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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Agenda: May 23, 2000

Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Cruz  
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SUBJECT: Status Report On Planning Department Policy Binder

Members of the Board:

Last December we brought a report to your Board on a project to organize and update the numerous Planning Department policy directives and interpretations that have been issued in recent years. As the agency your Board designated to be responsible for administering the County's complex set of land use regulations, it has been necessary from time to time to prepare written interpretations to clarify the application of the Code to specific situations. Such interpretations have also been needed to resolve ambiguities and inconsistencies in our ordinances and/or policies. It was our goal to have the policy interpretations update completed by June 1, 2000. We were directed to provide your Board with a status report on your May 23 agenda.

Due to a variety of factors, including a pressing application workload and staff turnover (including the recent resignation of the Principal Planner assigned to manage this project), we have not made as much progress on this important project as anticipated since our last report to your Board. We recognize the importance of keeping this project moving forward, so we are reassigning it to our Advanced Planning Section. This reassignment will necessitate some adjustments to the Work Program. We will return to your Board on June 13, 2000 with a more detailed discussion and project schedule.

It is therefore **Recommended** that your Board accept and file this report, and direct Planning to return with a more detailed report for your consideration on your June 13, 2000 agenda.

Sincerely,

ALVIN D. JAMES  
Planning Director

RECOMMENDED

SUSAN MAURIELLO  
County Administrative Officer