

Midcoast Community Council

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Planning Commission
County Government Center
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Honorable Commissioners,

The Midcoast Community Council (MCC) over the past several weeks has had several communications with the Planning Department Staff regarding the Big Wave Final EIR (FEIR). From these conversations we know the Planning Staff is making continuous efforts to complete, internally review and release the FEIR. It is their stated goal to release this document in time to have the review of the FEIR on the October 27, 2010, Planning Commission agenda and to hold this meeting on the Midcoast.

We support a coastside hearing on this topic, but we believe that ...

- Length of the initial Draft EIR and expected greater length of the FEIR ("thousands of pages")
- Time required for Planning to complete their internal review

... are clear factors supporting the need for an appropriate (longer review period).

The MCC, at our September 22, 2010 meeting, voted 5-0 to request that the Supervisors ask the following of the Planning Staff in regard to the Big Wave FEIR:

- Require two months between release of the FEIR document and the planning commission hearing.
- Hold public information session on the FEIR, with specific emphasis on key changes incorporated into the Draft EIR.
- Insure timely installation of story poles representing all structures.
- Keep story poles in place throughout the comment period.

The MCC requests that the Planning Commission provide direction to the planning staff consistent with these requests.

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