



County of Santa Cruz

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ALVIN D. JAMES, DIRECTOR

January 4, 1999

AGENDA: January 12, 1999

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
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RE: ANALYSIS OF SPECIAL USE "SU" ZONED PARCELS TO DETERMINE A MINIMUM
PARCEL SIZE FOR TIMBER HARVESTING

Members of the Board:

In April 1998, your Board established specific criteria to determine General Plan consistency for timber harvesting on parcels zoned Special Use "SU" that do not have the Timber Resource designation. On June 2, 1998, as a part of your Board's actions on proposed ordinance, policy and Forest Practice Rules changes, your Board directed staff to prepare an analysis of Special Use "SU" zoned properties that do not have a Timber Resource designation to determine if there was a correlation between parcel size, land use and/or adjacent parcels sizes. Staff prepared this analysis and presented it to your Board on October 20, 1998, along with a status report of the processing of the proposed Forest Practice Rules before the Board of Forestry. On October 20, 1998, your Board acted on the Forest Practice Rules portion of the staff recommendation (Recommendation No. 3), but deferred action on the SU report until November 24, 1998. On November 24, 1998, your Board continued this matter to January 12, 1999.

The report attached to this letter is the same report prepared for your Board in October 1998. The conclusions of the report were that there is no correlation between parcel size, zoning and land use that could be used to determine a minimum parcel size for timber harvesting. Staff, therefore, **RECOMMENDS** that your Board:

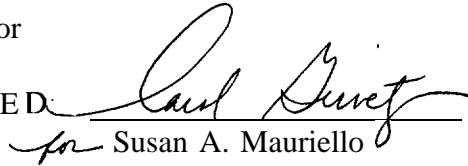
- 1 Accept and file the report, and
2. Direct staff to retain the 5 acre minimum parcel size in the Special Use "SU" District criteria.

Sincerely,



Alvin D. James
Planning Director

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

Attachment: 1 Letter of Alvin D. James, Planning Director, dated October 14, 1998.

cc: County Counsel
California Department of Forestry, Central Coast Ranger Unit
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