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To: Planning Commission
From: George White, Planning Director
Ref: Draft Lighting Ordinance

At the November 5, 2009 regular meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed the County initiated draft Lighting Ordinance. After taking public testimony and deliberating, the Commission directed staff to prepare a resolution not supporting the draft Lighting Ordinance. Pursuant to that direction please see the attached draft Resolution. I have attempted to glean from the public record comments from Planning Commission members that would represent findings for the purpose of drafting this resolution. I would request that the Commission review these findings to ensure that the draft Resolution is consistent with the Commission's stated position on the draft Lighting Ordinance.

Attachment:
Draft Resolution

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COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOT PURSUE ORDINANCE 2009-043 ADDING CHAPTER 17.71 LIGHTING ORDINANCE TO TITLE 17 OF THE CALAVERAS COUNTY CODE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Board of Supervisor's direction, staff initiated the development of draft lighting standards, the purpose of which was to permit reasonable uses of outdoor lighting for nighttime safety, utility, security and productivity while also conserving energy and resources to the greatest extent possible and protecting the nighttime environment from glare and obtrusive lighting;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered the draft Lighting Ordinance and all associated information presented to it, including the Staff Report and public testimony presented verbally and in writing at the meeting;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, after deliberation, did not support the proposed draft Lighting Ordinance;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Planning Commission recommends that Board of Supervisors not pursue the County Initiated Lighting Ordinance, based upon the following findings:

1. That the draft Lighting Ordinance does not effectively deal with critical issue of glare and obtrusive lighting from existing artificial light sources and;
2. That the adoption of the draft Lighting Ordinance could constitute a disincentive to commercial property owners and prospective business owners in this period of economic downturn and;
3. That all means to deal with obtrusive lighting under existing regulations and through voluntary measures should considered prior to adoption of new mandatory lighting standards.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the County of Calaveras, at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission held on December 3, 2009 on a motion by Commissioner _____ and seconded by Commissioner _____

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Chair, Planning Commission

ATTEST:

George White, Planning Director