



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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**TOM BURNS, PLANNING DIRECTOR**

December 29, 2006

**AGENDA DATE: January 10, 2007**

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,

Mark M. Deming, AICP  
Assistant Director, Planning Department  
Planning Commission Secretary

Attachment



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Members of the Board:

Transmitted herewith is the annual report of the Santa Cruz County Planning Commission for the 2006 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. On June 20, 2006, Albert Aramburu was appointed to replace Ted Durkee as the Second District Commissioner and on August 22, 2006, Gustavo Gonzalez was appointed to replace Dennis Osmer as the Fourth District Supervisor. He was **previously the** alternate for the Fourth District.

## 2006 Activities

During the year 2006, the Planning Commission conducted 20 public hearings (see attendance roster for dates). Items heard included development applications for five subdivisions, thirteen minor land divisions, and nine requests to zone parcels to Timber Production (TP). The Commission also heard the status of mining permits and permit reviews for one quarry, as well as 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, General Plan, Planning Commission Bylaws, and the Annual Population Growth Goals. The Commission also reviewed proposed ordinance amendments and adopted resolutions regarding the Revised **Housing** Element, recordation of Notice of Historic Resources Designation, Neighborhood Compatibility, adding a very low income affordability component for housing units created by conversions of nonresidential land to residential land, and Conversion of residential units to condominiums or townhouses. The commission also adopted resolutions on four General Plan amendments and rezoning, to amend two Commercial Development permits, and reviewed an amendment to a use permit.

## 2006 Planning Commission Attendance

PLANNING COMMISSIONER	1/11/06	1/25/06	2/2/06	2/22/06	3/8/06	3/22/06	4/12/06	4/26/06	5/10/06	5/24/06	6/28/06	7/12/06	7/26/06	8/9/06	8/23/06	9/13/06	9/27/06	10/11/06	10/25/06	11/8/06	12/13/06
Robert Bremner	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	MEETING CANCELED	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ted Durkee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Denise Holbert	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dennis Osmer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Renee Shepherd		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Albert Aramburu													✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gustavo Gonzalez												✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ALTERNATES																					
Teall Messer		✓		✓																	
Terry Hancock			✓																		
Marilyn Hummel		✓		✓																✓	
Myrna Britton	✓										✓	✓	✓								

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark M. Deming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Deming" clearly distinguishable.

**Mark M. Deming, AICP**

**Assistant Director, Planning Department  
Planning Commission Secretary**