



County of Santa Cruz

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

MEETING DATE: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025, AT 9:30 AM**

LOCATION: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS**
 COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
 701 OCEAN STREET, ROOM 525
 SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. Roll Call:

Present: Barton, Risutto, Nickell

Absent: Jimenez, 5th District seat vacant

2. Additions and Corrections to Agenda

- Item 6
 1. Revised Planning Commission resolution -red-lined version and clean provided, signed version provided including that public hearing was held on April 9, 2025, not April 9, 2024, and under the CEQA exemption Guidelines was used twice, thus guidelines removed.
 2. Error on page 57 regarding 18.10.320 (A) (1) - language that reads “Notwithstanding SCCC 18.10.340, a decision made by the Planning Commission’s on an appeal of this determination is final”. Language should read “Notwithstanding SCCC 18.10.340, a decision made by the Planning Commission on an appeal of this determination is final”.
- Item 10 – additional written correspondence unrelated to items on the agenda.

3. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications- None

4. Oral Communications

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- 5. Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2025, Planning Commission meeting.**

ACTION: Continue to the next agenda.

MOTION/SECOND: Barton/Risutto

AYES: Barton, Risutto, Nickell

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Jimenez, 5th district vacant

MOTION CARRIES 3/3

6. 2025 Miscellaneous Code Amendments

Public hearing to review and provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding amendments to General Plan/LCP Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 5, Santa Cruz County Code Chapters 12.10, 13.10, 13.20, 14.01, 15.10, 16.42, and 18.10, as well as a Zoning Map amendment of parcel APN 070-281-01 to correct a mapping error. The proposed amendments to the General Plan and to County Code Chapters 13.10, 13.20, 15.10, and 18.10 are amendments to the County's Local Coastal Program and require Coastal Commission certification after County adoption. Consider a recommendation that the project is exempt from further analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT: All

PROJECT PLANNER: Jacob Lutz, (831) 454-3136

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ACTION: Move staff recommendation, including corrections as noted.

MOTION/SECOND: Nickell/Risutto

AYES: Risutto, Barton, Nickell

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Jimenez, 5th District seat vacant

MOTION CARRIES 3/3

7. Secretary's Report on Upcoming Meetings and Agendas:

April 23, 2025: SU to TP Rezoning

241286- Vacation Rental Appeal

241334- Incompleteness Determination appeal

Short Term Rental Ordinance and Repeal of Vacation Rental and
Hosted Rental Ordinances

8. Community Development and Infrastructure Department Director's Report: On April 8th, the Board of Supervisors moved to defer consideration of the battery energy storage facility ordinance until September 9th or thereabouts to hear about safety practices to avoid future incidents at any future sites developed in County. Also, there are several State bills to change setbacks and safety standards to such facilities, which the Board will want to take into consideration.

9. County Counsel's Report: None

10. Written Communications: Attached to agenda

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