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LOCAL

Summary of September Meeting with the City of Clovis

Approval Process for Final Maps with Reduced Public Utility Easements – Mike Prandini reported that the BIA was informed that the revised PG&E policy would be released soon, but there was no news on the release date. Mike stated that once it was released a meeting would be scheduled with PG&E to discuss. Mike Harrison indicated that the city was waiting for the results of that meeting before any changes were made to the City's process. It was suggested that the city not allow the issue of the reduced PUE to affect the approval of high-density projects that can only be done with a reduced PUE. It was also suggested that since the city sent development plans to numerous agencies and utilities the city establish a deadline for submitting comments.

Process for Selecting Consultants for EIR Services – Dave Merchen commented that the city had developed a list of nine consultants and a process for the selection of a firm to prepare a project's EIR. Dave indicated that the information was distributed several weeks ago, and he had not received any comments. Mike Prandini also indicated that he had not received any comments. Dave stated that they would begin the implementation of the process.

Development Standards for High-Density Single-Family Subdivisions – Mike Prandini informed the group that the BIA was reviewing a recommendation by its subcommittee on amenities for high density development and it was possible that the BIA would be ready to make a recommendation by the first part of October. Renee Mathis reviewed the discussion by the Council on its concern about by-right standards for medium density residential. Renee stated that when the staff recommended changes in March and again in June to the City Council to amend the Code, the Council did not approve the recommendations because they wanted to review and approve any requested changes to a project's conditions of approval. Renee stated that staff understands the issue of the additional time required by the Planned Residential Development process to achieve the densities requested by builders and that staff was reviewing methods to streamline the process.

Update of the Planning Fees – George Gonzales reported that the proposed fees were presented to the City Council on September 13. George stated that during his presentation he presented the request by the BIA to phase-in the highest fee increases, but the phase-in request was not approved. George indicated that the fees as proposed were approved 4-1 with Councilmember Ashbeck voting no because the phase-in was not included. George stated that the new fees would be effective November 15.

VMT Analysis – Dave Merchen informed that group that the work was in progress and no new information was available. It was the consensus of group that this item be removed from the monthly agenda and scheduled for an update in January 2022 when more information may be available.



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AROUND THE STATE

Bills to increase housing density in California head to Newsom San Francisco Chronicle

The California Legislature sent the "light density" proposal to Newsom on Monday, a year after a similar measure was tripped up at the last minute by political infighting, along with another measure that could clear the way for more small apartment buildings in urban areas.

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Study: 62% of young adults in California have moved in with their parents in the past year FOX40

A survey conducted by ISoldMyHouse.com showed that 62% of Californians between the ages of 18 and 35 years old have moved back in with their parents over the past year, compared to the national average of 36%.

The study found that 16% of respondents receive financial support from their parents as well.

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Would the Mother of All NIMBY Ballot Initiatives Accidentally Allow More Development? Reason

This past week, activists submitted language for their "Californians for Community Planning Initiative" to the state's attorney general. Their measure would amend the state's constitution to specify that in the event of a conflict between state and local land use laws, local laws will prevail.

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What the Biden Vaccine Mandate Means for Home Builders NAHB

President Joe Biden last week announced a sweeping vaccine mandate to bring the latest surge in COVID-19 cases under control. Central to the administration's plan is a requirement that every employer with more than 100 employees require the vaccine for its workforce or provide for weekly testing.

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Here's what the California Legislature Did This Year U.S. News & World Report

Bills that have passed must be reviewed by the governor before becoming law, unless otherwise noted. Here's a look at what passed — and what failed — in the California Legislature this year.

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NAHB Opposes Energy Codes Provision in Build Back Better Act NAHB

NAHB has sent a letter to House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Frank Pallone (D-N.J.) and members of his committee expressing strong opposition to a provision in the Build Back Better Act that would exacerbate the current housing affordability crisis and limit energy choice to consumers as a result of aggressive energy efficiency requirements in model building energy codes.

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San Diego County's traffic impact rules could limit new housing in unincorporated areas The San Diego Union-Tribune

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors recently voted unanimously to rescind its rules for calculating the potential impact of traffic from proposed new housing developments.

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Court Upholds California Law Limiting Local Governments' Ability to Deny Housing Development Applications JD Supra

In a major recent decision, the California Court of Appeal rejected a city's interpretation of what constitutes an "objective" standard under the Housing Accountability Act (HAA), Government Code section 65589.5, and upheld the constitutionality of the law and amendments that strengthened it.[1] The opinion in *California Renters Legal Advocacy and Education Fund v. City of San Mateo* reinforces and upholds significant limitations imposed by the HAA on local consideration of housing development applications.

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What Does the Recent WOTUS Rule Change Mean for Your Projects? NAHB

The Sept. 3 announcement was an abrupt reversal because the agencies had previously committed to a series of public hearings, followed by a two-step federal rulemaking process, during which time the WOTUS regulatory definition as finalized under the NWPR was to remain in effect nationwide.

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Why California liberals turn into raging conservatives over housing San Francisco Chronicle

California is arguably the deepest blue state in America. Democrats rarely lose. On issues such as labor rights, the minimum wage and environmental policy, the state and its cities are bastions of progressivism.

But California's housing shortage threatens to make a mockery of its other progressive accomplishments.

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Editorial: What crisis? Assembly leaders are letting an important affordable housing bill die
Los Angeles Times

For the last two years, the State Building and Construction Trades Council, which represents 450,000 plumbers, roofers, pipe fitters and other skilled laborers, has opposed bills to streamline housing approvals or loosen local zoning regulations unless developers guaranteed that at least one-third of construction workers on the projects would be graduates of apprenticeship programs. Most programs are union-run and most graduates are union members. The Trades Council wields tremendous political power in Sacramento, and many state lawmakers are loath to vote against its interests.

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Morning News Talks: Affordable Housing In California
KFBK

Governor Newsom has signed a bill he says will create more affordable housing in California, but experts say there is another way: cut the red tape and bureaucracy. Listen to CBIA's **President and CEO, Dan Dunmoyer** talk housing issues, why we have a problem in California and touch on the recent recall.

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Why is Fresno one of the nation's hottest housing markets?
CalMatters

In the new episode of "Gimme Shelter: The California Housing Crisis Podcast," CalMatters' Manuela Tobias and the Los Angeles Times' Liam Dillon break down Fresno's housing market and why rents and home prices have skyrocketed, even amid the pandemic. They are joined by Jovana Morales-Tilgren, who advocates on behalf of low-income tenants for Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, a Fresno nonprofit.

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Lawsuit seeks to block Scott Wiener's rezoning bill
San Francisco Chronicle

AIDS Healthcare Foundation, the Los Angeles nonprofit behind unsuccessful statewide rent-control ballot initiatives in the past two election cycles, sued Wednesday to block a new California law that could pave the way for more small apartment buildings.

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Don't be fooled: California's new housing laws make significant changes to zoning
Los Angeles Times

The word is out that major land zoning bills signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom don't amount to much because they were so watered down by compromising legislators. Don't believe it.

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Three-In-One Membership— When you join the Building Industry Association of Fresno/Madera Counties you also become a member of the California Building Industry Association (CBIA www.cbia.org) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB www.nahb.org)

These associations work together to ensure sufficient affordable housing and to make the American dream of homeownership a reality. Your local, state and national memberships provide many valuable benefits, services and opportunities that range from advocacy, education, technical support, industry resources and the latest data and information.

Advocacy—Our advocates and member volunteers work year-round in your community, Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to encourage local government officials and lawmakers to provide incentives for people to purchase new homes and lower the costs of homebuilding, such as through fee reductions and eliminating high-cost regulations.

Targeted Networking and Marketing Opportunities—We encourage our members to *do business with members*. Local, state and national events also offer opportunities to build business relationships.

Our committees hold regularly scheduled meetings to fulfill tasks and goals.

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- ◆ **2-10 Home Buyers Warranty:** Exclusive access to discounts on select products, including the Builder Backed Service Program and the systems and appliances warranty
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- ◆ **The CIRB Report, a research service provided by the California Homebuilding Foundation (CHF), produces and distributes current and historical statewide building permit statistics for all 58 counties and 538 incorporated cities. Contact the ResearchTeam at 916-340-3340 or CHF-CIRB@mychf.org for more information.**
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- ◆ **NPP (National Purchasing Power):** Verizon Wireless—up to 22% off standard rates (with 5 business lines), Expedia, Cradlepoint and Fastenal





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NAHB	10% off books, Up to 42% off research	Books	naibooks.com
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