



County of Santa Cruz

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

MEETING DATE: **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026, AT 9:30 AM**

LOCATION: **BOARD CHAMBERS**
 COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
 701 OCEAN STREET, ROOM 020 (BASEMENT)
 SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. Roll Call:

Present: Chair Jimenez, Commissioner Barr, Commissioner Pavonetti, Commissioner Barton, Commissioner Stone

Absent: None

2. Additions and Corrections to Agenda

- None

3. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications: None

4. Oral Communications: None

5. Public Comment: None

6. Approval of Consent Agenda (Item 7)

ACTION: Approve minutes as recommended without correction (Minutes of July 22, 2026),

MOTION/SECOND: Barr/Barton

AYES: Barr, Jimenez, Pavonetti, Barton, Stone

Abstain: None

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

Regular Agenda Items

7. Annual Growth Goal Report for year 2027

Public hearing to consider Report on the year 2027 Growth Goal and adoption of a resolution recommending the Board of Supervisors adopt the year 2027 Growth Goal for the unincorporated portion of Santa Cruz County and the filing of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Notice of Exemption.

SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT: County-Wide

PROJECT PLANNER: Skyler Kriese (831) 454-3172

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ACTION: Following discussion and questions, moved staff recommendation to:

1) Conduct a public hearing on the proposed Year 2027 Growth Goal; 2) Adopt the attached Resolution (Exhibit A) recommending a Year 2027 Growth Goal of 0.6% for the unincorporated portion of Santa Cruz County; and 3) Recommend the filing of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemption (Exhibit B).

MOTION/SECOND: Stone/Barr

AYES: Barton, Pavonetti, Stone, Barr, Jimenez

NOES: None

MOTION CARRIED 5/0

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

September 23, 2026 cancellation

Jessie Bristow approved by the Board of Supervisors to replace Commissioner Jessie Nickell

12. Community Development and Infrastructure Department Director's Report: Matt Machado (Assistant Director Stephanie Hansen provided report)

- Board Items

8/11: Affordable housing nexus study. Ultimate recommendations will come to the PC

8/25: Update on CZU efforts and Streamline Santa Cruz; and

Condominium Conversion as well as ADU Bonus Program recommended to monitor State Legislation updates and come back to the Board in November.

Technical Assistance Program for ADU's by Hello Housing now in effect.

13. County Counsel's Report: None

14. Written Correspondence: Only communications in packet unrelated to items on agenda. None

15. Adjourn at 10:06 am

Appeal Information

* This project requires a Coastal Development Permit which is not appealable to the California Coastal Commission. It may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors; the appeal must be filed within 14 calendar days of action by the Planning Commission.

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