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Agenda Date: August 3, 1999

Date: July 22, 1999

 Board of Supervisors  
 County of Santa Cruz  
 701 Ocean Street  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060
**Subject: Post Disaster Policies and Procedures**

Members of the Board:

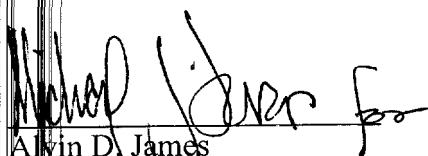
On October 27, 1998, during your deliberations on proposed revisions to the Geologic Hazards ordinance, your Board discussed the desire to review, evaluate, and possibly memorialize Planning Department policies and procedures developed following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake to assist in community recovery efforts. You directed the Planning Department to provide you with a report on this matter during your first meeting in August.

Due to the high volume of permit applications currently being processed by the Department, we have not yet completed the task of assembling archived information related to the policies and procedures developed in the wake of the earthquake. Once the entire set of these archived materials has been assembled, a staff working group will be formed for the purpose of evaluating the information and developing a report, including recommendations for further action, for consideration by your Board. As a component of this effort, we also envision canvassing some of the agencies which were involved in the recovery effort in order to gain additional perspective on the effectiveness of the policies and procedures in question.

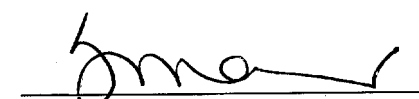
Until the staff working group mentioned above has been established and review of the assembled materials has begun, we cannot know with certainty the time which will be required to prepare a report and recommendations for your consideration. We are recommending that we be directed to return to your Board with a progress report on this matter on November 16, 1999.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board defer evaluation of post-disaster policies and procedures until November 16, 1999 and direct the Planning Department to return with a progress report on that date.

Sincerely,


  
 Alvin D. James  
 Planning Director

RECOMMENDED:


  
 Susan A. Mauriello  
 County Administrator