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AGENDA DATE: 9/16/2020

TITLE:
CDD 2020 Work Program Presentation

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Present an overview of the Community Development Department work program including the current staffing levels, process updates in the new environment, workloads, and additional projects anticipated. In addition, a review of upcoming project timelines will be shared.

ITEM TYPE: Regular Information Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Filardo, McCulley

PRESENTER (S): Jodie Filardo and Amelia McCulley

LEGAL REVIEW: Not Required

REVIEWED BY: Doug Walker

BACKGROUND: Periodically, the Community Development Department updates the Board of Supervisors on those projects above and beyond the day-to-day work of the department. These larger projects make up the CDD Work Program; and as time permits, staff folds the work on these items into the regular workflow. Unforeseen priorities and challenges may intervene. Such has been the case with the COVID-19 Pandemic.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Quality Government Operations: Ensure County government's ability to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities.

DISCUSSION: On March 4, 2020, the Community Development Department Work Program was presented to the Board of Supervisors as a briefing covering work both under way and planned projects through 2023 with a focus on priorities through the first quarter of 2021. Included in that presentation was a request for support of key projects identified post-budget for the fiscal year. The Board was supportive of pursuing those projects.

By the end of March 2020, the work world changed significantly with the reaction to the pandemic and the

related adjustments to the work processes, habits, and work locations of staff. Since then, approximately 35 inspectors and the CDD management team have continued to work from the office. Approximately 40 planners were able to telework. Parents of school age children were challenged to provide online environments at home while still trying to keep up with work obligations. After an initial suspension, public outreach on an array of projects and the related communications with the public and with applicants pivoted onto virtual platforms. Throughout this period, staff innovated new approaches to doing business to keep the County going. This presentation shares the status on key projects and the related timelines associated with them.

BUDGET IMPACT: While several of these projects will inform budget discussions for the upcoming FY21 budget, at this time no specific funding requests are embedded in this item.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board receive this briefing on the status of current projects and the future direction of large projects for information and general discussion.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - CDD 2020 Work Program, September Update