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ATTACHMENT 8

August 7, 2001

Santa Cruz Planning Commission
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz CA 95060

Subject: Revised Design Standards for Private Roads, Driveways and
Bridges

Honorable Chairperson and Fellow Commissioners:

The San Lorenzo Valley Water District Board of Directors reviewed the proposed amendments to the County Grading Ordinance at our regular meeting of August 2, 2001. The Board, by unanimous vote, directed a letter be sent to your Commission endorsing the approval of the proposed amendments.

By requiring better all weather surface materials on all new private roads we can assure the protection of water quality from storm runoff. In addition, the proposed requirement for maintenance will provide planning staff with the necessary County policy direction and enforcement language to insure private roads are properly maintained to prevent excessive erosion. Chronic erosion from unpaved roads and exposed road cut banks is a documented source of excessive sediment that is choking County streams and rivers.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

James Nelson
President, Board of Directors

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