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## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

March 30, 2000

AGENDA: April 11, 2000

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

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Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE REPORT

Dear Board Members:

The Board of Supervisors formed an Environmental Health Task Force in February 1999 to review the County's sewage disposal program and make recommendations for administrative and procedural changes and improvements. Your Board accepted the final report of the Task Force on May 4, 1999. Adopted recommendations included: 1) Environmental Health Services (EHS), in conjunction with the State Regional Water Quality Control Board, develop possible strategies for mitigating the financial burdens that result from failure of septic systems in areas where conventional solutions will not work; and 2) EHS, with the assistance of an advisory group, develop recommendations for strengthening the process of disclosure of septic system characteristics and/or limitations, including an evaluation of the possibility of a "Uniform Septic Disclosure Document." The Health Services Agency and Environmental Health were directed to report back in April 2000 on both items.


HSA and EHS are planning on submitting a one year report in May on the status of all the Environmental Health Task Force recommendations adopted by your Board. It would be appropriate to defer the above mentioned matters until that time to provide the most comprehensive review.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board defer reports on financial risk sharing strategies and septic system disclosure, and direct that the HSA Administrator and Environmental Health Director report back on these items and on implementation of the recommendations of the Environmental Health Task Force on May 9, 2000.

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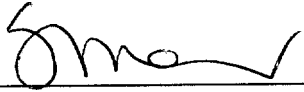
Sincerely,

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 Rama Khalsa, Ph.D.  
HSA Administrator

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Environmental Health Director

RECOMMENDED:



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County Administrative Officer

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County Counsel  
County Assessor  
County Recorder  
HSA Administration  
Environmental Health