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1. Did you find the presentation from GO-Biz informative?

Yes: 15 (100%)

Why or why not?

- Very direct; thorough; positive; possible actions.
- Specifics were mentioned. Contact info given.
- Good points on economic development.
- A part of the solution to streamlining of permitting
- Good insights, advice
- Clear presentation w/local focus then solutions/suggestions
- Clarified the state's views on permitting
- Good to know state government is active and supportive
- Addressed areas I did not know much about
- All the ways to streamline permitting
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- There were references to programs that I was unaware of
- Good to hear how Sacramento is interested in state economic development

2. Do you think there are benefits from a master permitting process?

Yes: 13 (87%)

Other: I'm leery
Probably

Why or why not?

- It sometimes means doing CEQA twice--rarely can a dev. come ??
- Speed the process from permit to shovels on the ground.
- Less time, more predictability
- Will attract business to Humboldt Bay
- Not sure our available spaces would fit into this
- Reduce risk, cost and uncertainty
- Streamlining is always good
- Worthwhile investment to attract industry
- Yes, but may be difficult to generate consensus
- Great incentive for establishing manufacturing
- Speed up timing and simplify
- Less time

3. Do you think there are benefits from all the regulatory entities working together to simplify the application process and allow local consistency?

Yes: 13 (87%)

Other: Hopefully
Probably

For over 10 years I have been working with a group trying to simplify wetland development projects. currently 75% of costs have been dealing with the regulatory process.

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Why or why not?

- Communication and coordination are needed.
- See #2
- Same as #2
- Things go better whenever the right hand and the left hand work together
- Too many different regulations that are not always coherent with each other
- simultaneous review; relationships create understanding
- Common sense; eliminates duplication and uncertainty

4. When you think of revitalizing our Port, what do you envision?

- A railroad, several marine terminals, lots of jobs --but N.B.--no railroad, no port
- A connection to national rail somehow; otherwise we are a dead end except for wood products
- Fights with the Coastal Commission over nothing because there is no economy to build it.
- Rail + ?
- More shipping
- Industry and manufacturing
- Basic infrastructure to promote an industrial base
- More log and chip ships; vital commercial fishing and processing
- Modernization, multi-function, shipping port, green technology
- Industry and transportation
- Active, thriving and flexible; coastal dependent; industrial zoning needs to be more broad and flexible
- New docks and dredging to enlarge possible types of use (tourism, Pacific shipping, etc.) Assuming east-west RR.
- Full utilization of coastal-dependent properties and in compliance--more shipping and jobs.
- Vital growing community with an economy to keep our young people actively employed locally.

5. Is there a topic that you would like us to present, or would you like to make a presentation?

- Bring in Coastal Commission to justify their point of view
- State elected officials--federal? Reps from Coastal Commission?
- International market with interest/investment potential
- Shipping terminal operators
- See #4. Port revitalization is both limited and enabled by restrictive zoning coastal policy
- Bring several regulator people here as a panel to kick off the master permitting
- I'm interested in the programs planning staff can use to answer questions of time, cost and certainty
- He suggested getting permitting agencies to give talks: Army Corp of Engineering, Air Quality, Water ??