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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

March 11, 1999

AGENDA: March 23, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 7.70, WATER WELLS

Members of the Board:

On June 9, 1998, your Board gave conceptual approval to proposed amendments to the Water Well Ordinance (Chapter 7.70). These changes were to bring the ordinance into compliance with State law by adding the construction of geothermal heat exchange wells to the ordinance and limiting the issuance of permits to drill wells to licensed well drilling contractors. An amendment would add a restriction on drilling of wells within the Central Water District similar to that already held by the Soquel Creek Water District, with whom it shares the same aquifer. The ordinance was considered by the Planning Commission on February 24, 1999, where it was recommended to the Board for approval. It is now recommended that your Board schedule a public hearing to consider these amendments on April 20, 1999.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Schedule a public hearing for April 20, 1999, on the morning agenda to consider proposed revisions to County Code Chapter 7.70, Water Wells, and a related Negative Declaration.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish appropriate notices of the hearing.

Sincerely,

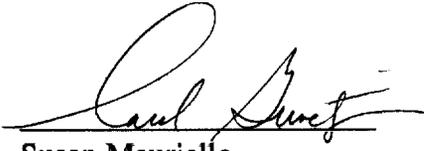
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RECOMMENDED

for 
Susan Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

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- HSA Administration
- Clerk of the Board
- Environmental Health
- Planning Department
- Central Water District
- Soquel Creek Water District