



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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**TOM BURNS, PLANNING DIRECTOR**

January 2, 2008

**AGENDA DATE: January 9, 2008**

**ITEM #: 8**

**TIME: After 1:30 PM**

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark M. Deming".

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 2007 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.

### 2007 Activities

During the year 2007, the Planning Commission conducted 18 public hearings (see attendance roster for dates). Items heard included development applications for two subdivisions, nine minor land divisions, thirty-one requests to zone parcels to Timber Production, and two major public projects, the redevelopment of the Animal Services Facility on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and East Cliff Drive cliff improvement project in Pleasure Point. The Commission also heard the status of mining permits, one equestrian center, and permit reviews for two quarries, as well as two appeals of decisions by the Zoning Administrator. 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 locations of timber harvest,

minimum parcel size for rezoning parcels to the Timber Production Zone District, Wells, Primary Groundwater Recharge Area mapping, small scale residential structures, the definition of "Net site area", creating an "R" Combining District and maximum density.

## Attendance

Note that an alternate Commissioner is appointed for each Supervisorial District in the event that the regular Commissioner is unable to attend. On January 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 Rachel Dann was appointed to the Commission to represent the Third District. On April 9, 2007 Rick Danna was appointed as the Alternate Representative for the Fourth District. Teal Messer resigned as the Alternate Representative for the First District in the middle of November and Michael Guth was appointed to replace him on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

## 2007 Planning Commission Attendance Roster

PLANNING COMMISSIONER	1/10/07	1/24/07	2/14/07	2/28/07	3/14/07	3/28/07	4/11/07	4/25/07	5/9/07	5/23/07	6/13/07	7/11/07	7/25/07	8/8/07	8/22/07	9/12/07	9/26/07	10/10/07	10/24/07	11/14/07	11/28/07	12/12/07
1 <sup>st</sup> Robert Bremner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	MEETING CANCELED	✓		✓	MEETING CANCELED		✓			✓		
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> Teall Messer									✓				✓					✓	✓			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Terry Hancock																						
3 <sup>rd</sup> Marilyn Hummel	✓																✓					
4 <sup>th</sup> Rick Danna								✓					✓									
5 <sup>th</sup> Myrna Britton									✓	✓												

Sincerely,



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