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Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2004 1:31PM
To: Tom Burns
Subject: RE: Board of Appeals request

I am sorry, I e-mailed you yesterday about needing some assistance from you. I had been told by County Fire that an Appeals Board type appeal was in the works. The applicant is appealing a driveway/access decision being made by Co. Fire. I thought the Fire Code as adopted say's that the County has to provide the staff either from the Building Department or the Fire Department. It was intended that when it is a fire appeal, that they do the work and vice versa. Mike Dever told them it was the Building Officials responsibility and I thought differently. After looking at the plans this morning with the Fire Chief I think he will final the Building Permit and the Appeals Board issue will go away. It was an opportunity for me to become familiar with the process, although I would like to know if the Board of Supervisors has appointed all 5 member seats. John deCourcy's are a few years old and at that time there were only 3 members appointed. My I contact the Clerk of the Board for the list of members?

Comment: Jennifer Hutchinson is the Building Official that was present at the violation of the Brown Act unofficial first ever Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals held on July 23, 2008.

Considerable information or lack of knowledge of the appeal board and procedure is in this document. Read it carefully.

Why is the Fire Dept. giving a final approval on a building matter? Would the appeal have been denied access to the non-existent appeal board if the Fire Chief did not step in unilaterally to make it go away for the Planning Dept. via Hutchinson? Or, was it via phone call by Burns?