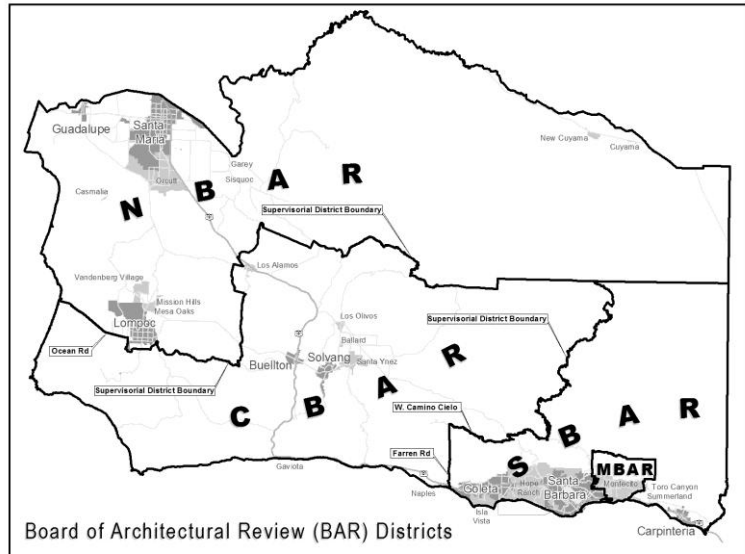




# BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW SIGN REVIEW



**BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (BAR) SIGN REVIEW encourages development which exemplifies the best professional design practices so as to enhance the visual quality of the environment, benefit surrounding property values, and prevent poor quality of design.**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**WHAT** Projects meeting any of the criteria below must be considered by one of the county Regional Boards of Architectural Review:

- Located in the D-Design Control Overlay Zone District.
- Located in the Montecito Planning Area.
- Subject to the Hillside and Ridgeline Development Guidelines
- Discretionary projects where BAR review is required for buildings and/or signs.
- Projects where BAR review is specified by action of the Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, or Board of Supervisors.
- Located in the Summerland Community Plan area.
- Projects requiring a Modification.
- Other development as required by the county's Zoning Ordinance (Development Code).

**WHERE & WHEN**

<p>North County BAR</p> <p><b>Meets every three weeks on Fridays</b> in the Betteravia Government Center Hearing Room, 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria.</p>	<p>Central County BAR</p> <p><b>Meets every three weeks on Fridays</b> in the Solvang Municipal Courtroom, 1745 Mission Drive, Solvang</p>	<p>South County BAR</p> <p><b>Meets every 2 weeks on Fridays</b> in the SB County Engineering Rm. at 123 East Anapamu St., Santa Barbara.</p>	<p>Montecito BAR</p> <p><b>Meets every other Monday at 3:00p.m.</b> in the SB County Engineering Rm. at 123 East Anapamu St., Santa Barbara.</p>
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All meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise posted. See [www.sbcountyplanning.org](http://www.sbcountyplanning.org). Click on Regional Boards of Architectural Review under Hearing Bodies on the left hand side bar.

**HOW** Submit a complete application to Planning and Development no later than 2:00 p.m. Friday (or Monday for Montecito BAR), 3 weeks prior to the requested meeting date.

NOTE: The agenda may be closed prior to the 2:00 p.m. deadline if a large number of applications have been received.

**WHICH** Applicants are encouraged to submit for **conceptual review** in order to informally discuss a project's concept or theme, and then return for preliminary and/or final approval.

**Revised preliminary or revised final** review is used when a project has already received preliminary or final approval and the applicant wishes to make substantial changes that would require further BAR review and approval.

Applicants may not request more than revised conceptual approval without the prior approval from the assigned case planner.

**EXEMPTIONS**

<p>The following developments are exempt from BAR review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Fences of 6 feet or less (in some cases)</li> <li>→ Gate posts of 8 feet or less (in some cases)</li> <li>→ Solar panels</li> <li>→ Swimming pools, hot tubs or spas</li> <li>→ Interior Alterations</li> <li>→ Decks</li> </ul>	<p>Additional Exemptions from North County BAR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Single-family dwellings, and commercial/industrial projects not open to the public, that are not visible from public roads and other public areas, are exempt from review by the NBAR, and</li> <li>→ Action by the NBAR on a non-exempt single-family dwelling is <i>advisory only</i> and is to be completed within either three meetings or three months of application submittal, whichever occurs first.</li> </ul> <p>These special provisions do not apply to Development Plans within the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission and structures subject to approved ministerial and discretionary permits, including subdivision maps that require review and approval by the Board of Architectural Review in order to mitigate visual impacts or provide for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, including adopted Community Plans.</p>
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**APPEALS**

Decisions of the BAR may be appealed to the Planning Commission by the applicant or any other interested party within 10 days of the final BAR action. A Land Use Permit for the project cannot be issued until the appeal period has expired.

**EXPIRATION** Board of Architectural Review approvals expire the date the associated development permit (e.g., Coastal Development Permit, Development Plan), including time extensions, expires. Where no development permit exists, Board of Architectural Review approvals expire two years from the date of approval, except the Director may grant an extension of the approval if an active development application is being processed by Planning and Development.

**GRADING**

For projects requiring Grading Plan approval, conceptual BAR review must occur before a land use or coastal development permit may be processed.

## LOCAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEES

In addition to the County's BARs, there are many communities that have their own review committees. P&D collects fees and an additional set of plans and forwards these to the following:

### **Mission Canyon Architectural Review Committee**

(c/o Hugh Twibell), 1159 Tunnel Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105 (805) 687-9671, Fax: (805) 687-9671, Email: htwibell@cox.net.

Review by the Mission Canyon Architectural Review Committee is optional.

### **Summerland Board of Architectural Review**

(c/o Jeff O'Neill) P.O. Box 508, Summerland, CA 93067; Jeff O'Neill 969-1971 or Mary Holzhauser 565-3751.

Review by the Summerland Board of Architectural Review is optional.

**Applicants are responsible for contacting these applicable review bodies:**

#### **Montecito:**

1. **Birnam Wood Golf Club, Architectural and Landscape Committee**  
2031 Packing House Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 (805) 969-2223

#### **South County:**

1. **Pepper Hill Homes Association**  
1215 De La Vina, Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
Desmond O'Neill, 966-2211
2. **Embarcadero Municipal Improvement District Architectural Committee**  
224 Vereda Leyenda, Goleta, CA 93117 (805) 968-5885
3. **Hope Ranch Park Homes Association**  
695 Via Tranquila, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 (805) 967-2376

#### **Central County:**

1. **Hollister Ranch Owners' Association Design Board**  
Box 1000 Bulito Canyon, Gaviota, CA 93117 (805) 567-5020
2. **Santa Ynez Township Projects**  
Tom Bohlinger  
1355 Plaza Pacifica  
Santa Barbara, CA 93108
3. **Los Olivos Board of Architectural Review**  
PO Box 27, Los Olivos, CA 93441-0027  
Beverly Whitmore, 688-4943

## FINDINGS FOR APPROVAL

Prior to approving any BAR application, the Board of Architectural Review shall make the following findings:

1. There is a harmonious relationship with existing and proposed adjoining developments, avoiding excessive variety and monotonous repetition, but allowing similarity of style, if warranted.
2. Site layout, orientation, and location of structures, buildings, and signs are in an appropriate and well designed relationship to one another, and to the environmental qualities, open spaces, and topography of the property *{with consideration for public views of the hillsides and the ocean and the semi-rural character of the community as viewed from scenic view corridors as shown on Figure 37, Visual Resources Map in the Montecito Community Plan EIR (92-EIR-03)}*. (Italicized text applicable under Article IV, Montecito Zoning Ordinance).
3. Signs including their lighting shall be well designed and shall be appropriate in size and location.
4. The proposed development is consistent with any additional design standards as expressly adopted by the Board of Supervisors for a specific local community, area, or district pursuant the applicable zoning ordinance (Land Use Development Code).
5. Other findings, identified in Division 15 (Montecito Community Plan Overlay District), are required for those parcels identified with the MON overlay zone (Coastal Zone only).

## SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGN APPLICATIONS

All applicants must submit one set of plans, **except Montecito, Summerland and Mission Canyon** for which **two** sets of plans are required:

The following items **must be included** with the BAR application. Refer to the next section, "Submittal Details" for more information on each requirement.

### FOR CONCEPTUAL REVIEW

- \_\_\_ A. Vicinity map
- \_\_\_ B. Site plan \*\*
- \_\_\_ C. Topographic map (showing elevation of property within 100' in any direction from the proposed building envelope)\*\*
- \_\_\_ D. Existing, proposed and possible future wall signs on building façade, with dimensions of signs and building facade (rough draft would be acceptable)
- \_\_\_ E. Materials, colors and illumination of all signs
- \_\_\_ F. Mounted color photographs of the site and neighboring areas (mounted on 8½ x 11 paper)
- \_\_\_ G. Dimensions and height of signs
- \_\_\_ H. Check Payable to Planning and Development

### FOR PRELIMINARY REVIEW

- \_\_\_ A. Vicinity map
- \_\_\_ B. Site plan \*\*
- \_\_\_ C. Typical Sign Dimensions
- \_\_\_ D. Letter Styles and Height, include shape
- \_\_\_ E. Existing, proposed and possible future wall signs on building façade, with dimensions of signs and building facade
- \_\_\_ F. Materials and illumination and method of all signs
- \_\_\_ G. Color of letters and background (include samples)
- \_\_\_ H. Check Payable to Planning and Development
- \_\_\_ I. Location of all existing and proposed signs with dimensions from property lines
- \_\_\_ J. Mounted color photographs
- \_\_\_ K. Planner authorization for review

**FOR FINAL REVIEW** - All **Preliminary Review** requirements above plus the following:

- \_\_\_ L. Complete color and material sample board (not larger than 8½" x 11")

**A public hearing continuance fee will be charged when a project has been noticed for hearing and a representative does not show up, or when a representative requests a project be rescheduled within 72 hours prior to a hearing, or when a request to reschedule is the result of a conflict/revision that was not caused by staff or the hearing body and the case must be re-noticed.**

\*\* [Click to download Site Plan and Topographical Map Requirements](#)

## GENERAL SUBMITTAL DETAILS

**All drawings shall include a north arrow and scale.**

All drawings shall be **reproductions**; original drawings are not acceptable.

All drawings shall be folded to approximately 10" x 12".

- A. **Vicinity Map** shall show the site of the proposed development at the center of the map indicating major roads and landmarks, and shall be drawn to scale.
- B. **Site Plan** shall be drawn to a scale appropriate to clearly depict all the following information (where applicable): [Click to download Site Plan and Topographical Map Requirements](#)
- Statistical information (site size, square footage existing structure(s), square footage proposed structure(s), square footage to be demolished, cubic yards cut and/or fill or amount scarification/recompaction, average height, etc.). The statistical information must be updated on every set of revised plans. (Use the table on page 9 of this application)
  - Existing and proposed building footprints(s) or roof plans
  - All existing trees (noting location, species, diameter and canopy). Trees proposed for removal must be noted.
  - Adjacent roads or access easements
  - Exterior lighting facilities (final review only)
  - Sign locations
- C. **Supplemental Information** such as study models or photographic simulations may be required by the BAR where the complexity of the proposal or the site necessitates additional graphic explanation.
- D. **Photographs** shall show the site of the proposed development; all adjoining properties, and the general character of the neighborhood (panoramic view). Photographs shall be mounted and identified. A plan showing locations of photo viewpoints is recommended. Applicants are required to submit photographs at the time of BAR applications submittal. Photographic submissions must be 8.5 x 11" or folded to those dimensions. Larger photographic displays may be brought to the BAR meeting. Submission of larger exhibits at the BAR meeting does not preclude the requirement to submit photos at the time of application submittal. Digital photographs or clear color copies are acceptable.
- E. **Completed Application** - Any application lacking any item of information listed herein will not be accepted.
- F. **Drawings** required for final BAR review must be drawn to scale, and shall include:
- Final site plan
  - Final lighting plans
  - Final sign locations
- Full working drawings are **not** required for Final BAR approval. In most cases, structural, plumbing, and electrical plans will not be required.
- G. **Color and Material Sample Board** shall include accurate representative samples of proposed signs.

**All applicants are required to submit mounted (8½ x 11 paper) color photographs of their project at the time of BAR application submittal**

# BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

## Application Information

### PROJECT:

1. **Approval Request (circle):** Conceptual Discussion Item Revised Conceptual Final Preliminary Revised Final Revised Preliminary Final on Consent
2. **Description:** \_\_\_ Residential \_\_\_ Garage \_\_\_ Guest House \_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_ Industrial  
\_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Addition \_\_\_ Remodel/Alteration \_\_\_ Lighting \_\_\_ Landscape Only
3. **Lot Size (sq. ft./acre):** Lot \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Grading (cu. yds.):** Cut \_\_\_\_\_ Fill \_\_\_\_\_
5. **Assessor's Parcel Number:** \_\_\_\_\_
6. **Project Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(street, town/area)
7. **Zoning:** \_\_\_\_\_ 8. **Architect's FAX # :** \_\_\_\_\_
9. Is this application (potentially) related to cannabis activities? no yes

### CONTACTS:

10. **Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street, city, state, zip)
11. **Applicant/Agent:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street, city, state, zip)
12. **Engineer/Surveyor/Architect:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street, city, state, zip)
13. **Appearance By:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street, city, state, zip)  
FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this is a complete application, and that the statistics and calculations included herein are accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that a County Board of Architectural Review approval does not guarantee me a land use clearance.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

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### FOR COUNTY USE ONLY

Case No. BAR-00000-00 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_  
South County BAR \_\_\_\_\_ Montecito BAR \_\_\_\_\_ Central County BAR \_\_\_\_\_ North County BAR \_\_\_\_\_  
MISSION CANYON \_\_\_\_\_ ISLA VISTA \_\_\_\_\_ HOPE RANCH \_\_\_\_\_ GOLETA \_\_\_\_\_ HOLLISTER RANCH \_\_\_\_\_  
SUMMERLAND \_\_\_\_\_ CARPINTERIA \_\_\_\_\_ TORO CANYON \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ridgeline:** Applicable \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable \_\_\_\_\_ **AREA:** Urban \_\_\_\_\_ Rural \_\_\_\_\_  
For larger projects, such as subdivisions or commercial projects, how much hearing time is requested? \_\_\_\_\_  
**Related case No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Case Planner** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date Received** \_\_\_\_\_ **By** \_\_\_\_\_ **County Receipt No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BAR Meeting Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Noticing Required:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
**Photos must be submitted at this time:** \_\_\_\_\_ (initialed by intake staff) **Zoning Violation:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_



**PROJECT INFORMATION**

**This section is to be filled out by the applicant. Please print and fill in all the blank spaces.**

Request of \_\_\_\_\_, agent/architect for \_\_\_\_\_  
(agent or architect) (circle one) (owner's name)

to consider Case No. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
(BAR case #--staff will enter) (conceptual, preliminary, final)

review/approval of a \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one) (list quantity and type i.e. 1 wall sign, 1 pole sign, 2 monument signs)

of approximately \_\_\_\_\_ square feet.  
(square footage of each structure)

The following structures exist on the parcel currently: \_\_\_\_\_  
(list structures, i.e., residence, garage, barn, guest house)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(also give approximate square footage of each structure)

The property is a \_\_\_\_\_ acre/square foot parcel, zoned \_\_\_\_\_  
(give sq. footage if under 1 acre; give acreage if 1 acre or more--circle one) (zoning)

and shown as APN \_\_\_\_\_  
(list APN # and use all 9 digits)

located at \_\_\_\_\_  
(address, road name and number only)

in the \_\_\_\_\_ area, \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisorial District,  
(list area; i.e., Santa Ynez, Montecito, Goleta, etc.) (list district: 1st, 2nd, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ BAR District.  
(list district: Mont., South, Central or North)