern counties. Preserving dark skies has many human health and ecological benefits, and contributes to energy conservation and reducing communities' carbon footprint. The Planning Division would implement the Ordinance with an overlay zone.

Residents in the Yerba Buena area of Malibu have asked the County to consider implementing a Dark Skies Ordinance for their area that extends the benefits of the protections recently put in place for the Santa Monica Mountains in adjoining Los Angeles County. Similar to the unincorporated area of Ojai, this could be implemented with an overlay zone, however since Malibu/Yerba Buena is in the Coastal Zone, it would also have to be approved by the Coastal Commission.

Additionally, the Joint Land Use Study for NBVC recommended consideration of a Dark Skies Ordinance and asks that the cities of Oxnard, Camarillo and Port Hueneme work together to "Develop standard conditions of approval to protect night skies from significant increases in ambient light and glare." Work on this JLUS request will benefit from the implementation of the Dark Skies Ordinances in the Ojai Unincorporated Area and in the Malibu/Yerba Buena. Therefore, these two projects (with the Ojai Unincorporated Area prioritized ahead of Malibu/Yerba Buena) should be prioritized ahead of the NBVC Dark Skies JLUS recommendations.

This letter has been reviewed by the Planning Division and the County Executive Office.

Sincerely,



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