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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Adopt policy relating to the)
Continuance of Public Hearings)
Continued from July 22, 2003)

The Board of Supervisors considered three policy alternatives for continued public hearings as proposed in the staff report, and presented by Scott Hennessy, Planning and Building Director.

The Board discussed the matter. The Public Hearing was opened, and Lee Lotz and Pat Bernardi offered comments on the issues. The Chair closed the hearing, and the Board continued their discussion.

Following further discussion, Supervisor Johnsen moved Alternative No. 3 (See attached) and Supervisor Potter seconded the motion.

Supervisors Johnsen and Potter offered comments on the chosen alternative. Supervisor Calcagno requested clarification of the time in which to notice applicants and staff contacts. Charles McKee, County Counsel responded. Further discussion ensued. The Chair called for the vote, and the vote was as follows:

PASSED and ADOPTED this 26th day of August, 2003, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Calcagno, Lindley, Johnsen, Potter and Armenta

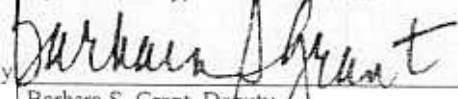
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, SALLY R. REED, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered into the minutes thereof at page X of Minute Book 71, on August 26, 2003.

DATED: August 27, 2003

SALLY R. REED, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By 
Barbara S. Grant, Deputy

cc: Planning and Building;
0602.200

POLICY ON THE CONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC HEARING (ALTERNATIVE #3)

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors to conduct public hearings in a fair and expeditious manner and to consider all relevant information before reaching a decision. The Board recognizes that from time to time continuances may be necessary but that multiple continuances may hinder the public hearing process. Therefore, to minimize the potential detrimental effects of multiple continuances, the Board hereby adopts the following policy:

The Board of Supervisors will allow one continuance of any public hearing item without conducting a full public hearing on the item. A request by the applicant for a continuance must be received by the Clerk of the Board by 5:00 pm. the Tuesday preceding the hearing date. The Clerk of the Board shall note the continuance on the Board's agenda as "To Be Continued to _____" and notify the newspaper of local circulation.

The Board of Supervisors will consider a second continuance of any public hearing item. A request for a continuance must be received by the Clerk of the Board by 5:00 pm. the Tuesday preceding the hearing date. The Clerk of the Board shall note the continuance on the Board's agenda as "Request for Continuance to _____ Received" and notify the newspaper of local circulation.

After two continuances the Board will conduct a full public hearing on the item and take one of the following actions:

1. Approve the item.
2. Deny the item.
3. Continue the item to a subsequent date with specific direction to the staff as to the information needed for the subsequent public hearing.
4. Return the item to the original hearing body (if any) for reconsideration.
5. Table the item with specific direction to the staff as to the information needed for a subsequent, newly noticed public hearing.

The Board shall return the matter to the original hearing body for reconsideration if the project is significantly changed or if relevant new information becomes available.