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October 15, 1998

AGENDA: October 27, 1998

Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060**RE: SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY GENERAL PLAN/LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM LAND USE PLAN AND TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE REGARDING TIMBER HARVESTING IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**

Members of the Board:

On June 2, 1998, your Board directed Planning staff to prepare policy and ordinance amendments regarding timber harvesting in Santa Cruz County. These amendments were to be processed concurrently with the processing of amendments to the Forest Practice Rules for Santa Cruz County. Your Board directed that three categories of amendments be processed, as follows:


1. Amendments that compliment the approval of amendments to the Forest Practice Rules by the Board of Forestry.
2. Amendments that are to be implemented should an acceptable set of Forest Practice Rules not be adopted by the Board of Forestry.
3. Amendments that are necessary regardless of the outcome of the Forest Practice Rules process.

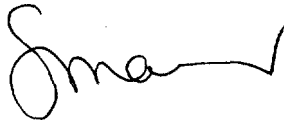
These amendments have been prepared and consolidated into two sets of policy and ordinance amendments. These two sets of amendments will be considered by the Planning Commission on October 27, 1998. In order for the ordinance amendments to become effective by January 1, 1999, as directed by your Board (at least outside the Coastal zone), your Board must act on the amendments before December 1, 1998. Unfortunately, the November 24, 1998 was the first available agenda following the Board of Forestry's November 3, 1998 public hearing on the proposed Forest Practice Rules amendments,

It is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that your Board:

1. Schedule a public hearing for the afternoon calendar on Tuesday, November 24, 1998 which begins at 1:30 p.m. to consider the Planning Commission's recommendations concerning policy and ordinance amendments regarding timber harvesting, and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the required public notices.

Sincerely,

  
 Alvin D. James  
 Planning Director



RECOMMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Susan A. Mauriello  
 County Administrative Officer

Attachment: 1. Public Hearing Notice Text

cc: County Counsel  
 California Department of Forestry, Central Coast Ranger Unit  
 Santa Cruz Farm Bureau  
 Big Creek Lumber  
 Mark Morganthaler  
 Steven M. Butler  
 Citizens for Responsible Forest Management  
 Sierra Club  
 Summit Watershed Protection League  
 Valley Women's Club  
 J. E. Greig, Inc.  
 City of Santa Cruz Water Department  
 Roy Webster  
 Redwood Empire  
 Betsy Herbert  
 Steve Staub

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY GENERAL PLAN/LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM LAND USE PLAN AND/OR THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE REGARDING TIMBER HARVESTING, AS FOLLOWS:

- A) GENERAL PLAN/LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT TO REVISE TABLE 1-7 TO SPECIFY THE PURPOSE OF THE SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION, TO ADD POLICY 5.12.14 DESIGNATING ZONE DISTRICTS WHERE TIMBER HARVESTING IS ALLOWED, TO AMEND POLICY 5.13.5 TO ADD TIMBER HARVESTING AS A PRINCIPAL PERMITTED USE ON COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL ZONED LAND AND TO AMEND POLICY 5.14.1 TO ADD TIMBER HARVESTING AS AN ALLOWED USE ON NON-COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL ZONED LAND; AND AMENDMENTS TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE AND LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM LAND USE PLAN IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCES TO ADD TIMBER HARVESTING AS AN ALLOWED USE IN THE AGRICULTURAL ZONE DISTRICTS; TO ESTABLISH IMPROVED SURFACING STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE ROADS; TO DELETE TIMBER HARVESTING AS A RIPARIAN CORRIDOR EXEMPTION; TO ESTABLISH HELICOPTER REGULATIONS RELATED TO TIMBER HARVESTING; AND TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR TIMBER HARVESTING IN THE "SU" ZONE DISTRICT AND OTHER RELATED ORDINANCES.

and

- B) GENERAL PLAN/LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT TO REVISE TABLE 1-7 TO SPECIFY THE PURPOSE OF THE SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION, TO ADD POLICY 5.12.14 DESIGNATING ZONE DISTRICTS WHERE TIMBER HARVESTING IS ALLOWED; AND AMENDMENTS TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE AND LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM LAND USE PLAN IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCES TO LIMIT TIMBER HARVESTING TO THE TIMBER PRODUCTION, THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE AND THE MINERAL EXTRACTION INDUSTRIAL ZONE DISTRICTS; TO ESTABLISH IMPROVED SURFACING STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE ROADS; TO DELETE TIMBER HARVESTING AS A RIPARIAN CORRIDOR EXEMPTION; TO ESTABLISH HELICOPTER REGULATIONS RELATED TO TIMBER HARVESTING; AND TO ESTABLISH LOCATIONAL CRITERIA FOR TIMBER HARVESTING IN THE COUNTY AND OTHER RELATED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS.