



# County of Santa Cruz

## PLANNING COMMISSION

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### **SUBJECT: REGULATIONS REGARDING TIMBER HARVESTING**


Members of the Board:

The Planning Commission, as a result of the large numbers of applications to rezone property to the Timber Production zone district, requested that the Planning Department provide a report on the activities regarding the attempts by the County to regulate timber harvesting within the County. On April 28, 1999, the Planning Commission conducted a study session on the current status of the County's efforts to regulate timber harvesting within in the County. Following the presentation by Planning staff (Attachment 1), the Commission discussed a number of their concerns regarding timber harvesting in the County. These concerns included the following:

- Parcel size: The Commission was concerned that the 5 acre parcel size was too small for maintaining an economically viable timber resource unit.
- Compatible uses: The Commission was concerned that the County's TP zone uses chart contained uses that may not be compatible with the long-term goal of timber resource management.
- Findings: The aspect of the rezoning process which raised the greatest concern dealt with the Timber Management Plan and the lack of guidelines for its review and approval by the Commission.

The Commission directed that this letter be prepared and, further, recommended that your Board take final action on the ordinances restricting timber harvesting to the TP zone as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

  
Renee Shepherd, Chairperson  
Planning Commission

Attachments      1. Memo of Mark M. Deming, AICP, dated April 15, 1999, with Exhibits.