Project/Business Permitting Flow and Questions

Each project that moves from beginning to end begins with a description. The process is step by step. The following flow boxes are created to help the applicant through the permissions from beginning to end. In order to do a Project/Business in Ventura County one must engage the regulatory schemes that exist in all jurisdictions. Those schemes may not be coordinated but, with a good project description, one can anticipate some of the challenges and navigate the processes with a clear vision of what your Project/Business is and how it will interact with the permitting processes.

Land Use Zoning: In every jurisdiction in Ventura County land use activities are regulated by a zoning ordinance. These documents identify the kinds of activities which will be acceptable on a specific piece of property. As a result, every Project/Business needs to develop a description of its activity, its behaviors, in order to interact with the zoning code. This description will also help the Project/Business navigate all of the other regulatory schemes that impact Project/ Business activities.

The purpose of working through the questions is to allow a Project/Business to identify those regulatory schemes which apply and to have a coordinated method for navigating the various schemes. If the process begins with a clear project description then the impacts of the Project/Business activity, where it can occur and how the permissions can be coordinated, all fall into place.

When Who The Questions Where What Input Output Through Put

- How Will The Money Flow? What Is The Scale? What Is The Value Added?

What and who, are the permitting and

regulating agents in the place which you choose to do this project/business?
Using the project description and

Potential Permitting Schemes in need of coordination for an individual project

CEQA NEPA

Environmental Health **Building and Safety**

Planning Fire

Watershed Protection

Public Works

Police

Business License
Special material permits
Regional Water Quality Control Board
Storm Water/Discharge
Coastal Commission

ADA

State Regulations

Federal Regulations

Local, County, State, and Federal Taxing

Authorities

Project Description Where are you doing this project? What is it that you are going to do? Parking? What impacts will you have? Number of cars coming and going? How much power? Water needs? Gas? Will you make noise? Will you put out smoke? Food Prep? Is it hazardous? Pervious surface/impervious surface? Where are you going to do this? Is it allowed? What is the zoning? What is the process to start doing it? How is it allowed? Who do you have to ask permission? Business License? **Building and Safety?** Planning? Environmental Health? Fire? Public Works? Schools? Neighbors? Police? Who do you have to tell? Local Folks? County Folks? State Folks? Federal

Who is the business? Just you?

When are you going to do this? What are your hours? Are those hours flexible?

Folks?

A company? Traffic?

researching the location of your project will illuminate the regulatory permissions that you need to engage.