

Historic Resource Commission

Goals and Action Items

Sept 8, 2025

- **This is a review of Goals and associated Action Items tasked at the June 9, 2025 meeting.**
- **For each Goal's Action Item, the Commission will review and determine the following:**
- **Has the Action Item been completed, documented as such and moved to archive status**
- **OR**
- **Is there more activity needed to complete the Action Item**
- **OR**
- **Should a new goal be identified**

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- **The agenda for this presentation is:**
 - **Goals Opened**
 - **# 2, 3A, 3B, 6, 15 (new) & 16 (new)**
 - **Goals with no activity to report**
 - **#1, 4**
 - **Goals closed at the June 9, 2025 meeting**
 - **# 5 & 11**
 - **Goals Archived on July 3, 2025**
 - **#5, 7, 8, 11 & 12**
 - **Goals Archived Since June 2019**
 - **#5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14**

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- **Goal #2: Cleanup of Historic Resources Inventory**
- **Goal Description:** Correct, update, and add information to ensure that Historic Resources Inventory is accurate and current
- Each Commissioner will conduct 3 site visits quarterly and document any changes, which will be forwarded to staff to review before next meeting.
- When Staff receives updated DPR information they will update Inventory and report at next meeting
- Commissioners discussed DPR inventory photo update procedures

Action Item #1: Staff will send out a new list of DPR index for each Commissioner

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- **Goal 3A Goal: Demolition & Partial Demolition**
- **Goal Description.** Staff presented drafts of both updated ordinances at July 17, 2023 meeting. Commission discussed changes and agreed with new wording.
- Staff will update Commission at Sept 9, 2025 meeting
- **Action Item #1a:**
 - Demolition Code Amendment will state:
'If structure not listed on the Historic Resources Inventory and is over 50 years old, it will require a demolition permit and a review by Planning Department staff. If structure meets the Historic Resources Inventory listing criteria, a California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) form will be completed'.
- **Action Item #1b:**
 - Demolition by Neglect Ordinance:
'Allow additional uses for structures listed on the Historical Resources Inventory beyond those allowed in the zoned district where such a use can support viable uses for the property including repair and restoration'.
- **Action Item #1C:**
 - County will provide additional language for Demolition

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- **Goal 3B Goal: Demolition By Neglect Activity**
- **Goal Description:** Create new ordinance for Demolition by Neglect for neglect of Inventory property

Currently Santa Cruz County does not have a Demolition by Neglect ordinance to protect Inventory property. The Commission recommended at the May 2, 2022 meeting that a new ordinance should be created to focus on owners of Inventory listed properties who neglect the preservation of those historic resources.

Commission has discussed proposed parameters for ordinance preventing demolition by neglect. Staff has taken recommendations to update ordinance.

Action Item #1: Staff will make report at Sept 8, 2025 meeting

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- **Goal #6: Update and Maintain HRC Website**
- **Goal Description:** Update SC County HRC website current with information about HRC information, local history events, and resource preservation
- Santa Cruz County website update is completed.
- Commissioners discussed unwieldy pathway to Historic Resources Commission information and locating DPR information

Action Item #1: Mark Connally, Principal Planner, will research HRC links and report at the Sept 8, 2025 meeting

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- **Goal #15: Mills Act Contracts Implementation**
- **Goal Description:** Staff and Commission will follow the implementation and management of new Mills Act contracts
- Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the implementation of a Mills Act on May 0, 2025
- Staff will work with the Santa Cruz County Assessor's office in identifying eligible properties for notification. Possible application submittal could be Jan 26, 2026. Implementation would be at the beginning of next fiscal year, July 26, 2026
- Staff will report status at Sept 8, 2025 meeting

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- **Goal #16: Context Statement Updating**
- **Goal Description:** Update Santa Cruz County Historic Context Statement
- Staff and History Preservation Consultant are creating questionnaire aimed at filling in gaps, expanding on minimal information, and correct inaccurate information in Santa Cruz History
- Staff will report on progress at the Sept 8, 2025 meeting

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Goal #16: Updating Context State
Completion Estimate: Long Term

<u>Mtg Date</u>	<u>Goal Activity</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
9/8/2025	CLG Grant \$40,000 awarded to hire consultant to update context statement	Consultant Fallin Steffen of Dudek hired & is working with staff to create questionnaire for updated context statement

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<u>Status</u>

Staff will report on progress at
Sept 8, 2025 meeting