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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

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Vanessa Delgado

Item Number: 1.8

MEETING DATE: 04/14/2026
DEPARTMENT: COUNTY COUNSEL
AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Vanessa Delgado
DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Gregory P. Priamos

SUBJECT:

COUNTY COUNSEL - D. P. PRIAMOS

Approve amendment to Board Rules establishing a policy for bringing Board Committee recommendations forward for full board action and clarifying public comment opportunities.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 160

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The current Board Rules were adopted on January 28, 2025. Since that time, a need has arisen to amend the rules to develop a policy for bringing Board committee recommendations forward for full Board action as well as to clarify the public's opportunities for public comment during the course of a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

On February 10, 2026, the Board unanimously directed the County Counsel bring forward an amendment to the Board Rules to establish a policy to address committee recommendations. The Board of Supervisors is empowered to create and dissolve both ad hoc and standing committees consisting of less than a quorum of the board members to assist the Board in its policy-making role. Ad hoc committees are formed to address single and distinct issues, are of a temporary nature, and are dissolved once the committee's task has been completed. Standing committees, however, are granted jurisdiction over a given subject matter area to which the Board may refer matters for further study and discussion and are perpetual in nature.

Since each committee consists of less than a quorum of the members of the board members, the

committee is advisory and may make recommendations to the full board for formal action. Committee recommendations are just that and have no force of law. They do not constitute direction on behalf of the entire board to county staff, department heads, or advisory boards, commissions and committees and should not be taken as such.

The first proposed amendment to the Board Rules provides that:

- Every board committee recommendation shall be brought forward to the Board of Supervisors within sixty (60) days for consideration and action, if any.
- County staff supporting the committee will prepare the staff report in collaboration with the committee chairperson. Staff will attach the minutes of the committee meeting to the report.
- The Committee Chairperson shall present the recommendation for Board consideration.
- The Board of Supervisors will consider the recommendation and take action as it deems appropriate. Board action shall be deemed final.

The second proposed amendment is to clarify that the public may speak for 3 minutes on each consent agenda item that is pulled by a board member or staff for separate discussion. The current rules permit a total of 3 minutes of public comment on all consent agenda items whether or not an item is subsequently pulled for separate discussion. This amendment will provide the public with 3 minutes to address the consent agenda as a whole as well as an additional 3 minutes on each item pulled for separate discussion. The public will continue to be offered the opportunity to speak for 3 minutes on each regular agenda item

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- [Agenda Fact Sheet -Board Rules](#)
- [2026 Amendment to Board Rules - Clean](#)
- [2026 Amendment to Board Rules - Redline](#)