



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Board of Supervisors  
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AGENDA: November 16, 1999

SUBJECT: Post Disaster Policies and Procedures

Members of the Board:

When your Board first discussed this issue in October of 1998 during your deliberations of proposed revisions to the Geologic Hazards Ordinance, your Board expressed a desire to review, evaluate and possibly memorialize disaster policies developed after the Loma Prieta Earthquake to assist in community recovery from future disasters. On August 3, 1999 your Board directed the Planning Department to return on today's agenda with a progress report on our evaluation of post disaster policies.

Since that time, we have begun a number of efforts to compile resources on this topic:

- Assembly of Santa Cruz County's archived information related to the Loma Prieta Earthquake
- Discussions with other jurisdictions to gather information about their post disaster policies
- Exploration of outside funding sources for development of a comprehensive set of policies
- Research into model programs from disaster planning resources

Because of the volume of information to be collected and analyzed, we will need additional time to prepare a report and recommendations for your Board.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board :

1. Accept and file this report, and;
2. Defer evaluation of post disaster policies and procedures until January 11, 2000 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 Administrative Officer

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