



# County of Santa Cruz

## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

July 17, 2000

AGENDA: August 1, 2000

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

### RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 7.70, WATER WELLS

Members of the Board:

On May 23, 2000, your Board gave conceptual approval to proposed amendments to the Water Well Ordinance (Chapter 7.70). These changes were to bring the ordinance into compliance with State law by adding the construction of geothermal heat exchange wells to the ordinance and limiting the issuance of permits to drill wells to licensed well drilling contractors. Additional amendments strengthen requirements for well abandonment and destruction. Other minor amendments are proposed. The ordinance was considered by the Planning Commission on July 12, 2000, where it was recommended to the Board for approval. It is now recommended that your Board schedule a public hearing to consider these amendments on August 15, 2000.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Schedule a public hearing for August 15, 2000, on the morning agenda to consider proposed revisions to County Code Chapter 7.70, Water Wells, and a related Negative Declaration.
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish appropriate notices of the hearing.

Sincerely,

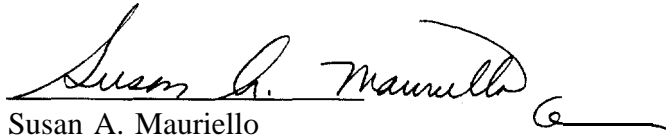
Rama Khalsa, Ph.D.

Health Services Agency Administrator

Diane Evans, REHS

Environmental Health Director

RECOMMENDED

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Susan A. Mauriello  
County Administrative Officer

cc: CAO

HSA Administration  
Clerk of the Board  
Environmental Health  
Planning Department  
County Counsel