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New guidelines streamline advisory bodies

(Dec. 16, 2008) The countywide effort to eliminate unnecessary duplication has led to the merger of two Bay Point advisory bodies, the Project Area Committee (PAC) and the Municipal Advisory Council (MAC).

“This is something that was going to happen eventually,” said District V Supervisor Federal Glover, who with District III Supervisor Mary Piepho have been researching the organization of the county’s MACs for over two years.

The two supervisors formed the Board of Supervisor’s ad hoc committee to make the MACs more uniform by establishing a common set of rules and guidelines to help govern the advisory bodies.

The new guidelines were approved at today’s Board of Supervisors meeting and will take effect in January 2009.

Supplemental board orders allow the MAC to assume the responsibilities of the PAC, which would put the Bay Point advisory bodies in line with other county jurisdictions, and defined the boundaries of each MAC.

The PAC advises the supervisor on issues pertaining to the Redevelopment Agency’s project area in Bay Point. The MAC advises the supervisor on all other issues related to the unincorporated community of 23,000. Even when the PAC approves a project, the project routinely also seeks the approval of the MAC.

“As the MAC assumes more responsibility, their role in the community will grow in importance,” said Glover.

One of the major changes affecting the MACs is that appointees’ terms will coincide with the term of the supervisor who appoints them. Therefore, the Bay Point MAC members’ terms will begin anew upon the appointment of Glover, who won his re-election bid in November.

Former MAC members may reapply for the council and other members of the community, including former PAC members, may apply for the new MAC, said Glover.

The Bethel Island MAC, the only other advisory council in Glover's district, and all the other MACs in the county will undergo a similar process.

Anyone interested in serving on a MAC should call their district supervisor for an application.

Besides the Bay Point and Bethel Island MACs, there are also openings to be the District V representatives on the Youth Commission, Family and Children's Trust Committee and the Mobile Home Advisory Board. There is also a position open as the Bethel Island representative on the East County Regional Planning Commission. Anyone interested in these positions should call 925-427-8138.