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AGENDA: 3/12/02

March 4, 2002

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

RE: APTOS VILLAGE PLAN UPDATE

Dear Members of the Board:

As you may know, a specific plan for the Aptos Village area was first adopted by this Board on April 17, 1979. The plan was subsequently amended on June 18, 1985. In the years since the plan was written and amended, very little has happened in the Aptos Village area. There is now interest in the community in revisiting the Aptos Village Plan, and perhaps revising it.

I have met with community members three times in the last several months concerning this issue. The community recognizes that Aptos Village is a very special and unique area which has the potential to become the "heart" of Aptos. There is a great deal of interest in seeing that any development there truly benefits the community. It seems wise after 17 years to take another look at the plan and see if it still meets the community's needs and desires.

The community is also interested in trying to understand why there has not been development in the Aptos Village area. The plan has sat on the shelf and the community, myself included, wants to try to understand why the vision of the Aptos Village Plan hasn't been realized.

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Accordingly, I recommend that the Board take the following actions:

- 1. Direct the Planning Department to conduct two evening community meetings to review the Aptos Village Plan, as most recently amended on June 18, 1985, to determine whether changes should be considered.
- 2. Direct the Planning Department to place the Aptos Village Plan on the County's website, and further direct the Planning Department to make copies available at the Aptos Library for on-site review at that location.
- 3. Direct the Planning Department to return to the Board, on or before June 11, 2002, with a report outlining the results of the community meetings and their recommendations, based on community input, for suggested changes to the Aptos Village Plan.

Very truly yours

ELLEN PIRIE, Supervisor

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cc: Planning Department

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