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May 19, 1999

Agenda Date: May 25, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz
 701 Ocean Street
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Subject: Report Back on the Planning Commission's Study Session to Consider Design Review Waiver Procedures

Members of the Board:

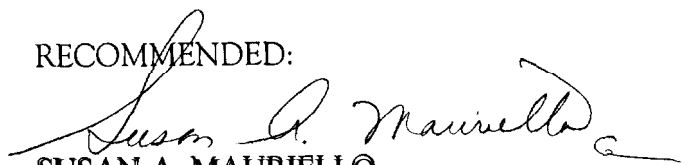
On March 23, 1999, your Board considered a report from the Planning Department on several changes to our application submittal requirements and processing procedures for projects subject to Chapter 13.11 of the County Code (Site, Architectural and Landscape Design Review ordinance). Your Board considered a proposal to provide for a waiver procedure for projects subject to this ordinance, and directed staff to refer this proposal to the Commission for their consideration and to return to your Board on May 25 with any additional recommendations.

As directed, the Planning Commission considered the proposed waiver procedure and related design review issues in a study session conducted on April 28, 1999. Several members of the development community were in attendance and offered testimony to the Commission. The Planning Commission raised several concerns about the proposed waiver procedure and other design review issues. In order to respond to these concerns, staff need an additional two weeks to complete our follow-up report to your Board. It is therefore, RECOMMENDED, that your Board defer consideration of this matter until June 8, 1999.

Sincerely,


 Alvin D. James
 Planning Director

RECOMMENDED:


 SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
 County Administrative Officer