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AGENDA August 6, 2002

Board of Supervisors
 County of Santa Cruz
 701 Ocean Street
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SUBJECT: SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 13.10.631(e) REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF "FARM WORKER".

Members of the Board:

On January 29, 2002, the Board of Supervisors accepted a report by the Redevelopment Agency on Farmworker Housing Issues, including a proposed amendment to the definition of farmworker found in Section 13.10.631(e)1 as it applies to farmworker housing projects and referred the item to the Planning Department for formal processing. According to the report from the Redevelopment Agency, farmworker housing funding sources often:

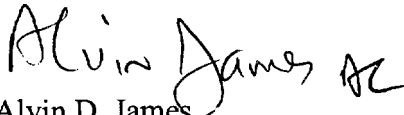
“have their own way of defining eligible farmworkers, sometimes at odds with the County’s Zoning Ordinance definition. In particular, our Ordinance requires farmworkers to be employed in farm activities ten months of the year, In many instances, farmworkers may not be working ten months due to a variety of circumstances – the most common is extended wet weather periods.”

The proposed amendment will better align the County’s definition with that of various farm worker housing funding sources.

On July 24, 2002, the Planning Commission considered the proposed amendment and adopted a Resolution recommending approval of the ordinance amendment. It is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that your Board:

1. Schedule a public hearing on this matter on the morning agenda of August 27, 2002 to consider the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to provide the appropriate public notice of the hearing.

Sincerely,



Alvin D. James
Planning Director

RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

cc: Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau
Agricultural Commissioner
Redevelopment Agency

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

**PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PLANNING COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 13.10.631(e)1
REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF “FARM WORKER” AS THAT TERM
APPLIES TO FARM WORKER HOUSING TO BETTER ALIGN THE
DEFINITION WITH THAT OF VARIOUS FARM WORKER HOUSING
FUNDING SOURCES (THIS SECTION IS A COASTAL IMPLEMENTING
ORDINANCE)**