



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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February 2, 2010

**Agenda Date: February 10, 2010**

**Agenda Item: 7**

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,

Paia Levine  
Principal Planner, Planning Department  
Planning Commission Secretary

Attachment: 2009 Annual Report of the Planning Commission



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Members of the Board:

Transmitted herewith is the annual report of the Santa Cruz County Planning Commission for the 2009 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.

### **2009 Activities**

During the year 2009, the Planning Commission conducted 15 public hearings (see attendance roster for dates). Items heard included development applications for one subdivision, eight minor land divisions, one amendment to a minor land division, seven Coastal Development Permits, nine Residential Development Permits, two requests to zone parcels to Timber Production, one Master Occupancy Program, one park Master Site Plan, two General Plan amendments and Rezonings, and five Rezoning, General Plan Amendment and Planned Unit Developments for High Density Housing sites. The Commission also reviewed the status of the Olympia Quarry and heard the CEMEX Quarry Expansion proposal and the Graham Hill Road Improvements Project. The Commission heard four 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, General Plan report, and the Annual Population Growth Goals. The Commission also reviewed proposed ordinance amendments and adopted resolutions regarding zoning requirements for Planned Unit Developments, Housing Element amendments, The Pleasure Point Combining Zone District, "Clean-up" amendments and Residential Density Bonuses and Affordability Incentives.

## Attendance

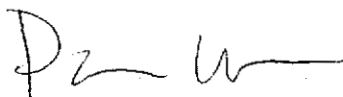
Note that an alternate Commissioner is appointed for each Supervisorial District in the event that the regular Commissioner is unable to attend. Terry Hancock resigned as Second District Alternate Commissioner on February 24, 2009 and Terry-Lynn Winston was appointed July 31, 2009 to fill that position. She also resigned.

## 2009 Planning Commission Attendance Roster

PLANNING COMMISSIONER	1/14/09	1/28/09	2/11/09	2/25/09	3/11/09	3/25/09	4/8/09	4/22/09	4/29/09*	5/13/09	5/27/09	6/10/09	7/8/09	7/17/09*	7/22/09	8/12/09	8/26/09	9/9/09	9/23/09	10/14/09	10/28/09	12/9/09
1 <sup>st</sup> Steve Kennedy	✓		✓		✓				✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
2 <sup>nd</sup> Albert Aramburu	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3 <sup>rd</sup> Rachel Dann	✓		✓	✓	✓					✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
4 <sup>th</sup> Gustavo Gonzalez	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5 <sup>th</sup> Renee Shepherd	✓									✓	✓				✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
<b>ALTERNATES</b>																						
1 <sup>st</sup> Larry Perlin				✓																✓		✓
2 <sup>nd</sup> Terry Hancock																						
2 <sup>nd</sup> Terry-Lynn Winston																						
3 <sup>rd</sup> Denise Holbert									✓											✓		
4 <sup>th</sup> Rick Danna																						
5 <sup>th</sup> Myrna Britton			✓	✓	✓				✓										✓			

\* Special Meeting

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