

Current Planning
March 2009 Activity Report

LAND USE ADVISORY COMMISSIONS

The LUAC Work Program that was developed between PALS staff, LUAC Chairpersons and the Industry will be temporarily postponed due to Budget constraints. The Program was drafted to enhance communication between all parties, implement early review by the LUACs for complex projects and proceed with amendments to codes.

A letter was sent to the LUAC Chairs informing them that the Program will remain open, but the implementation dates will probably be extended for a year. Current Planning will attempt to address some of the items when time is available.

PERFORMANCE OF REVIEW FOR MARCH 2009

At the end of March, it was obvious that due to the reduction of Current Planning staff that our Backlog was going to increase. We are trying to serve the public and applicants the best we can during these times of the economic down turn.

The Backlog at the end of March 2009 was 84 reviews that did not comply with the 30 or 60 day initial review period. In February 2009 there were 347 new reviews that were assigned to the Current Planners. The month of March added 214 new reviews. The new application reviews for March was reduced by 38%. However, the cumulative effect is one that Current Planning continually battles in trying to maintain a low number of reviews that are considered Backlog.