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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW INITIAL STUDY

Date: 6/13/11 Application Number: 111095

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I. OVERVIEW AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

APPLICANT: Santa Cruz County **APN(s)**: 030-153-10, 030-142-18, 030-

142-32, 030-142-33, 030-071-08 and 030-

081-17

OWNER: Santa Cruz County SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT: 1st District

PROJECT LOCATION: Within the Soquel Village area on the East Side of Daubenbiss Avenue, 100 feet south of Soquel Drive; north side of Soquel Drive, across Daubenbiss Avenue; and, east side of Porter Street approximately 400 feet south of Soquel Drive

SUMMARY PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposal for a General Plan Amendment and Rezoning of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 030-153-10, located on the east side of Porter Street approximately 400 feet south of Soquel Drive, from C-C, O-U (Community Commercial, Urban Open Space) to O-R, O-U (Parks, Recreation, and Open Space, Urban Open Space) and to Rezone from C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PR-GH (Parks, Recreation and Open Space-Geologic Hazards); Amend APN 030-142-18, 030-142-32, and 030-142-33, located on the east side of Daubenbiss Avenue, from C-C (Community Commercial) to P (Public/Institutional Facilities) and Rezone from C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PF-GH (Public Facility-Geologic Hazards); Amend APN 030-071-08 and 030-081-17, located on the north side of Soquel Drive opposite Daubenbiss Avenue, from C-C (Community Facility) to P (Public/Institutional Facilities) and Rezone from C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PF-GH (Public Facilities-Geologic Hazards) Zone District.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS PC	DTENTIALLY AFFECTED: All of the following
potential environmental impacts are	e evaluated in this Initial Study. Categories that are
marked have been analyzed in gre	ater detail based on project specific information.
Geology/Soils	Noise

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	Hydrology/Water Supply/Water Quality		Air Quality			
	Biological Resources		Greenhouse Gas Emissions			
	Agriculture and Forestry Resources		Public Services			
	Mineral Resources		Recreation			
	Visual Resources & Aesthetics		Utilities & Service Systems			
	Cultural Resources	\boxtimes	Land Use and Planning			
	Hazards & Hazardous Materials		Population and Housing			
	Transportation/Traffic		Mandatory Findings of Significance			
DIS	CRETIONARY APPROVAL(S) BEING C	ONSI	DERED:			
\boxtimes	General Plan Amendment		Coastal Development Permit			
	Land Division		Grading Permit			
	Rezoning		Riparian Exception			
	Development Permit		Other:			
100	I-LOCAL APPROVALS					
Othe	er agencies that must issue permits or aut	thoriza	ations:			
	ERMINATION: (To be completed by the he basis of this initial evaluation:	lead a	gency)			
	I find that the proposed project COULD I environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLAR		•			
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.					
	I find that the proposed project MAY have and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT RE					
	I find that the proposed project MAY have "potentially significant unless mitigated" one effect 1) has been adequately analy applicable legal standards, and 2) has be based on the earlier analysis as described ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is effects that remain to be addressed.	impac zed in een ac ed on	t on the environment, but at least an earlier document pursuant to ddressed by mitigation measures attached sheets. An			
	I find that although the proposed project environment, because all potentially sign					

adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Matthew Johnston

Environmental Coordinator

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS Parcel Size: Daubenbiss Parking Lot (three parcels): ½ acre; Porter Street lot (one parcel): ½ acre; Lighthouse Parking: ½ acre Existing Land Use: Daubenbiss and Lighthouse sites are parking lots, Porter Street is vacant Vegetation: Riparian Slope in area affected by project: ○ 0 - 30 ○ 31 - 100 ○ Nearby Watercourse: The Porter Street site is adjacent to Soquel Creek Distance To: Contiguous **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND CONSTRAINTS** Water Supply Watershed: No Fault Zone: No Scenic Corridor: No Groundwater Recharge: Only portion of Porter Street Site along Soquel Creek Timber or Mineral: No Historic: No Agricultural Resource: No. Archaeology: None Identified Biologically Sensitive Habitat: Riparian Noise Constraint: No Woodland and biotic resources on Porter Street site only Fire Hazard: No Electric Power Lines: No Floodplain: Yes Solar Access: N/A Erosion: No Solar Orientation: N/A Landslide: No Hazardous Materials: No Liquefaction: Yes Other: **SERVICES** Fire Protection: Central Fire Drainage District: Zone 5 Project Access: Daubenbiss Avenue, School District: Soquel Soquel Drive, Porter Street Sewage Disposal: County Sanitation Water Supply: Soquel Creek Water District PLANNING POLICIES Special Designation: Soquel Village Zone District: C-2-GH Plan General Plan: C-C (Community Commercial), O-U (Urban Open Space),

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING AND SURROUNDING LAND USES:

Inside

Inside

The Daubenbiss Parking lot (APN 030-142-18, 32, & 33) is located on the east side of Daubenbiss Avenue, approximately 100 south of Soquel Drive and is situated behind

Outside

Urban Services Line:

Coastal Zone:

the Soquel Village businesses fronting Soquel Drive and Porter Street to the east. Residential sites are located to the west and south of the property. This site was developed by the County Redevelopment Agency and is a fully developed parking lot.

The Lighthouse Parking lot (APN 030-071-08 and 030-081-17) is located on the north side of Soquel Drive directly across the street from Daubenbiss Avenue. It is situated adjacent to the Lighthouse Church to the west and Hernandez Market to the east. This lot was developed by the County Redevelopment Agency and provides parking for the Soquel Village Business District.

The Porter Street site is located on the east side of Porter Street, approximately 400 feet south of Soquel Drive. The site is surrounded by a commercial office to the north and dance studio business to the south. Soquel Creek is located on the east side of the parcel. A few mature trees are located along the frontage of the site and a thicket of riparian trees are located along Soquel Creek.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND:

Public Parking Lots

Through a community planning process in 1990, parking, traffic safety and pedestrian access were identified as major needs for Soquel Village. Specific improvements to address these problems were proposed in the Soquel Village Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 22, 1990. Additional parking lot construction and renovation was identified as a means to resolve these issues. The Soquel Village Parking Business Improvement Area (SVPBIA) was established as a mechanism to operate and maintain the public parking lots.

The construction and renovation of these lots was financed by the Redevelopment Agency and includes the Lighthouse and Daubenbiss parking lots, parking and access easements as well as on street parking improvements. In total, the Agency developed 151 public parking spaces in the Village, dramatically reducing local concerns about parking and providing access to area businesses.

The Lighthouse parking lot was the first lot to be completed, located on Soquel Drive next to the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship church, and provides 47 parking spaces. The driveway off Soquel Drive was aligned with Daubenbiss Avenue, thereby minimizing traffic conflicts. In addition, curb, gutter, and sidewalks were constructed on the site frontage. A bus turnout and shelter were constructed to the west of the driveway access. A new traffic signal also was installed there as part of a later project.

The Daubenbiss parking lot included construction of a new entrance from Porter Street which helped improve access and circulation, construction of new parking spaces, sidewalks, landscaping and night lighting as well as sidewalk, curb and gutter improvements on the Daubenbiss Avenue frontage of the lot. Renovation of the existing

43 spaces and construction of an additional 13 spaces brought the total capacity of this lot to 56 parking spaces.

The parking lots are currently designated Community Commercial (C-C) by the General Plan and zoned Community Commercial-Geological Hazards (C-2-GH). The intent of the proposed map change is to assign a public land use and zoning designation in order to preserve the property for public use. The amendment and rezoning will recognize completion of these parking lots in accordance with the Soquel Village Plan. The Geologic Hazards Combining Zone District overlay will be retained.

Porter Street Site

The Porter Street site is approximately ½ acre vacant and undeveloped County-owned parcel. This site was purchased by the Redevelopment Agency to provide access to the future Heart of Soquel park project envisioned by the Village Plan. A general Plan amendment from C-C-O-U (Community Commercial-Urban Open Space) to O-R-O-U (Parks, Recreation and Open Space-Urban Open Space) and Rezoning to Parks, Recreation and Open Space is proposed so that the zoning is more consistent with the intended use of the Village Plan and to preserve the property for public use.

The existing Urban Open Space land use plan designation and Geologic Hazards combining zone district overlay will be retained on the sites.

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III. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CHECKLIST

A. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Wou	ld the	project:				
1.	pot incl	pose people or structures to ential substantial adverse effects, luding the risk of loss, injury, or ath involving:				
	A.	Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				
	B.	Strong seismic ground shaking?				\boxtimes
	C.	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				
	D.	Landslides?				\boxtimes
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2.	that uns pote land	located on a geologic unit or soil t is unstable, or that would become stable as a result of the project, and entially result in on- or off-site dslide, lateral spreading, esidence, liquefaction, or collapse?				
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3.	Dev 30%	velop land with a slope exceeding %?				\boxtimes

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	ssion: The sites are flat and no developr dment and rezoning at this time.	ment is prop	posed othe	er than an		
4.	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				\boxtimes	
	Discussion: No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning. This will not result in soil erosion or loss of top soil.					
5.	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Section 1802.3.2 of the California Building Code (2007), creating substantial risks to life or property?					
	ssion: No development is proposed other will not result in impacts from soils condition		amendmen	t and rezor	ing.	
6.	Place sewage disposal systems in areas dependent upon soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks, leach fields, or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available?					
Discussion: No septic systems are proposed and no development is proposed at this time other than an amendment and rezoning. Furthermore, any future project would connect to the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District, and the applicant would be required to pay standard sewer connection and service fees that fund sanitation improvements within the district as a Condition of Approval for the project.						
7.	Result in coastal cliff erosion?					
Discu	ssion: The property is not located in the	coastal zo	ne.			
	TOROLOGY, WATER SUPPLY, AND WA	ATER QUA	ALITY			
1.	Place development within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?					
	ission: No development is proposed other in impacts from			nt and rezo	ning. A	

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2.	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				\boxtimes
	ssion: No development is proposed other roject will not result in impacts from flood h		amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
3.	Be inundated by a seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				\boxtimes
	ssion: No development is proposed other will not result in impacts from these hazards		amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
4.	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				
that we	ssion: No development is proposed, other ould affect water supply for this site. Any discussed land use designations would obtain water ould not rely on private well water at the time.	future de er from Sc	velopment oquel Creek	under exis « Water Di	sting or
5.	Substantially degrade a public or private water supply? (Including the contribution of urban contaminants, nutrient enrichments, or other agricultural chemicals or seawater intrusion).				
	ssion: No development is proposed other ill not result in impacts to public or private			t and rezo	ning.
6.	Degrade septic system functioning?				\boxtimes
conne	ssion: This property and all others in the vocted to the County sanitation district and nonfunctioning.	•			

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7.	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding, on- or off-site?				
	ussion: No development is proposed othe will not alter site drainage.	r than an	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
8.	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems, or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?		· []		\boxtimes
	ussion: No development is proposed othe will not alter site drainage.	r than an	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
9.	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				
	ussion: No development is proposed othe will not involve the risk from flooding.	r than an	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
10.	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				\boxtimes
	ussion: No development is proposed othe will not alter water quality.	r than an	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
	OLOGICAL RESOURCES d the project:				
1.	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game, or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				

Discussion: No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning.

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This will not result in site alteration or habitat modification. Riparian regulations require habitat protection regardless of the general plan land use designation and zoning of the site.

2. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations (e.g., wetland, native grassland, special forests, intertidal zone, etc.) or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

Discussion: No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning. This will not result in modification to riparian habitat. Riparian regulations require habitat protection regardless of the general plan land use designation and zoning of the site.

3. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native or migratory wildlife nursery sites?

Discussion: No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning. This will not result in interference to migratory patterns of native speces. Riparian regulations require habitat protection regardless of the general plan land use designation and zoning of the site. This will not result in impacts.

4. Produce nighttime lighting that would substantially illuminate wildlife habitats?

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Discussion: No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning. This will not result in production of nighttime lighting of wildlife habitats. Riparian regulations require habitat protection regardless of the general plan land use designation and zoning of the site. This will not result in impacts

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5.	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				
Discu Nonet	ssion: No development is proposed other heless, no wetlands are present on this si	r than an a te.	ımendment	and rezo	ning.
6.	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources (such as the Sensitive Habitat Ordinance, Riparian and Wetland Protection Ordinance, and the Significant Tree Protection Ordinance)?				
Ripari design	ssion: No development is proposed other an regulations require habitat protection re nation and zoning of the site. This will not etion ordinances.	egardless	of the gene	ral plan la	ind use
7.	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				
	ssion: No development is proposed othe heless, no habitat conservation plan exists			t and rezo	oning.
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1.	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on				\boxtimes

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the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

The project site does not contain any lands designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency. In addition, the project does not contain Farmland of Local Importance. Therefore, no Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide or Farmland of Local Importance would be converted to a non-agricultural use. No impact would occur from project implementation.

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2.	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				\boxtimes
Facilit an ag Contra	roject site is zoned C-2 (Community Comy) and PR (Parks, Recreation, and Open ricultural zone. Additionally, the project sinct. Therefore, the project does not conflibrated Williamson Act Contract. No impact in	Space), whate's land is ct with exist	nich are no not under ing zoning	ot considere a Williamse	ed to be on Act
3.	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?				
	roject is not adjacent to land designated a fect the resource or access to harvest the				t would
4.	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				\boxtimes
No fo anticip	rest land occurs on the project site or in toated.	the immedia	ite vicinity	. No impac	t is
5.	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				

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The project site and surrounding area is within the Urban Service Line and many miles from any lands designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance or Farmland of Local Importance as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency. Therefore, no Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide, or Farmland of Local Importance would be converted to a non-agricultural use. In addition, the project site contains no forest land. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

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	INERAL RESOURCES d the project:				
1.	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				
regior	ite does not contain any known mineral resonand the residents of the state. Therefore, mentation.	ources th no impa	nat would b ct is anticip	e of value t ated from p	o the project
2.	Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				
Recre (M-3) (Coun a knov site de	project site is zoned C-2 and proposed as Pleation, and Open Space), which are not control nor does it have a Land Use Designation was four the Cruz 1994). Therefore, no potential resource of locally important mineral resource of locally important minerated on a local general plan, specific pesult of this project.	isidered t vith a Qua entially si neral reso	to be an Ex arry Desigr gnificant lo ource recov	tractive Us nation Over ss of availa very (extrac	e Zone lay (Q) ability of ction)
	SUAL RESOURCES AND AESTHETICS the project:				
1.	Have an adverse effect on a scenic vista?				\boxtimes
The p	roject would not directly impact any public s ty's General Plan (1994), or obstruct any pu	scenic resublic view	sources, as	designate visual reso	d in the urces.
2.	Substantially damage scenic resources, within a designated scenic corridor or public view shed area including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings				

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public	ssion: The project sites are not located ald view shed area, scenic corridor, within a da state scenic highway. Therefore, no imp	esignate	d scenic re	nated scen source are	ic road, a, or
3.	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings, including substantial change in topography or ground surface relief features, and/or development on a ridgeline?				
<i>Discu</i> This w	ssion: No development is proposed other will not result in impacts to the visual charac	than an a	amendmen e site.	t and rezor	ning.
4.	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				
	ssion: No development is proposed other rill not result in impacts to day or nighttime		amendmen	t and rezor	ning.
	LTURAL RESOURCES the project:				
1.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5?				
Discu	ssion: There are no structures on the sub	ject prop	erty that co	ould be affe	cted.
2.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5?				
develo in impa the pre humar cultura respor	eparation for or process of excavating or other remains of any age, or any artifact or other site which reasonably appears to exceed a sible persons shall immediately cease and emply with the notification procedures given Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal	ent and r de Sectio herwise o er eviden 100 yea d desist fi	ezoning. To 16.40.04 disturbing to the contraction of a secondary of a secondary and a secondary a secondary a secondary and a	This will not 0, if at any the ground, tive Americ re discover her site exc	t result time in any an red, the cavation
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Discussion: No human remains have been identified in the project area. No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning. This will not result in impacts. However, pursuant to Section 16.40.040 of the Santa Cruz County Code, if at any time during site preparation, excavation, or other ground disturbance associated with this project, human remains are discovered, the responsible persons shall immediately cease and desist from all further site excavation and notify the sheriff-coroner and the Planning Director. If the coroner determines that the remains are not of recent origin, a full archeological report shall be prepared and representatives of the local Native California Indian group shall be contacted. Disturbance shall not resume until the significance of the archeological resource is determined and appropriate mitigations to preserve the resource on the site are established.

Distur deterr	bance shall not resume until the significant nined and appropriate mitigations to prese ished.	ice of the	archeologic	al resource	
4.	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				
Nonet	resion: No development is proposed other the heless, no paleontological resource or site on the site that could be disrupted by further than the site that could be disrupted by further than the site that could be disrupted by further than the site that could be disrupted by further than the site that could be disrupted by further than the site of the s	e or unique	e geologic	features ar	_
	AZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL the project:	S			
1.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment as a result of the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials?				
	ssion: No development is proposed othe vill not result in the transport or disposal of				ning.
2.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				
	ssion: No development is proposed othe vill not result in the transport or disposal of				ning.
3.	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				
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This	will not result in emissions of hazardous m	aterials.			
4.	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				
Disc	ussion: The site is not identified on the lis	st of hazar	dous matei	rials.	
5.	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				
Disc	ussion: The site is not located within an a	airport lanc	l use plan.		
6.	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				\boxtimes
Disc	ussion: The site is not located within the	vicinity of a	a private ai	rstrip.	
7.	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
	ussion: No development is proposed oth will not interfere with emergency response		amendme	nt and rez	oning.
8.	Expose people to electro-magnetic fields associated with electrical transmission lines?				
This	ussion: No development is proposed othe will not expose people to electro magnetic mission lines.				-
9.	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				

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Discussion: No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning. This will not expose anyone or to structures to a risk from a potential wildland fire.

	RANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC alld the project:				
1.	Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?				
Disc Ther	cussion: No development is proposed other would be no impact because no addition	er than an a al traffic wo	ımendmen ould be gei	t and rezor nerated.	ning.
2.	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				\boxtimes
Ther	eussion: No development is proposed other would be no impact to air traffic because erated.	er than an a e no additio	ımendmen nal traffic v	t and rezor	ning.
3.	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
Disc Ther	eussion: No development is proposed other would be no traffic impacts.	er than an a	ımendmen	t and rezor	ning.
4.	Result in inadequate emergency access?				\boxtimes
	eussion: No development is proposed other project's road access meets County stand				

emergency access to the sites.

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5.	Cause an increase in parking demand which cannot be accommodated by existing parking facilities?				\boxtimes
The r	ussion: No development is proposed othe mapping change does not alter the parking ng demand.				
6.	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?				\boxtimes
The p	ussion: No development is proposed othe proposed project does not conflict with transace the performance or safety of such factors.	nsit, bicycl			
7.	Exceed, either individually (the project alone) or cumulatively (the project combined with other development), a level of service standard established by the County General Plan for designated intersections, roads or highways?				
Discu	ussion: See response I-1 above.				
J. No Would	DISE d the project result in:				
1.	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				
	ussion: No development is proposed othe project would not affect the existing noise expressions.			t and rezo	ning.
2.	Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				

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	ussion : No development is proposed other roject would not affect the existing noise			nt and rezoni	ng.
3.	Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the General Plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				
	resion: No development is proposed other roject would not affect the existing noise			nt and rezoni	ng.
4.	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				
	resion: No development is proposed oth roject would not affect the existing noise			nt and rezoni	ing.
5.	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				
Discu	ussion: The properties are not located w	ithin an airpo	rt land us	se plan.	
6.	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				
Discu	ussion: The properties are not located w	ithin the vicir	ity of a p	rivate airstri	p.
Where estable Air Po	R QUALITY e available, the significance criteria lished by the Monterey Bay Unified billution Control District (MBUAPCD) may to make the following determinations.		ject:		
1.	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				\boxtimes
Disci	ussion. No development is proposed ath	or than an ai	mendmei	nt and rezon	ina

This would not affect the air quality.

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2.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				\boxtimes
	ussion: No development is proposed othe would not affect implementation of the air of			it and rezo	oning.
3.	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-				
	attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?				
	ussion: No development is proposed othe would not affect air quality.	r than an	amendmer	nt and rezo	oning.
4.	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				\boxtimes
	ussion: No development is proposed othe would not affect air quality.	er than an	amendmer	nt and rezo	oning.
5.	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				
	ussion: No development is proposed othe would not affect air quality.	er than an	amendmer	nt and rezo	oning.
	REENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS d the project:				
1.	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				
The	ussion: No development is proposed other proposed project would not result in an include of fossil fuels.				
2.	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				
Disc	ussion: See the discussion under L-1 abo	ove. No ir	mpacts are	anticipate	ed.

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		C SERVICES project:				
1.	impof r gov or p fac cou imp acc tim	sult in substantial adverse physical pacts associated with the provision new or physically altered vernmental facilities, need for new physically altered governmental ilities, the construction of which ald cause significant environmental pacts, in order to maintain ceptable service ratios, response es, or other performance objectives any of the public services:				
	a.	Fire protection?				\boxtimes
	b.	Police protection?				\boxtimes
	c.	Schools?				
	d.	Parks or other recreational activities?				\boxtimes
	e.	Other public facilities; including the maintenance of roads?				\boxtimes
		on (a through e): No development is sing. The project would not result in a				
		EATION e project:				
1.	exi pai sud det	ould the project increase the use of sting neighborhood and regional rks or other recreational facilities on that substantial physical terioration of the facility would our or be accelerated?				
Disc	neei	on. No development is proposed other	er than an	amendmer	nt and rezo	onina.

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Discussion: No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning, one of which is to Parks, Recreation, and Open Space. The mapping changes would not result in an increase in use of existing neighborhood or regional parks. The map revisions have the potential to reduce existing park usage if the site is developed in

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the f	uture with a park use, which would result ir	a positive	impact to	the enviro	nment.			
2.	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?							
and phys	cussion: One of the proposed map revision Open Space zoning and land use designat sical development is proposed at this time. Eational facilities instead of community com	ion on the However,	Porter Stre this would	eet site. N allow pote	o ential			
map deve	property is located along the west side of Sping that requires habitat protection pursual lopment of this site is limited by the riparial site would be required to be dedicated to a	int to the F n protectio	Riparian reç n regulatio	gulations.	Any			
ame distri than	While improvements are not proposed at this time, a rezoning and land use plan amendment to Parks, Recreation and Open Space would be a more suitable zone district for this site because parks typically provide and allow for greater open space than Community Commercial uses and would provide greater protection to the riparian resource and the environment.							
	JTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS ald the project:							
1.	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				\boxtimes			
Disc	cussion: No development is proposed other	er than an	amendme	nt and rez	oning.			
2.	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which			·				

Discussion: No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning. Future development would be required to connect to an existing municipal water supply and sewer connection.

could cause significant environmental

effects?

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3.	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				
Discu	ssion: No development is proposed other	than an a	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
4.	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				
Discu	ssion: No development is proposed other	than an a	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
5.	Result in determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				
Discu	ession: No development is proposed other	than an a	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
6.	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				\boxtimes
Discu	ssion: No development is proposed other	than an a	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
7.	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				
Discu	ssion: No development is proposed other	than an a	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
	ND USE AND PLANNING I the project:				
1.	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local				

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coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

Discussion: The project amends the General Plan and includes a rezoning. The proposed Public/Institutional Facilities and Parks, Recreation and Open Space land use designations and Public Facility and Parks, Recreation and Open Space zoning support the objectives of the Soquel Village Plan, which encourage improved vehicle and pedestrian circulation and parking and provision of trail access for the Soquel Lineal Creek Park. Additionally, Objective 7.6.4 of the General Plan (Soquel Creek Trail Corridor) encourages the acquisition and development of trail segments by providing a linkage to the Heart of Soquel park site and the trail segment behind the Soquel Elementary School. The proposed revisions would support these objectives.

The General Plan amendments and Rezoning do not conflict with any specified designations in the Soquel Village Plan. All resource and constraints designations applicable to the sites will be retained. This includes the Urban Open Space land use designations, Riparian Woodland, and Geologic Hazard overlays.

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2.	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?							
Ripar	General Plan and rezoning retain the Urb ian protection overlays currently applica any habitat conservation plan or protection	ble to the pro	perties an	d do not co				
3.	Physically divide an established community?							
public Soqu would	Discussion: The General Plan and Rezoning would recognize and preserve existing public parking lot uses on the Soquel Village Business District parking within the Soquel Village Plan and further implement the Soquel Village Plan. The map revisions would not include any element that would physically divide Soquel Village or conflict with the objectives of the Village plan.							
	OPULATION AND HOUSING d the project:							
1.	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?							

Discussion: The proposed General Plan Amendment and Rezoning are intended to recognize existing and envisioned planned public uses (existing parking lots and proposed Heart of Soquel Access) by the Village Plan that are currently allowed uses

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of the existing General Plan and Zoning designations and supported by the Soquel Village Plan. The intent of the change is to assign a public land use and zoning designation in order to preserve the property for these public uses.

The Daubenbiss and Lighthouse Parking lots are fully constructed public parking lots that were developed consistent with the Soquel Village Plan, and that are utilized by the Soquel Village Parking and Business District.

The Soquel Village Plan includes a conceptual short term plan that identifies development of public access easements to Soquel Creek from Porter Street and development of a pedestrian linkage there. The rezoning of the site to Parks and Recreation and a General Plan amendment would support development of this site for this planned future use.

Furthermore, the Soquel Village plan has already undergone environmental review. At the time that improvements are proposed on this site the project will be required to comply with the previously specified mitigation measures to protect riparian habitat as required by the Soquel Village Plan mitigated negative declaration.

A mapping change would not induce substantial population growth in the Soquel Village area because the project does not propose any physical change that is not already anticipated, or would remove existing resource and development restrictions on the property; or encourage population growth including, but not limited to new or extended infrastructure or significant unanticipated public facilities or new commercial or industrial facilities.

2.	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				
	ussion: The proposed Amendment and Reing since the site is currently vacant.	ezoning wo	ould not dis	splace any	existing
3.	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes

Discussion: The proposed amendment and rezoning project would not displace anyone since it is a mapping revision only and does not involve residential zoning designations.

R. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

		Significant Impact	with Mitigation	Significant Impact
1.	Does the project have the potential to			
	degrade the quality of the environment,		LJ	
	substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or			
	wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife			
	population to drop below self-sustaining			
	levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or			
	animal community, reduce the number or			
	restrict the range of a rare or endangered			
	plant or animal community, reduce the			
	number or restrict the range of a rare or			
	endangered plant or animal or eliminate			
	important examples of the major periods of			
	California history or prehistory?			

No development is proposed at this time except map revisions, which would not affect habitat or degrade the quality of the environment.

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The project involves a General Plan amendment and rezoning of two existing and fully developed public parking lots from 'Community Commercial" to "Public/Institutional Facility". The changes will recognize and preserve the public use of these properties.

The project includes a General Plan amendment and rezoning of the Porter Street property, a publicly-owned, vacant parcel, which is proposed to change from "Community Commercial" to "Parks, Recreation, and Open Space" Land Use Plan designations and corresponding rezoning. This land use plan designation and rezoning will recognize a park use that is anticipated and supported by the Soquel Village Plan that has already been evaluated as part of CEQA review for the Soquel Village Plan. Furthermore, a map change will not alter the existing character of the site, anticipated development of the site, alter mapped geologic hazards mapping protection attributed to the property, compromise protection of the environment, or alter the environmental resource protections provided to the site by existing mapped riparian resource constraints. The amendment and rezoning will provide greater resource protection to the site, environment, and potential habitat present on the site by encouraging open space uses, which are more compatible and suitable to the protection of the habitat than commercial development.

		Significant Impact	with Mitigation	Significant Impact	No Impact
2.	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				

Less than

Significant

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Potentially

The land use plan and rezoning changes will not have impacts that are cumulatively considerable since the project involves map changes to recognize existing or anticipated uses have already undergone environmental review as part of the Soquel Village Plan, and will not change as a result of map revisions.

Significant Less than Potentially Significant Significant No with Mitigation Impact lmpact Impact Does the project have environmental effects 3. \bowtie which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

The land use plan and rezoning changes will not have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings since the project involves map revisions only, which are intended to recognize existing or anticipated uses of the Soquel Village Plan that have undergone environmental review as part of the Soquel Village Plan.

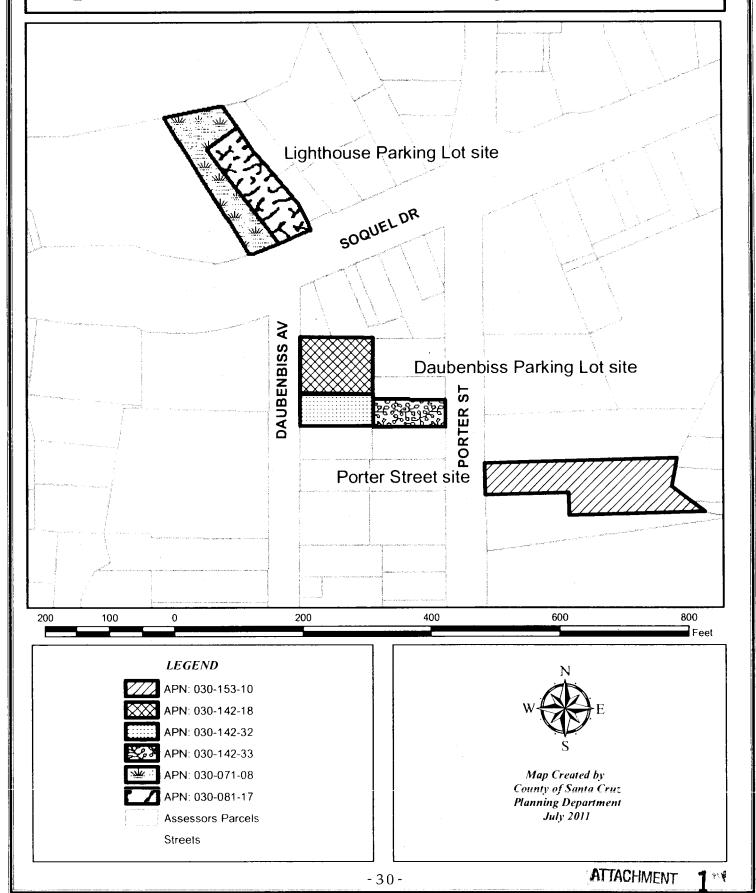
The project includes map revisions to recognize the public use of existing public parking lots. In addition, the project includes map revisions to recognize anticipated parks open space use of the Porter Street site, which will not involve impacts to individuals because the site is currently accessed by a fully improved sidewalk along the property frontage and the use does not involve hazardous materials that might affect humans.

IV. TECHNICAL REVIEW CHECKLIST

	REQUIRED	COMPLETED
Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission (APAC) Review	Yes No No	
Archaeological Review	Yes No	
Biotic Report/Assessment	Yes No	
Geologic Hazards Assessment (GHA)	Yes No	
Geologic Report	Yes No	
Geotechnical (Soils) Report	Yes No No	
Riparian Pre-Site	Yes 🔲 No 🗌	·
Septic Lot Check	Yes No	
Other:	Yes No	

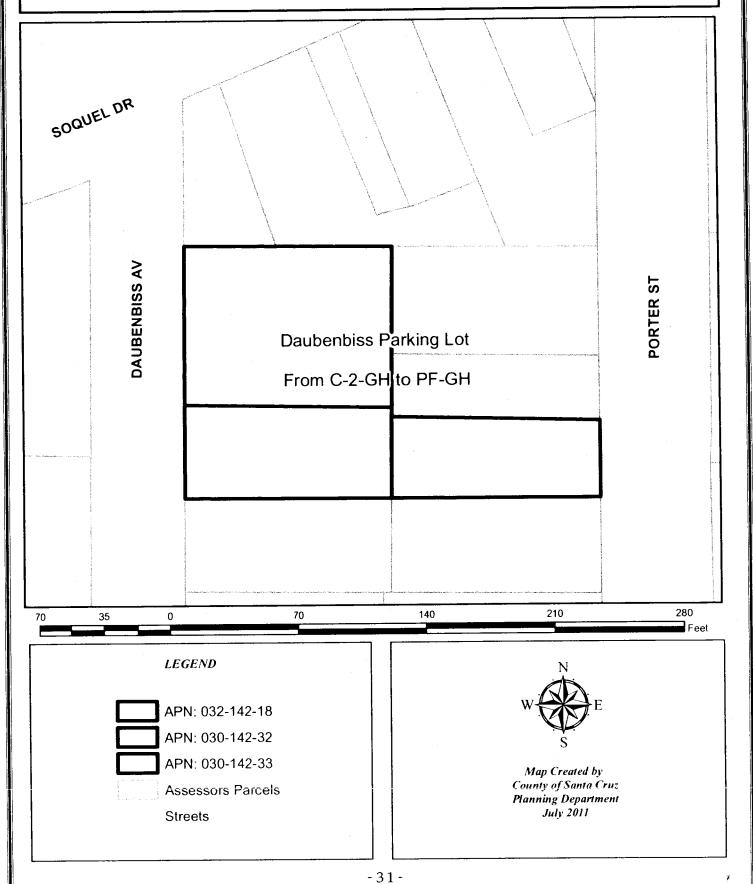


Location Map





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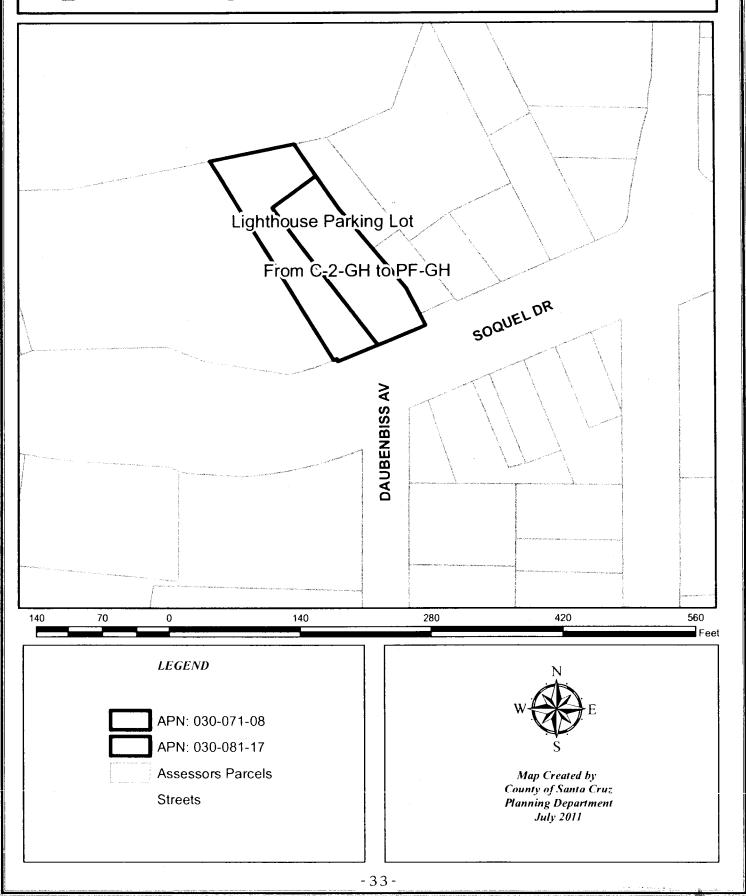


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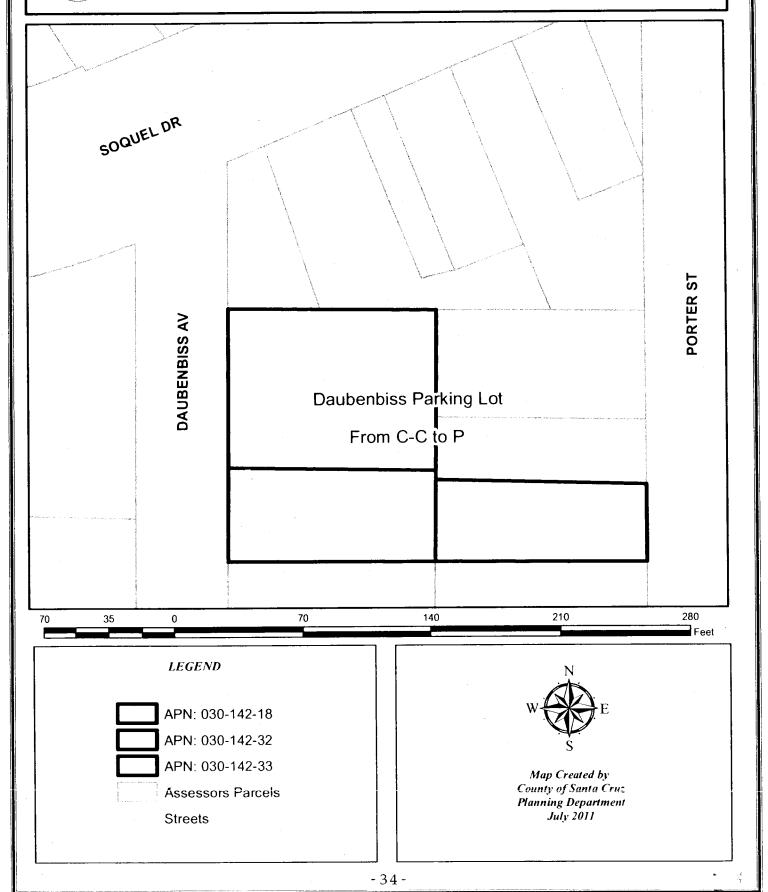


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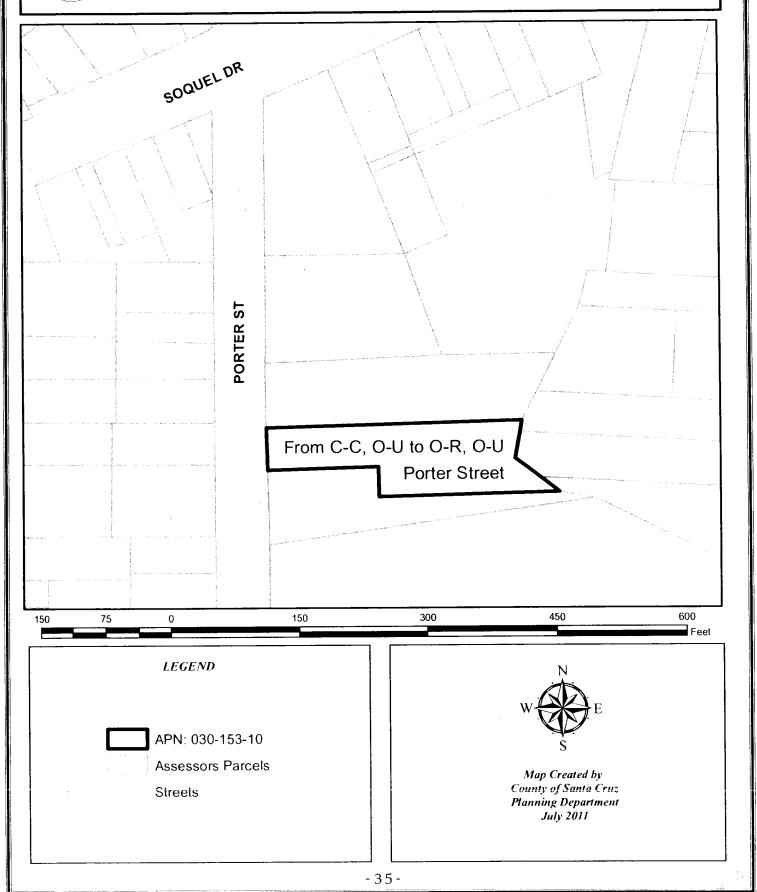


Existing GP & Proposed GP Designation



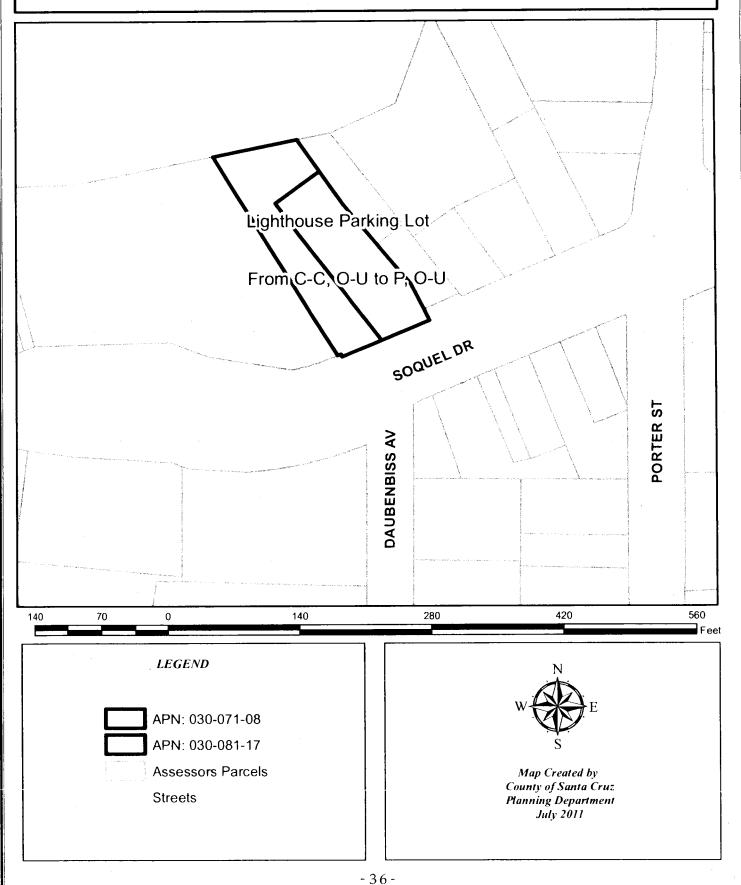


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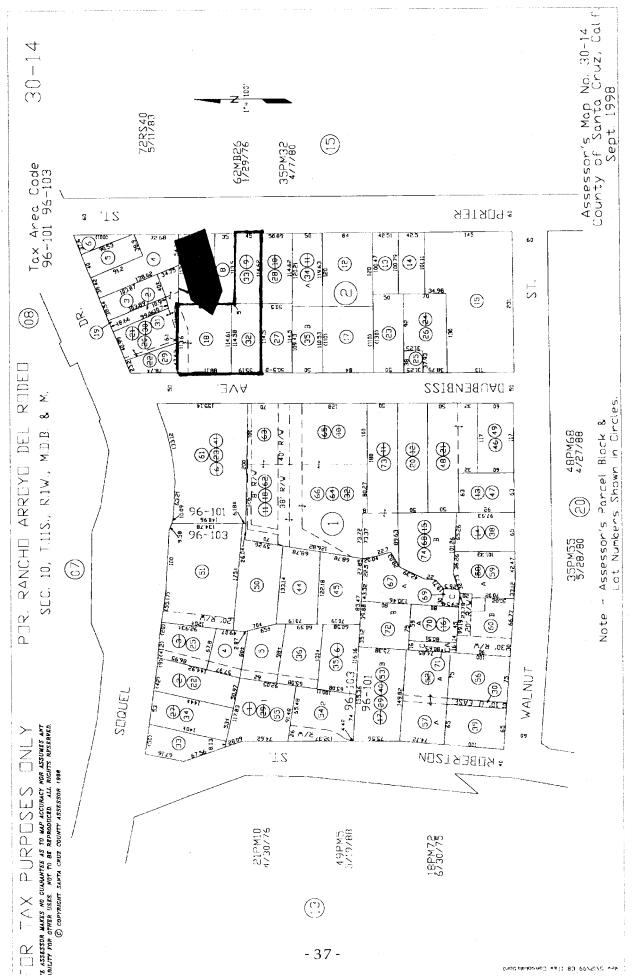




Existing GP & Proposed GP Designation



Daubendiss Parking Lot



Porter Street Site

