TO: Planning Commission Chair and Members
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SUBJECT: Zoning Ordinance Project - Module 2 Follow-up and Module 3 Preview

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Planning Commission receive this status report on the Zoning Ordinance Project, including feedback and direction on Module 2: Base and Overlay Districts and preview of Module 3: Regulations Applying to Multiple Districts.

BACKGROUND:

The City initiated the Zoning Ordinance Project (Project) with the purpose of preparing new zoning regulations that are consistent with and reflective of the City's adopted General Plan. This Project has been designed to provide opportunities for public input: we have a new website up and running for the project, www.goletazoning.com, where we post documents, including a background paper on “Approach to Zoning” and our “Public Outreach Plan” and provide information on prior and upcoming meetings. Residents can submit comments there as well as directly to us.

Since the kickoff of the Project in October 2013, staff and consultant, Dyett & Bhatia, have conducted the following public meetings:

- two days of interviews with members of the public and City decision-makers
- 6 presentations before the Planning Commission regarding the New Zoning Ordinance Draft Annotated Outline, Module 1: Administration and Permits, and Module 2: Base and Overlay Zoning District Regulations;
- four Open House sessions with the public to review the Project; and
- a public meeting on the Project environmental review scoping document.

The staff presentation will summarize direction provided for revisions to Module 2 and present an outline and preview of Module 3. Both modules are accessible on GoletaZoning.com under the "documents" link.