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 COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
 

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April 14, 1998

AGENDA: April 28, 1998

Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**RE: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION'S AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICIES AND ORDINANCES REGARDING BIOMEDICAL LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS IN AGRICULTURAL ZONE DISTRICTS**

**Members of the Board:**

On September 23, 1997, your Board adopted amendments to the County's General Plan/Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan to recognize Biomedical Livestock Operations (BLO) as agricultural uses and adopted amendments to the County Code to include this use as a conditional agricultural use within the Commercial Agriculture ("CA") and Agriculture ("A") zone districts. The amendments to the County Code also established specific processes, standards and findings under which proposals to develop Biomedical Livestock Operations on agricultural properties would be considered.

Following adoption by your Board, the amendments were delivered to the California Coastal Commission, with the required background materials, for review and certification by the Commission as consistent with the California Coastal Act and the County's Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan. Coastal staff prepared and released a staff report which recommended significant changes to the amendments adopted by your Board. The amendments were to be considered by the Coastal Commission on March 11, 1998. On March 10, 1998, your Board considered and approved a report which evaluated the recommendations of coastal staff and which recommended specific responses to be presented to the Coastal Commission.

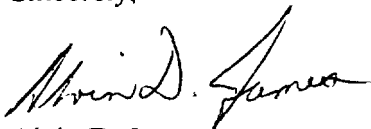
Based on this analysis and your Board's action, coastal staff prepared an addendum to their recommendation that included each of the recommendations adopted by your Board. On March 11, 1998, the California Coastal Commission adopted the Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan and implementing ordinance amendments as recommended by coastal staff in their addendum and as requested by your Board.

In order to complete the processing of these amendments, your Board must accept the changes adopted by the Coastal Commission. Because the changes involve issues discussed at the Planning Commission but not previously adopted in ordinance form by your Board, a public hearing is required before your Board to adopt the final version of the Biomedical Livestock Operation ordinances and policies.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

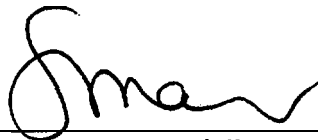
1. Schedule a public hearing for the afternoon agenda on May 19, 1998, to consider adoption of General Plan/Local Coastal Program policy and ordinance amendments regarding biomedical livestock operations as adopted by the California Coastal Commission on March 11, 1998; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the required notice of the public hearing.

Sincerely,



Alvin D. James  
Planning Director

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello, CAO

Attachments: 1. Legal Ad Text

- cc: County Counsel
- County Administrative Office
- Agricultural Commissioner
- Environmental Health Services
- Public Health Officer
- Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission
- UC Agricultural Extension
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Save Our Agricultural Land
- Paul Bruno, Esq.
- Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau
- Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc.
- California Coastal Commission

ATTACHMENT 1

TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED LANGUAGE APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION REGARDING THE GENERAL PLAN/LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM LAND USE PLAN POLICIES AND IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF BIOMEDICAL LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS ON AGRICULTURALLY ZONED LAND.

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