



# County of Santa Cruz

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AGENDA: 2/1/00

January 20, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Building Board of Appeals for calendar year 1999. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report.

Sincerely,

*Mardi Wormhoudt*

MARDI WORMHOUDT, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Building Board of Appeals

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BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS COMMISSION  
1999 ANNUAL REPORT

I. ROLE OF COMMISSION

The board shall exercise the following responsibilities within the jurisdiction of the county; except that, for purposes related to the fire code, the board shall have no responsibilities with respect to the unincorporated area of the county, which lies within the jurisdiction of a fire protection district:

- A. Determine the suitability of alternate building materials and methods and types of construction for use in the county;
- B. Interpret the provisions of the fire code adopted by Chapter 7.92, the provisions of the uniform codes adopted by Chapter 12.10, and the provision of the grading regulations adopted by Chapter 16.20 of the Santa Cruz County Code;
- C. Consider recommendations to the board of supervisors concerning improvements of building, grading and fire regulations for the county;
- D. Hear all appeals filed by persons pursuant to provisions of Chapter 7.92 and 12.12 of this code;
- E. Hear all appeals filed by persons regarding actions taken by the building department of the county in the enforcement of the requirements of Sections 19955 et seq. of the Health and Safety Code related to access to public accommodations by physically handicapped persons;
- F. Render final decisions on all appeals brought before the board;
- G. Exercise any other responsibilities which may be set forth in the board bylaws and rules of investigation, approved by the board of supervisors. (Ord. 3620 Sec. 25, 26, 1985; Ord. 3602 Sec. 25 and 26, 1985; prior code Section 3.51.020; Ord. 2280, 4/20/76; Ord. 2368, 12/7/76; Ord. 2518, 1/10/78).

II. MEETING DATES

Special meetings of the board shall be held from time to time as necessary to hear appeals, or upon request of the building inspection chief of the community resources agency, the fire marshal, or of a member of the board.

III. COMMISSION STRUCTURE

The board shall consist of five regular members and three alternate members, all of whom shall be residents of the county and be appointed by the board of supervisors. No member of the board shall be an employee of the county. Each supervisor shall nominate one person to serve as a regular member of the board in accordance with the following:

1. The supervisor of the First Supervisorial District shall nominate a civil engineer.
2. The supervisor of the Second Supervisorial District shall nominate a general contractor.
3. The supervisor of the Third Supervisorial District shall nominate a plumbing contractor.
4. The supervisor of the Fourth Supervisorial District shall nominate an electrical engineer.
5. The supervisor of the Fifth Supervisorial District shall nominate an architect.

In addition, three alternate member shall be appointed to the board on an at-large basis by the board of supervisors. Two of such alternate members shall be physically handicapped persons and the other alternate member shall be a public member. Three alternate member of the board shall serve in the place of three of the regular members of the board in appeals filed by persons regarding actions taken by the building department of the county in the enforcement of the requirements of Section 19955 et. Seq. of the Health and Safety Code relating to access to public accommodations by physically handicapped persons. Two regular members of the board shall be selected to sit on such appeals on a rotational basis among the five regular members in the order of which such members are listed in the section, beginning with the members of the board nominated by the supervisor of the First Supervisorial District and by the supervisor of the Second Supervisorial District. No member of the appeals board shall be a county employee. (Prior code Sec. 3.51.030; Ord. 2280, 4/20/76; Ord. 2368, 12/7/76; Ord. 2518, 1/10/78).

IV. COMMISSION STAFF

The building inspection division of the community resources agency shall provide staff support for the board for all building appeals, and the fire marshal shall provide staff support for the board for all fire code appeals. The building inspection chief or the fire marshal, as appropriate, shall serve as the administrative secretary to the board and prepare and mail the agendas, take

minutes of each meeting, and perform other duties as directed by the board.

V. ATTENDANCE

Three members represent a quorum.

VI. GOALS

See Item I

VII. FUTURE GOALS

See Item I

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

IX. 1999 ACTIONS

No hearings were required or held during Calendar Year 1999.