



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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December 27, 2005

**AGENDA DATE: January 11, 2006**

Planning Commission  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**SUBJECT: Annual Report of the Planning Commission**

Each year, your Commission is required to ~~furnish~~ the Board of Supervisors with a year-end report describing your activities over the past twelve months. Attached is that report for your consideration.

Staff recommends that your Commission:

1. Accept and file this report; and
2. Direct staff to forward this report to the Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

Cathy Graves  
Principal Planner  
Development Review

Attachment



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Members of the Board:

Transmitted herewith is the annual report of the Santa Cruz County Planning Commission for the 2005 calendar year.

Role of the Planning Commission

The County Planning Commission serves several purposes: 1) Interpretation of the County General Plan; 2) Updating the General Plan; and 3) Consideration of major land use development projects including all land divisions, subdivisions, major commercial developments, rezonings, and General Plan amendments either as the final decision maker or to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission also acts as the decision maker on appeals of Zoning Administrator Decisions.

Meetings

The Planning Commission meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, unless otherwise scheduled to avoid conflicts with the use of the chambers. Occasional special meetings are scheduled by the Commission to respond to pressing deadlines or to provide additional opportunity for public participation.

Attendance

Please see the attendance roster included on Page 2. Note that an alternate Commissioner is appointed for each Supervisorial District in the event that the regular Commissioner is unable to attend. Note also that on August 10, 2005, Gustavo Gonzalez was appointed to replace Edenilson Quintanilla as the Fourth District Alternate.

### 2005 Activities

During the year 2005, the Planning Commission conducted 69 public hearings (see attendance roster for dates). Items heard included development applications for one subdivision with a rezoning, fourteen minor land divisions, a residential project for converting a 98 space recreational vehicle park to a development of 68 multi-family affordable units, two Commercial Development permits, an amendment to a use permit and two requests to zone parcels to Timber Production (TP). The Commission also heard the status of mining permits and permit reviews for two quarries, as well as five appeals of

decisions by the Zoning Administrator. The Commission reviewed County policies and made recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Reviews included the County's Capital Improvement Plan, the Planning Department's budget, and the Annual Population Growth Goals. The Commission also reviewed ten proposed ordinance amendments and adopted resolutions regarding the Revised Housing Element, Density Bonus regulations, the conversion of recreational vehicle parks to permanent occupancy, the enlarging of floor-area ratios and lot coverage for designated historic resources, the conversion of non-residential land to residential, amendments for both small and large Family Child Care Homes, an amendment allowing a recycled water facility on agricultural land, amendments to mobile home parks regulations, and a county-wide permit coordination program allowing for a Master Permit for Environmental Enhancement Projects.

## 2005 Planning Commission Attendance

PLANNING COMMISSIONER	1/12/05	1/26/05	2/09/05	2/23/05	3/09/05	3/23/05	4/13/05	4/27/05	5/11/05	5/25/05	6/08/05	7/13/05	7/27/05	8/10/05	8/24/05	9/14/05	9/28/05	10/12/05	10/26/05	11/09/05	12/14/05
Robert Bremner	✓	✓	✓	✓	MEETING CANCELED	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ted Durkee	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Denise Holbert	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dennis Osmer		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Renee Shepherd		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ALTERNATES																					
Teall Messer															✓						
Terry Hancock																					
Marilyn Hummel								✓	✓	✓	✓										
Edenilson Quintanilla	✓						✓		✓			✓	✓								
Gustavo Gonzalez																			✓	✓	
Myrna Britton	✓			✓									✓		✓						

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 Principal Planner  
 Planning Commission Secretary