

Historic Resource Commission

Goals Action Items

Feb 9, 2026

- **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 Sept 8, 2025 meeting**
 - **None**
 - **Goals Archived on Sept 8, 2025**
 - **None**
 - **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
- Board asked about difference between Supervisorial districts and DPR areas listed in Context Statement. Upon further discussion it was explained that there was an overlap between the two areas with Commissioners being responsible for DPRs in more than one Supervisorial District. Staff and Board agreed that a new DPR Planning Area Index list should be created and sent to Commissioners.

Action Items:

- **AI #1:** Staff will send out an updated Planning Area Index list of DPRs 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 has focused on Goal 3B – Demolition By Neglect.
- Staff will update Commission on the status of Demolition & Partial Demolition Ordinance at Feb 9, 2026 meeting

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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.

HRC staff presented latest draft of Demolition By Neglect Ordinance at Sept 8, 2025 meeting. Board and staff agreed that a special meeting should be schedule for an in-depth review of ordinance

- **Action Item:**

- **AI #1:** Staff will make coordinate with Board to hold a special 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
- AI #1:** Staff reported that 2 – 3 website links have been fixed. Trouble-shooting with continue into 2026. Board agreed to continue periodic testing of HRC website and discussed look and feel that would be provide more information while more user-friendly format.

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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 implementation and application status through 2026

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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