

# **Staff Report to the Planning Commission**

**Application Number: 111095** 

**Applicant: County of Santa Cruz** 

Agenda Date: September 14, 2011

Owner: County of Santa Cruz

Agenda Item #: 9

**APN:** 030-153-10, 030-142-18, 030-142-32,

Time: After 9:00 a.m.

030-142-33, 030-071-08 and 030-081-17

Subject: General Plan Amendment and Rezoning of six County-owned parcels

Project Description: Proposal to amend the General Plan for assessor's parcel number 030-153-10 (Porter Street Site), located on the east side of Porter Street approximately 400 feet south of Soquel Drive, from O-U,C-C (Urban Open Space-Community Commercial) to O-U,O-R (Urban Open Space-Parks, Recreation, and Open Space) and to rezone from C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PR-GH (Parks, Recreation and Open Space-Geologic Hazards); amend APN 030-142-18, 030-142-32, and 030-142-33 (Daubenbiss Parking Lot), located on the east side of Daubenbiss Avenue, from C-C (Community Commercial) to P (Public/Institutional Facilities) and to rezone from C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PF-GH (Public Facility-Geologic Hazards); amend APN 030-071-08 and 030-081-17 (Lighthouse Parking Lot), located on the north side of Soquel Drive opposite Daubenbiss Avenue, from C-C, O-U (Community Commercial, Urban Open Space) to P, O-U (Public/Institutional Facilities, Urban Open Space) and to rezone from C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PF-GH (Public Facilities-Geologic Hazards) Zone District.

Location: The properties are located within the Soquel Village area on the East Side of Daubenbiss Avenue, 100 feet south of Soquel Drive; north side of Soquel Drive, across Daubenbiss Avenue; and, east side of Porter Street approximately 400 feet south of Soquel Drive

Supervisoral District: 1st District (District Supervisor: John Leopold)

Permits Required: General Plan Amendment and Rezoning

### **Staff Recommendation:**

- Hold a public hearing to consider this item; and
- Adopt the attached Planning Commission resolution recommending Board approval of the General Plan amendments and rezonings

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### **Exhibits**

A. Planning Commission Resolution, with Board Resolution and Ordinance (including findings and

rezoning maps)

B. Location, Existing and proposed

Zoning and General Plan MapsC. Negative Declaration (CEQA determination)

### **Parcel Information**

Parcel Sizes:

APN 030-153-10: Porter Street Site, Vacant County-owned Site

APN 030-142-18, 030-142-32, and 030-142-33: Daubenbiss Parking Lot

APN 030-071-08 and 030-081-17: Lighthouse Parking Lot

Existing Land Use: See above

Existing Land Use - Surrounding:

Soquel Village Commercial Uses

Project Access:

Daubenbiss Avenue, Soquel Drive, Porter Street

Planning Area: Soquel

Land Use Designation: Lighthouse parking lot: From C-C, O-U (Community

Commercial, Urban Open Space) to PF, O-U (Public/Institutional Facility, Urban Open Space)

Daubenbiss parking lot: From C-C to PF (Community

Commercial to Public/ Institutional Facility)

Porter Street Site: CC, O-U (Community Commercial, Urban Open Space) to PR, OU (Parks, Recreation and Open

Space, Urban Open Space)

Zone District:

Lighthouse parking lot: From C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PF-GH (Public Facility-

Geologic Hazards Assessment)

**Daubenbiss parking lot**: From C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PF-GH (Public Facility-

Geologic Hazards Assessment)

Porter Street Site: From C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PR-GH (Parks, Recreation, and Open

Space-Geologic Hazards)

Coastal Zone:

Inside

x Outside

Appealable to Calif. Coastal Comm.

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<u>x</u> No

### **Environmental Information**

Geologic Hazards:

FEMA Flood Zone

Soils:

N/A

Fire Hazard:

Not a mapped constraint

Slopes:

Sites are flat

Env. Sen. Habitat:

Riparian Corridor along the eastern edge of the Porter Street Site

Grading:

No grading proposed

No trees proposed to be removed

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County of Santa Cruz Planning Department 701 Ocean Street, 4th Floor, Santa Cruz CA 95060 Tree Removal:

No trees proposed to be removed

Scenic:

Not a mapped resource

Drainage:

N/A

Archeology:

N/A, Not mapped/no physical evidence on site

#### Services Information

Urban/Rural Services Line:

x Inside \_\_ Outside

Water Supply:

Soquel Creek Water District

Sewage Disposal:

Santa Cruz County Sanitation District

Fire District:

Central Fire

Drainage District:

Zone 5

### **Background**

On June 3, 2011, the County Planning Department accepted this application to amend the General Plan Land Use Plan designation and Zoning of the Porter Street site from Community Commercial to Parks, Recreation, and Open Space and the Daubenbiss and Lighthouse parking lots from Community Commercial to Public Facility. The purpose of this request is to recognize the intended and existing public use of these important properties.

#### Porter Street Site

The Porter Street site is an approximately ½ acre vacant, undeveloped parcel owned by the County of Santa Cruz. This site was purchased by the Redevelopment Agency to provide access to the future Heart of Soquel park project envisioned by the Village Plan. A General Plan amendment from Community Commercial-Urban Open Space (C-C-O-U) to Parks, Recreation and Open Space-Urban Open Space (O-R-O-U) and a rezoning from Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards (C-2-GH) to Parks, Recreation and Open Space-Geologic Hazards (PR-GH) is proposed so that the zoning is more consistent with the intended use of the Soquel Village Plan and to preserve the property for public use as park access in conformance with the Soquel Village Plan.

The existing Urban Open Space land use designation and Geologic Hazards combining zone district overlay are proposed to be retained on the sites. The Urban Open Space designation recognizes the riparian area on the site and the Geologic Hazard Zone district reflects the site's location within the designated flood zone.

### Soquel Village Public Parking Lots

Through a community planning process in 1990, parking, traffic safety and pedestrian access were identified as major needs for Soquel Village. Specific improvements to address these problems were proposed in the Soquel Village Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 22, 1990. Additional parking lot construction and renovation was identified as a means to resolve some of

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County of Santa Cruz Planning Department 701 Ocean Street, 4th Floor, Santa Cruz CA 95060 these issues. The Soquel Village Parking Business Improvement Area (SVPBIA) was established as a mechanism to operate and maintain the public parking lots.

The construction and renovation of these lots was financed by the Redevelopment Agency and includes the Lighthouse and Daubenbiss parking lots, parking and access easements as well as on street parking improvements. These public parking spaces have dramatically reduced local concerns about parking and access for area businesses.

The Lighthouse parking lot was the first lot to be completed, located on Soquel Drive next to the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship church, and provides 47 parking spaces. The driveway off Soquel Drive was aligned with Daubenbiss Avenue, thereby minimizing traffic conflicts. In addition, curb, gutter, and sidewalks were constructed on the site frontage. A bus turnout and shelter were constructed to the west of the driveway access. A new traffic signal also was installed there as part of a later project.

The Daubenbiss parking lot included construction of a new entrance from Porter Street which helped improve access and circulation, construction of new parking spaces, sidewalks, landscaping and night lighting as well as sidewalk, curb and gutter improvements on the Daubenbiss Avenue frontage of the lot. Renovation of the existing 43 spaces and construction of an additional 13 spaces brought the total capacity of this lot to 56 parking spaces.

The parking lots are currently designated Community Commercial (C-C) by the General Plan and zoned Community Commercial-Geological Hazards (C-2-GH). The proposed General Plan and zoning designation recognizes the completion of the parking lots in accordance with the Soquel Village Plan and preserves the public use of the property. The Geologic Hazards Combining Zone District overlay will be retained, as the parcels are located in the flood zone.

#### **Environmental Review**

Environmental review was conducted for the proposed project per the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project was reviewed by the County's Environmental Coordinator on June 13, 2011. The project received a Negative Declaration (Exhibit D). The mandatory public comment period commenced on July 21, 2011 and expired on August 11, 2011, with no comments received.

### Conclusion

All of the criteria have been met for a General Plan amendment and rezoning of the subject parcels to the Public Facility and Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Land Use Plan designations and respective Zone district. The revisions are consistent with the intended purposes of the Soquel Village Plan. All required findings can be made to approve this application pursuant to County Code Section 13.10.215 D 3 and are included in the Board Resolution and attached Ordinance.

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### **Staff Recommendation**

- HOLD a public hearing to consider this item; and
- ADOPT the attached Planning Commission resolution recommending Board approval of the General Plan amendments and rezonings, including ordinance findings and certification of the Negative Declaration (Exhibit C) under CEQA

Supplementary reports and information referred to in this report are on file and available for viewing at the Santa Cruz County Planning Department, and are hereby made a part of the administrative record for the proposed project.

The County Code and General Plan, as well as hearing agendas and additional information are available online at: <a href="https://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us">www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us</a>

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### BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUT	ON NO	)_

On the motion of Commissioner duly seconded by Commissioner the following Resolution is adopted:

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION
SENDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on Application No. 111095 involving General Plan and zoning amendments for property within the Soquel Village and located on the east side of Porter Street, approximately 400 feet south of Soquel Drive (APN 030-153-10); and property located on the east side of Daubenbiss Avenue, approximately 100 feet south of Soquel Drive (APN 030-142-18, 030-142-32, 030-142-33); and property located on the north side of Soquel Drive, opposite Daubenbiss Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered the proposed General Plan Amendments and Rezonings, all testimony and evidence received at the public hearing, and the attached staff report; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, the proposal was evaluated and a Negative Declaration prepared; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that the proposed General Plan Amendments and rezonings will be consistent with the policies of the General Plan, the Soquel Village Plan, and other provisions of the County Code, will be appropriate to the level of utilities and community services available to the property, is necessary to preserve the property for public purposes, and is in compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission hereby finds that the proposed General Plan Amendments and Rezonings serve a public benefit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution amending the General Plan by changing the property (Assessor's Parcel Number 030-153-10) from the "C-C, O-U" (Community Commercial, Urban Open Space) to "O-R, O-U" (Parks, Recreation, and Open Space, Urban Open Space) Land Use Plan designation, and (Assessors Parcel Number 030-142-18, 030-142-32, 030-142-33) from C-C to PF (Community Commercial to Public/Institutional Facility), and (Assessor's Parcel Number 030-071-08 and 030-081-17) from C-C, O-U (Community Commercial, Urban Open Space) to PF, O-U (Public/Institutional Facility to Urban Open Space); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance by changing the APN 030-

153-10 from the "C-2-GH" (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to "PR-GH" (Parks, Recreation and Open Space-Geologic Hazards zone district; and APN 030-142-18, 030-142-32, 030-142-33, 030-071-08 and 030-071-17 from C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PF-GH (Public Facility-Geologic Hazards);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission makes findings on the proposed General Plan amendments and rezonings as contained in the Report to the Planning Commission.

PASSED California, this _		lanning Commission of the County of Santa Cruz, State of 2011, by the following vote:
AYES:	COMMISSIONERS	
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS	
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS	
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS	
		Chairperson
ATTEST:		
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### BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor: Duly seconded by Supervisor: The following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE PARCEL (APN 030-153-10) FROM COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL, URBAN OPEN SPACE TO PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE, URBAN OPEN SPACE DESIGNATION, AND PARCELS (APN 030-142-18, 32, 33) FROM COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL TO PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL FACILITY, AND PARCELS (APN 030-071-08, 030-081-17) FROM COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL TO PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL FACILITY

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County General Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in May of 1994 and certified by the Coastal Commission in December of 1994; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the County General Plan, and more specifically the Land Use Element, is to designate sufficient land to be developed for future public facilities and parks uses; and

WHEREAS, the Community Commercial designation allows the development of public facility and parks uses, the Public Facility and Parks, Open Space and Recreation land use plan designations will more exclusively reserve land for these intended purposes; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan Land Use Plan Objective 2.24 identifies that village, town, community and specific plans may be used to provide a planning framework for development; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan Land Use Plan Policy 2.24.1 requires all development within a village plan area to be consistent with the village plan; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 1990 the Board of Supervisors adopted the Soquel Village Plan to implement the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Soquel Village Plan identifies public parking and pedestrian access as goals to be achieved to improve the economic vitality of the Soquel Village; and

WHEREAS, the County Redevelopment Agency acquired the subject properties for public facility and park purposes consistent with the Soquel Village Plan; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of these sites for public uses in the village requires that the General Plan Land Use Plan designation be changed to ensure the continued use as Public Facility and Parks, Recreation, and Open Space; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, the proposal was

evaluated and a Negative Declaration prepared; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing and considered the proposal and has recommended it to the Board of Supervisors for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors held a duly noticed public hearing and finds that the proposed General Plan Amendment will be consistent with the policies of the General Plan, Soquel Village Plan, and other provisions of the County Code, is appropriate to the level of utilities and community services available to the property, and is in compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the proposed General Plan amendments serve a public benefit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors approves the General Plan amendment to change the land use designation for APN 030-153-10 from Community Commercial, Urban Open Space to Parks, Recreation, and Open Space, Urban Open Space designation, and APNs 030-142-18, 32, 33 from Community Commercial to Public/Institutional Facility and to change APNs 030-071-08, 030-081-17 from Community Commercial to Public/Institutional Facility, and certifies the Negative Declaration prepared by the Environmental Coordinator under the California Environmental Quality Act as attached.

PASSED AND AD(	OPTED by the Box	ard of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz,
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NOES: SUPERVISO		
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		Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

Cc: County Counsel Planning Department

ORDINANCE NO.	

### ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE CHANGING FROM ONE ZONE DISTRICT TO ANOTHER

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

#### SECTION I

The Board of Supervisors finds that the public convenience, necessity and general welfare require the amendment of the County Zoning Regulations to implement the policies of the County General Plan regarding the County property located on the East side of Porter Street, approximately 400 feet south from Soquel Drive; and property located on the north side of Soquel Drive opposite Daubenbiss Avenue; and property located on the east side of Daubenbiss Avenue approximately 100 feet south of Soquel Drive; finds that the zoning to be established herein is consistent with all elements of the Santa Cruz County General Plan and the Santa Cruz County Code; and finds and certifies the Negative Declaration without mitigations under the California Environmental Quality Act.

#### **SECTION II**

The Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Zoning Plan Amendments as described in Section III, and adopts the findings in support thereof without modification as set forth below:

1. The proposed zone district will allow a density of development and types of uses which are consistent with the objectives and land use designations of the adopted General Plan; and

The Daubenbiss parcels (APN 030-142-18, 32, 33) and Lighthouse parcels (APN 030-071-08, 18) are fully constructed public parking lots that were developed to be consistent with the Soquel Village Plan, and are utilized by the Soquel Village Parking and Business District. The proposed Public Facility (PF) zoning will recognize these properties as County-owned public parking lots. This is a more appropriate zone district for public uses than the existing Community Commercial zone district and is an implementing zone district for the Public/Institutional Facilities General Plan Land Use Plan designation.

The Porter Street Site (APN 030-153-10) is also identified within the Soquel Village Plan's conceptual short term plan. It identifies development of public access easements to the Soquel Creek Linear Creek Trail from the Porter Street site with development of a pedestrian linkage. The rezoning of the site to Parks, Recreation, and Open Space will support development of this site for this planned future use and will preserve the property for public use.

The existing Urban Open Space land use plan designation and Geologic Hazards combining zone district overlay will be retained on the sites and will not be altered by this rezoning.

2. The proposed zone district is appropriate for the level of utilities and community services available to the land; and

The proposed Public Facility and Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PR) zone district zoning is appropriate to the level of utilities and community services available to the parcels. The subject parcels are located within the Urban Services Line where public services are available to the sites, including publicly maintained roadways, water, sewer, and fire protection, and public transit access.

Furthermore, a mapping change would not induce substantial population growth in the Soquel Village area because the project does not propose any physical change that is not already anticipated, or result in removal of existing resource and development restrictions on the property; or encourage population growth including, but not limited to new or extended infrastructure or significant unanticipated public facilities or new commercial or industrial facilities that have not already been anticipated by the Village Plan.

3. The proposed rezoning is necessary to provide for a community related use which was not anticipated when the zoning plan was adopted.

The public parking lots are currently zoned "Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards" (C-2-GH) and "Community Facility" (CC) and will be rezoned to "Public Facility-GH" (PF-GH) and Public Facility (PF), respectively. The Porter Street site is currently zoned "Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards" (C-2-GH) and will be rezoned to Parks, Recreation, and Open Space-Geologic Hazards (PR-GH).

The sites were acquired by the Redevelopment Agency for public parking lots and trailhead development, consistent with the Soquel Village Plan. A proposed rezoning is necessary to make the sites more consistent with the objectives of the Soquel Village Plan and General Plan by providing a zone district intended for public uses that will also preserve the sites for public use. The Public Facility and Parks, Recreation, and Open Space zone district is an implementing zone district for the Public/Institutional Facilities and Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Land Use Designations of the General Plan proposed for the property.

### **SECTION III**

Chapter 13.10 - Zoning Regulations of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended by amending Section 13.10.210 - Zoning Plan to change the following parcels from the existing zone districts to a new zone district as follows:

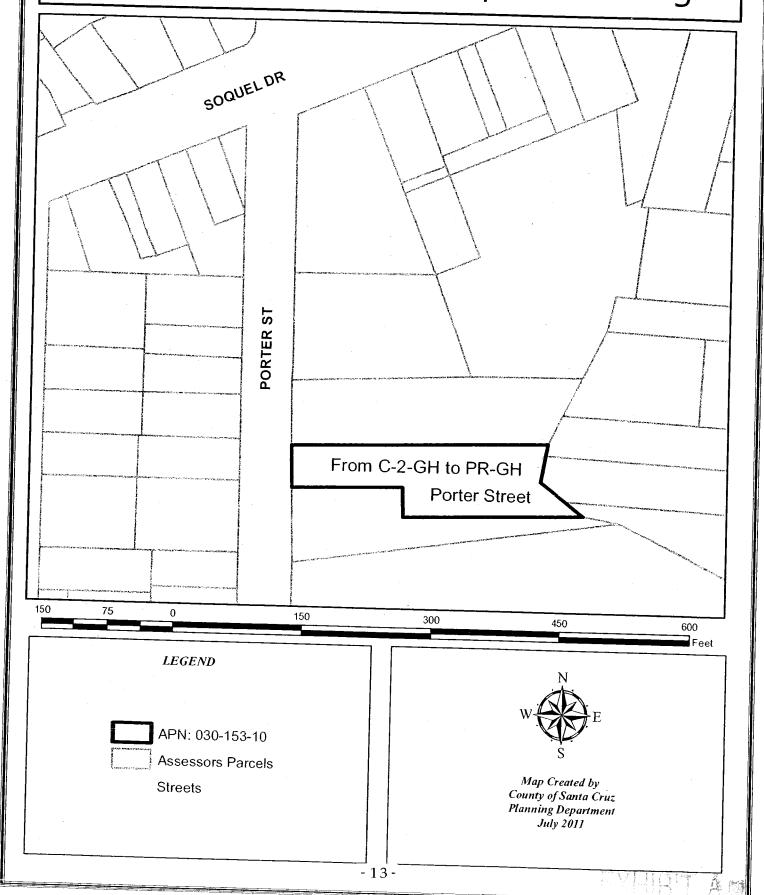
Assessor's Parcel Number	Property Name	Existing Zone District	New Zone District
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030-071-08	Lighthouse Parking Lot	C-2	PF
030-081-71	Lighthouse Parking Lot	C-2	PF
030-142-32	Daubenbiss Parking Lot	C-2-GH	PF-GH
030-142-33	Daubenbiss Parking Lot	C-2-GH	PF-GH
030-142-18	Daubenbiss Parking Lot	C-2-GH	PF-GH

### **SECTION IV**

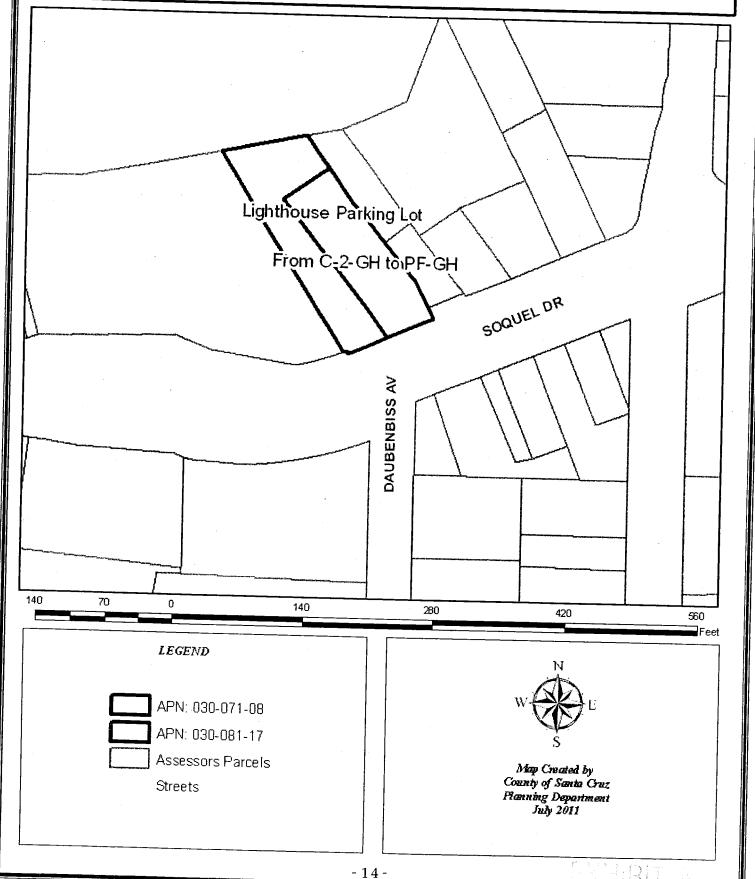
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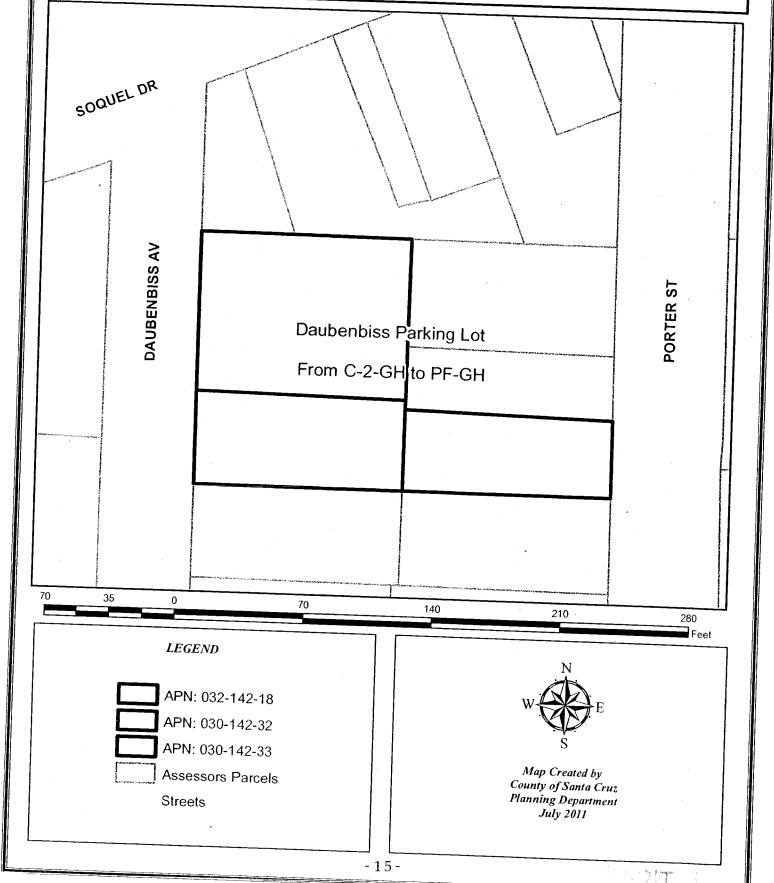






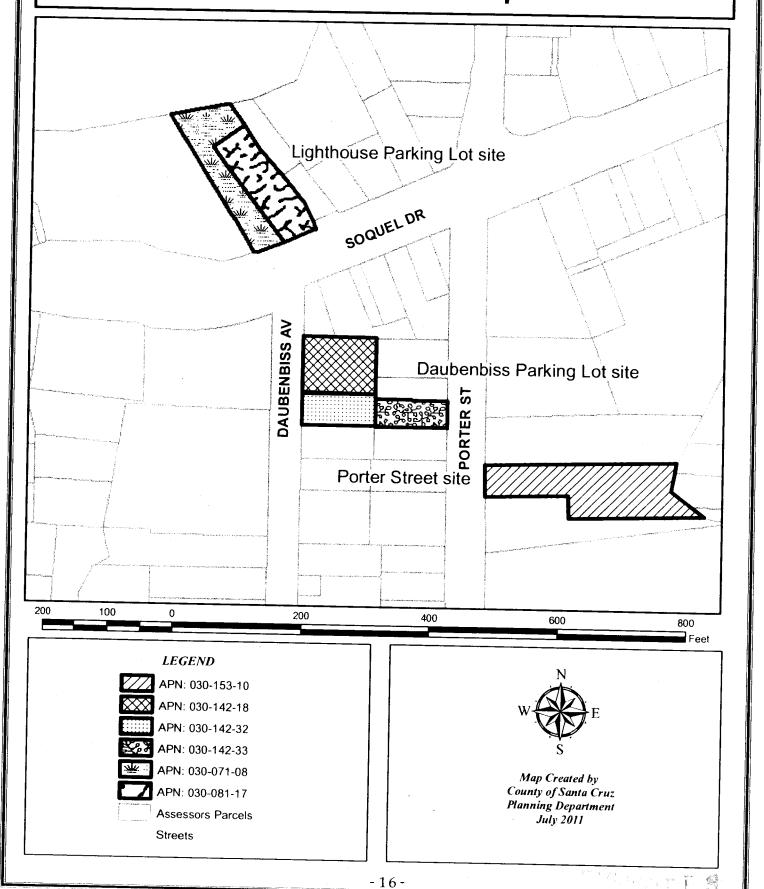




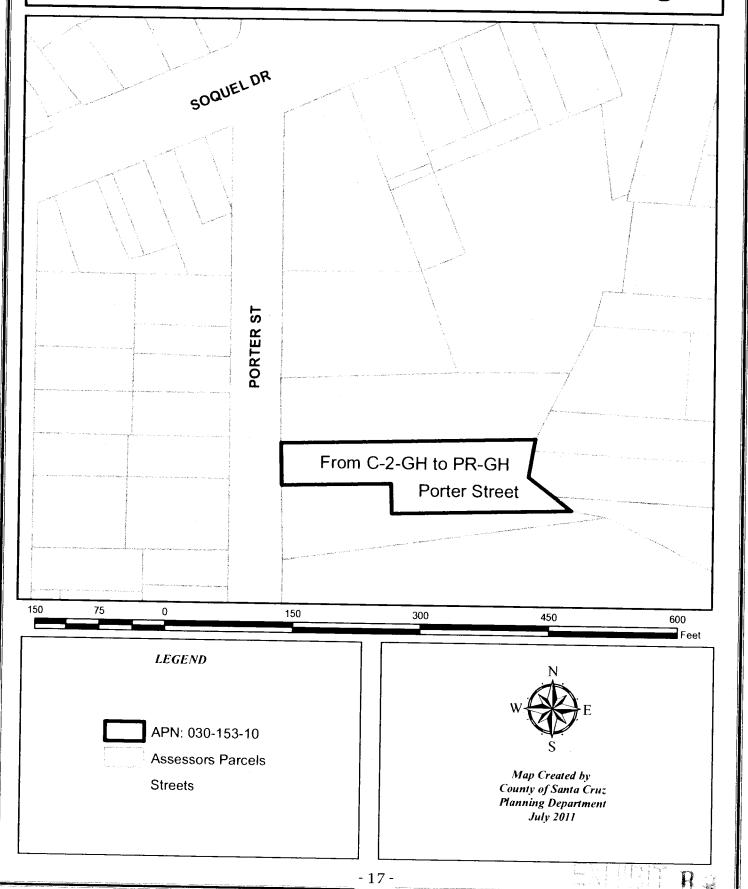




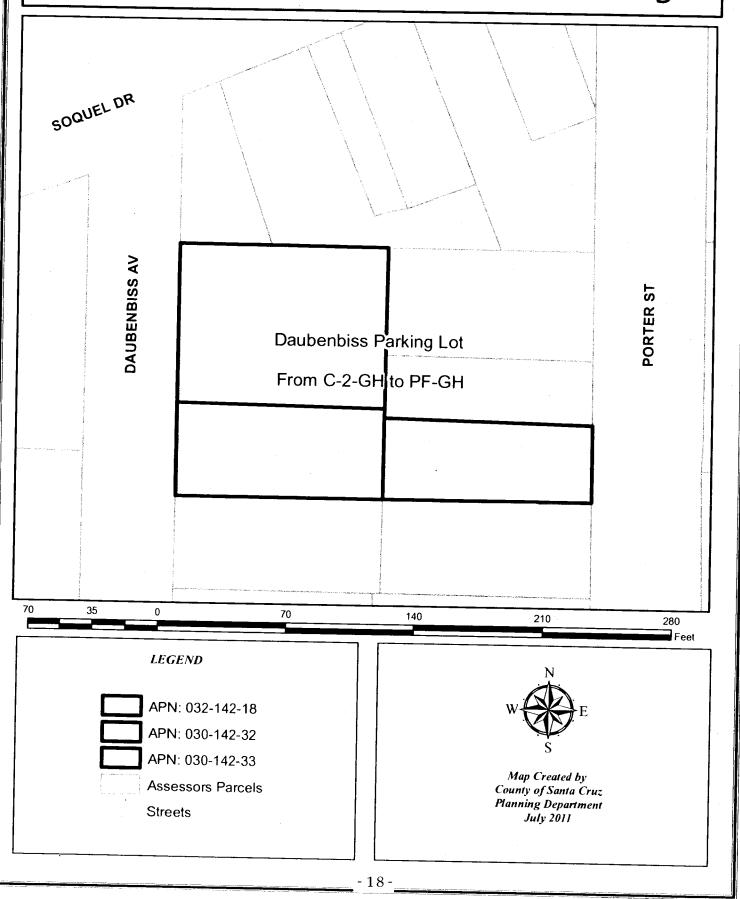
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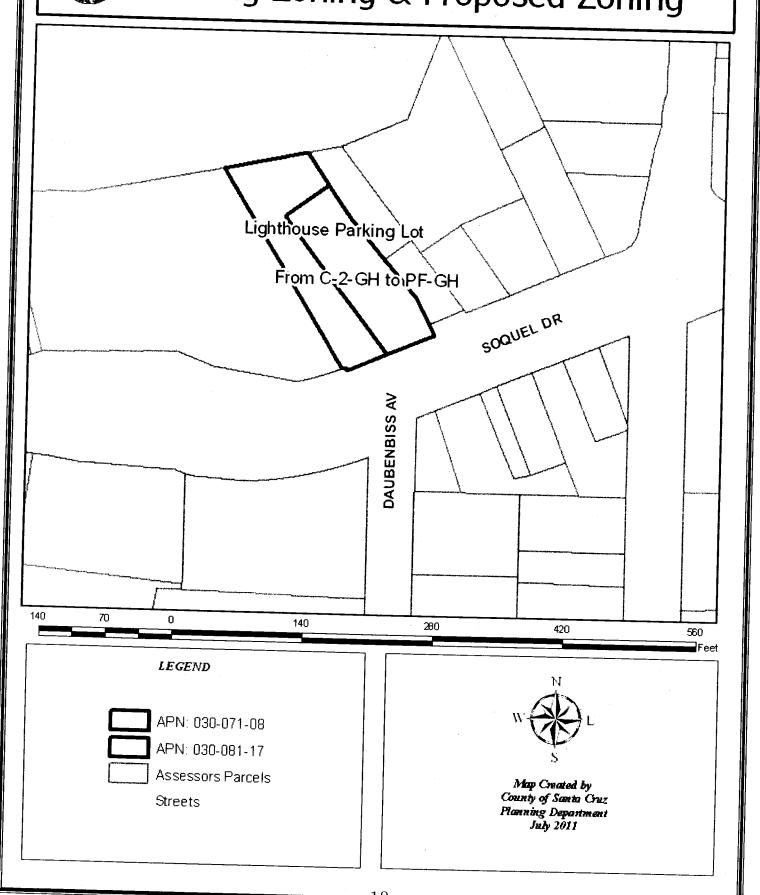






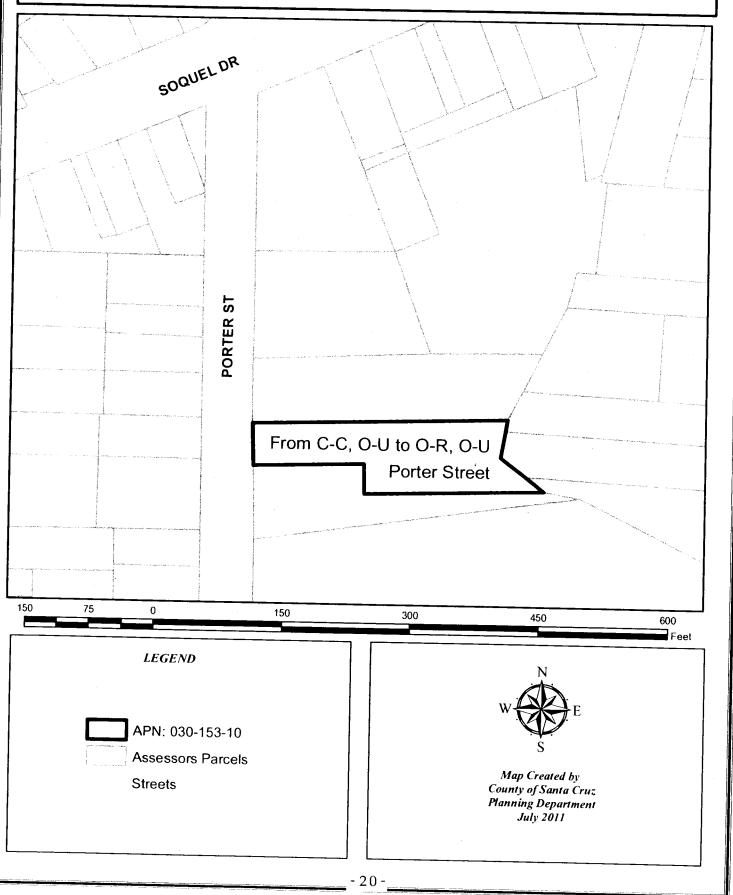






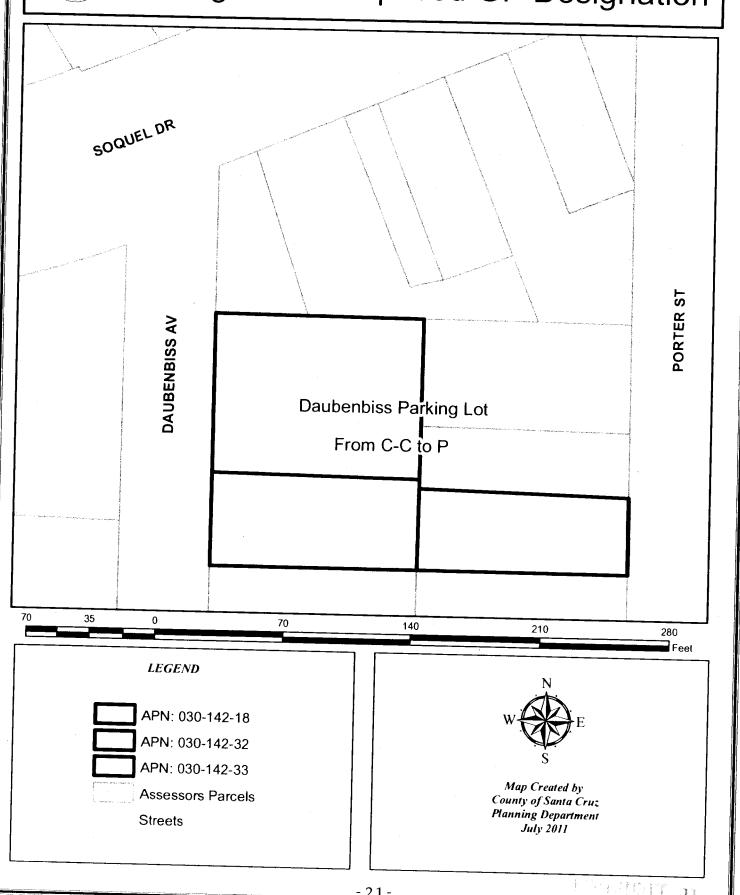


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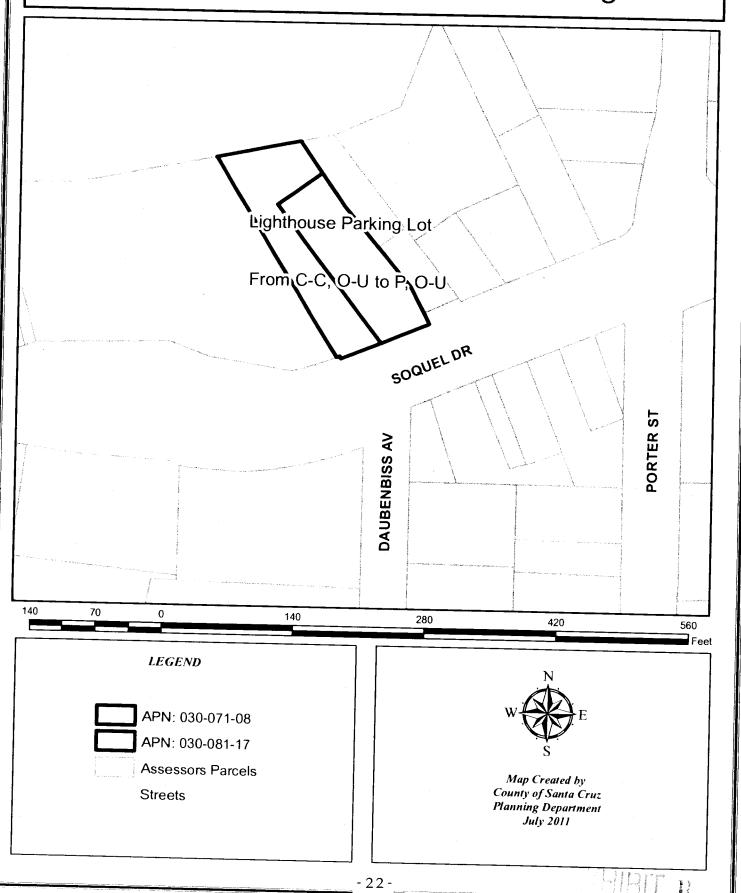


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### **NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

To:					
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#### **NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Project: Heart of Soquel General Plan and zoning amendment

APN(S): 030-153-10, 030-142-18, 030-142-32, 030-142-33, 030-071-08 and 030-081-17

Project Description: Proposal for a General Plan Amendment and Rezoning of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 030-153-10, located on the east side of Porter Street approximately 400 feet south of Soquel Drive, from O-U-C-C (Urban Open Space-Community Commercial) to O-U-O-R (Urban Open Space-Parks, Recreation, and Open Space) and to Rezone from C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PR-GH (Parks, Recreation and Open Space-Geologic Hazards); Amend APN 030-142-18, 030-142-32, and 030-142-33, located on the east side of Daubenbiss Avenue, from C-C (Community Commercial) to P (Public/Institutional Facilities) and Rezone from C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PF-GH (Public Facility-Geologic Hazards); Amend APN 030-071-08 and 030-081-17, located on the north side of Soquel Drive opposite Daubenbiss Avenue, from C-C (Community Facility) to P (Public/Institutional Facilities) and Rezone from C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PF-GH (Public Facilities-Geologic Hazards) Zone District.

**Project Location:** Within the Soquel Village area on the East Side of Daubenbiss Avenue, 100 feet south of Soquel Drive; north side of Soquel Drive, across Daubenbiss Avenue; and, east side of Porter Street approximately 400 feet south of Soquel Drive

Applicant: County of Santa Cruz Staff Planner: Sheila McDaniel Email: pln056co.santa-cruz.ca.us

This project will be considered at a public hearing by the Planning Commission. The time, date, and location have not been set. When scheduling does occur, these items will be included in all public hearing notices for the public.

California Environmental Quality Act Negative Declaration Findings:

Find, that this Negative Declaration reflects the decision-making body's independent judgment and analysis, and; that the decision-making body has reviewed and considered the information contained in this Negative Declaration and the comments received during the public review period, and; on the basis of the whole record before the decision-making body (including this Negative Declaration) that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. The expected environmental impacts of the project are documented in the attached Initial Study on file with the County of Santa Cruz Planning Department located at 701 Ocean Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Santa Cruz, California.

Review Period Ends: 6/11/11

Note: This Document is considered Draft until it is Adopted by the Appropriate County of Santa Cruz Decision-Making Body

Date:

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### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW INITIAL STUDY**

Date: 6/13/11

**Application Number: 111095** 

Staff Planner: Sheila McDaniel

### I. OVERVIEW AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

**APPLICANT**: Santa Cruz County

APN(s): 030-153-10, 030-142-18, 030-

142-32, 030-142-33, 030-071-08 and 030-

081-17

**OWNER**: Santa Cruz County

SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT: 1<sup>st</sup> District

PROJECT LOCATION: Within the Soquel Village area on the East Side of Daubenbiss Avenue, 100 feet south of Soquel Drive; north side of Soquel Drive, across Daubenbiss Avenue; and, east side of Porter Street approximately 400 feet south of Soquel Drive

SUMMARY PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposal for a General Plan Amendment and Rezoning of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 030-153-10, located on the east side of Porter Street approximately 400 feet south of Soquel Drive, from C-C, O-U (Community Commercial, Urban Open Space) to O-R, O-U (Parks, Recreation, and Open Space, Urban Open Space) and to Rezone from C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PR-GH (Parks, Recreation and Open Space-Geologic Hazards); Amend APN 030-142-18, 030-142-32, and 030-142-33, located on the east side of Daubenbiss Avenue, from C-C (Community Commercial) to P (Public/Institutional Facilities) and Rezone from C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PF-GH (Public Facility-Geologic Hazards); Amend APN 030-071-08 and 030-081-17, located on the north side of Soquel Drive opposite Daubenbiss Avenue, from C-C (Community Facility) to P (Public/Institutional Facilities) and Rezone from C-2-GH (Community Commercial-Geologic Hazards) to PF-GH (Public Facilities-Geologic Hazards) Zone District.

ENV	IRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALI	LY AF	FECTED: All of the following
	ntial environmental impacts are evaluated led have been analyzed in greater detail		, .
	Geology/Soils		Noise

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	Hydrology/Water Supply/Water Quality		Air Quality
	Biological Resources		Greenhouse Gas Emissions
	Agriculture and Forestry Resources		Public Services
	Mineral Resources		Recreation
	Visual Resources & Aesthetics		Utilities & Service Systems
	Cultural Resources		Land Use and Planning
	Hazards & Hazardous Materials		Population and Housing
	Transportation/Traffic		Mandatory Findings of Significance
DIS	CRETIONARY APPROVAL(S) BEING CO	DNSII	DERED:
$\boxtimes$	General Plan Amendment		Coastal Development Permit
	Land Division		Grading Permit
$\boxtimes$	Rezoning		Riparian Exception
	Development Permit		Other:
100	N-LOCAL APPROVALS		
Othe	er agencies that must issue permits or aut	horiza	ations:
	<b>ERMINATION:</b> (To be completed by the line basis of this initial evaluation:	ead a	igency)
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	I find that the proposed project MAY hav "potentially significant unless mitigated" is one effect 1) has been adequately analy applicable legal standards, and 2) has be based on the earlier analysis as describe ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is effects that remain to be addressed.	mpac zed in een a ed on	t on the environment, but at least an earlier document pursuant to ddressed by mitigation measures attached sheets. An
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adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Matthew Johnston

**Environmental Coordinator** 

### II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS	
Parcel Size: Daubenbiss Parking Lot (three p	arcels): ½ acre; Porter Street lot (one
parcel): ½ acre; Lighthouse Parking: ½ acre	,
Existing Land Use: Daubenbiss and Lighthou	se sites are parking lots. Porter Street is
vacant	,
Vegetation: Riparian	
Slope in area affected by project: $\bigcirc$ 0 - 30%	31 - 100%
Nearby Watercourse: The Porter Street site is	
Distance To: Contiguous	adjacent to soquet creek
Dietarios ro. Coringuous	
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND CON</b>	STRAINTS
Water Supply Watershed: No	Fault Zone: No
Groundwater Recharge: Only portion of	Scenic Corridor: No
Porter Street Site along Soquel Creek	
Timber or Mineral: No	Historic: No
Agricultural Resource: No	Archaeology: None Identified
Biologically Sensitive Habitat: Riparian	Noise Constraint: No
Woodland and biotic resources on Porter	Troibe Concidum. Tro
Street site only	
Fire Hazard: No	Electric Power Lines: No
Floodplain: Yes	Solar Access: N/A
Erosion: No	Solar Orientation: N/A
Landslide: No	Hazardous Materials: No
Liquefaction: Yes	Other:
055,005	
SERVICES	
Fire Protection: Central Fire	Drainage District: Zone 5
School District: Soquel	Project Access: Daubenbiss Avenue,
	Soquel Drive, Porter Street
Sewage Disposal: County Sanitation	Water Supply: Soquel Creek Water
	District
PLANNING POLICIES	
Zone District: C-2-GH	Special Designation: Soquel Village
Zone District. C-2-GH	Plan
General Plan: C-C (Community	riali
Commercial), O-U (Urban Open Space).	
A	Outside
Coastal Zone: Inside	

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING AND SURROUNDING LAND USES:**

The Daubenbiss Parking lot (APN 030-142-18, 32, & 33) is located on the east side of Daubenbiss Avenue, approximately 100 south of Soquel Drive and is situated behind



the Soquel Village businesses fronting Soquel Drive and Porter Street to the east. Residential sites are located to the west and south of the property. This site was developed by the County Redevelopment Agency and is a fully developed parking lot.

The Lighthouse Parking lot (APN 030-071-08 and 030-081-17) is located on the north side of Soquel Drive directly across the street from Daubenbiss Avenue. It is situated adjacent to the Lighthouse Church to the west and Hernandez Market to the east. This lot was developed by the County Redevelopment Agency and provides parking for the Soquel Village Business District.

The Porter Street site is located on the east side of Porter Street, approximately 400 feet south of Soquel Drive. The site is surrounded by a commercial office to the north and dance studio business to the south. Soquel Creek is located on the east side of the parcel. A few mature trees are located along the frontage of the site and a thicket of riparian trees are located along Soquel Creek.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND:

Public Parking Lots

Through a community planning process in 1990, parking, traffic safety and pedestrian access were identified as major needs for Soquel Village. Specific improvements to address these problems were proposed in the Soquel Village Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 22, 1990. Additional parking lot construction and renovation was identified as a means to resolve these issues. The Soquel Village Parking Business Improvement Area (SVPBIA) was established as a mechanism to operate and maintain the public parking lots.

The construction and renovation of these lots was financed by the Redevelopment Agency and includes the Lighthouse and Daubenbiss parking lots, parking and access easements as well as on street parking improvements. In total, the Agency developed 151 public parking spaces in the Village, dramatically reducing local concerns about parking and providing access to area businesses.

The Lighthouse parking lot was the first lot to be completed, located on Soquel Drive next to the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship church, and provides 47 parking spaces. The driveway off Soquel Drive was aligned with Daubenbiss Avenue, thereby minimizing traffic conflicts. In addition, curb, gutter, and sidewalks were constructed on the site frontage. A bus turnout and shelter were constructed to the west of the driveway access. A new traffic signal also was installed there as part of a later project.

The Daubenbiss parking lot included construction of a new entrance from Porter Street which helped improve access and circulation, construction of new parking spaces, sidewalks, landscaping and night lighting as well as sidewalk, curb and gutter improvements on the Daubenbiss Avenue frontage of the lot. Renovation of the existing

43 spaces and construction of an additional 13 spaces brought the total capacity of this lot to 56 parking spaces.

The parking lots are currently designated Community Commercial (C-C) by the General Plan and zoned Community Commercial-Geological Hazards (C-2-GH). The intent of the proposed map change is to assign a public land use and zoning designation in order to preserve the property for public use. The amendment and rezoning will recognize completion of these parking lots in accordance with the Soquel Village Plan. The Geologic Hazards Combining Zone District overlay will be retained.

#### Porter Street Site

The Porter Street site is approximately ½ acre vacant and undeveloped County-owned parcel. This site was purchased by the Redevelopment Agency to provide access to the future Heart of Soquel park project envisioned by the Village Plan. A general Plan amendment from C-C-O-U (Community Commercial-Urban Open Space) to O-R-O-U (Parks, Recreation and Open Space-Urban Open Space) and Rezoning to Parks, Recreation and Open Space is proposed so that the zoning is more consistent with the intended use of the Village Plan and to preserve the property for public use.

The existing Urban Open Space land use plan designation and Geologic Hazards combining zone district overlay will be retained on the sites.



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### III. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW CHECKLIST

### A. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Woo		e project:				
1.	po inc	pose people or structures to tential substantial adverse effects, luding the risk of loss, injury, or ath involving:				
	Α.	Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				
	В	Strong seismic ground shaking?				$\boxtimes$
	C.	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				$\boxtimes$
	D.	Landslides?				$\boxtimes$
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2.	that unst pote land	located on a geologic unit or soil is unstable, or that would become table as a result of the project, and entially result in on- or off-site delide, lateral spreading, sidence, liquefaction, or collapse?				
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3.		elop land with a slope exceeding				$\boxtimes$

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	amendment and rezoning at this time.					
4.	Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				$\boxtimes$	
	ussion: No development is proposed othe will not result in soil erosion or loss of top s		mendmen	it and rezon	ing.	
5.	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Section 1802.3.2 of the California Building Code (2007), creating substantial risks to life or property?					
	ssion: No development is proposed othe vill not result in impacts from soils condition		mendmen	t and rezor	ning.	
6.	Place sewage disposal systems in areas dependent upon soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks, leach fields, or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available?					
time o conne require	<b>Discussion:</b> No septic systems are proposed and no development is proposed at this time other than an amendment and rezoning. Furthermore, any future project would connect to the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District, and the applicant would be required to pay standard sewer connection and service fees that fund sanitation improvements within the district as a Condition of Approval for the project.					
7.	Result in coastal cliff erosion?				$\boxtimes$	
Discu	ssion: The property is not located in the o	coastal zor	ne.			
	'DROLOGY, WATER SUPPLY, AND WA I the project:	TER QUA	LITY			
1.	Place development within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?					
Discu	ssion: No development is proposed othe	r than an a	imendmer	it and rezor	ning. A	

mapping revision will not result in impacts from flood hazards.

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2.	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				
Discu This p	ussion: No development is proposed other project will not result in impacts from flood	r than an a hazards.	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
3.	Be inundated by a seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				$\boxtimes$
<b>Discu</b> This v	ussion: No development is proposed other will not result in impacts from these hazard	than an a s.	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
4.	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				
that wi revise	ssion: No development is proposed, other ould affect water supply for this site. Any displayed use designations would obtain water ould not rely on private well water at the time.	future dever from So	velopment quel Creek	under exis Water Dis	ting or
5.	Substantially degrade a public or private water supply? (Including the contribution of urban contaminants, nutrient enrichments, or other agricultural chemicals or seawater intrusion).				
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ŝ.	Degrade septic system functioning?				
connec	ssion: This property and all others in the voted to the County sanitation district and non-functioning.	vicinity are o develop	connected ment would	d or will be d affect se	ptic

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7.	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding, on- or off-site?				
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8.	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems, or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				
<b>Disc</b> This	<b>cussion:</b> No development is proposed other will not alter site drainage.	than an a	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
9.	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				
	russion: No development is proposed other will not involve the risk from flooding.	than an a	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
10.	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				$\boxtimes$
	ussion: No development is proposed other will not alter water quality.	than an a	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
	IOLOGICAL RESOURCES Id the project:				
1.	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game, or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				

Discussion: No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning.

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This will not result in site alteration or habitat modification. Riparian regulations require habitat protection regardless of the general plan land use designation and zoning of the site.

2. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations (e.g., wetland, native grassland, special forests, intertidal zone, etc.) or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

**Discussion:** No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning. This will not result in modification to riparian habitat. Riparian regulations require habitat protection regardless of the general plan land use designation and zoning of the site.

3. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native or migratory wildlife nursery sites?

**Discussion:** No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning. This will not result in interference to migratory patterns of native speces. Riparian regulations require habitat protection regardless of the general plan land use designation and zoning of the site. This will not result in impacts.

4. Produce nighttime lighting that would substantially illuminate wildlife habitats?

**Discussion:** No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning. This will not result in production of nighttime lighting of wildlife habitats. Riparian regulations require habitat protection regardless of the general plan land use designation and zoning of the site. This will not result in impacts

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5.	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				
<b>Discu</b> Nonet	ssion: No development is proposed other heless, no wetlands are present on this sit	than an a	ımendment	and rezo	ning.
6.	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources (such as the Sensitive Habitat Ordinance, Riparian and Wetland Protection Ordinance, and the Significant Tree Protection Ordinance)?				
Riparia design	<b>ssion:</b> No development is proposed other an regulations require habitat protection renation and zoning of the site. This will not retion ordinances.	gardless	of the gene	eral plan la	ind use
7.	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				
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1.	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on				$\boxtimes$

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the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

The project site does not contain any lands designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency. In addition, the project does not contain Farmland of Local Importance. Therefore, no Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide or Farmland of Local Importance would be converted to a non-agricultural use. No impact would occur from project implementation.

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2.	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				$\boxtimes$
an a Con	project site is zoned C-2 (Community Comlity) and PR (Parks, Recreation, and Open gricultural zone. Additionally, the project sitract. Therefore, the project does not conflior a Williamson Act Contract. No impact is	Space), wl te's land is ct with exis	hich are no not under ting zoning	ot considere a Williams	ed to be on Act
3.	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?				
The proof a	project is not adjacent to land designated a feet the resource or access to harvest the	is Timber F resource i	Resource. n the futur	The projec	t would
4.	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				
No fo antici	orest land occurs on the project site or in the pated.	ne immedia	ite vicinity.	No impac	t is
5.	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				

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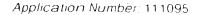
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The project site and surrounding area is within the Urban Service Line and many miles from any lands designated as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance or Farmland of Local Importance as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency. Therefore, no Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide, or Farmland of Local Importance would be converted to a non-agricultural use. In addition, the project site contains no forest land. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

	In addition, the project site contains no for ipated.	est land.	Therefore,	no impacts	are
	INERAL RESOURCES d the project:				
1.	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				
regio	site does not contain any known mineral reson and the residents of the state. Therefore mentation.				
2.	Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				
Recre (M-3) (Cour a kno site d	project site is zoned C-2 and proposed as Feation, and Open Space), which are not comor does it have a Land Use Designation only of Santa Cruz 1994). Therefore, no polywn mineral resource of locally important melineated on a local general plan, specific presult of this project.	nsidered b with a Qualentially si ineral res	to be an Exarry Design gnificant loource reco	stractive Us mation Over less of availa very (extra	se Zone rlay (Q) ability of ction)
	SUAL RESOURCES AND AESTHETICS d the project:				
1.	Have an adverse effect on a scenic vista?				$\boxtimes$
	project would not directly impact any public ty's General Plan (1994), or obstruct any p				
2.	Substantially damage scenic resources, within a designated scenic corridor or public view shed area including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings				





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within a state scenic highway?

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public	ussion: The project sites are not located ale view shed area, scenic corridor, within a d a state scenic highway. Therefore, no imp	esignated	scenic reso	ted scenic ource area,	road, or
3.	Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings, including substantial change in topography or ground surface relief features, and/or development on a ridgeline?				
<i>Discu</i> This w	rssion: No development is proposed other vill not result in impacts to the visual charac	than an an	nendment a site.	and rezonir	ng.
4.	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				
<b>Discu</b> This w	ssion: No development is proposed other will not result in impacts to day or nighttime	than an an views.	nendment a	and rezonir	ng.
	JLTURAL RESOURCES I the project:				
1.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5?				
Discu	ssion: There are no structures on the sub	ject proper	ty that cou	ld be affect	ed.
2.	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5?				
develo in impa the pre humar cultura respor	eparation for or process of excavating or other remains of any age, or any artifact or other site which reasonably appears to exceed a sible persons shall immediately cease and amply with the notification procedures given	ent and realle Section herwise distributed in the section of the s	zoning. Th 16.40.040, sturbing the e of a Nativor of age are m all furthe	is will not re if at any tire ground, a e Americar discovered r site excav	esult me in ny d, the vation
3.	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?			i i	

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Discussion: No human remains have been identified in the project area. No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning. This will not result in impacts. However, pursuant to Section 16.40.040 of the Santa Cruz County Code, if at any time during site preparation, excavation, or other ground disturbance

shall sheri are n repre Distu deter	ciated with this project, human remains immediately cease and desist from all fulf-coroner and the Planning Director. If not of recent origin, a full archeological resentatives of the local Native California orbance shall not resume until the signification and appropriate mitigations to problished.	are di urther the co eport s Indiar cance	scovered, site exca proner det shall be proup should be of the arc	the respondant vation and ermines the epared and nall be contained	nsible pers notify the at the rema d lacted. resource i	ains
4.	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?					$\boxtimes$
None	ussion: No development is proposed o theless, no paleontological resource or ent on the site that could be disrupted by	site or	r unique g	eologic fea	atures are	ng.
	AZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIA d the project:	ALS				
1.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment as a result of the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials?	of				$\boxtimes$
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2.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	e				
Discu This v	ssion: No development is proposed otl vill not result in the transport or disposal	her tha	an an ame zardous r	endment ai naterials.	nd rezonin	g.
3.	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?					

Discussion: No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning.

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This	s will not result in emissions of hazardous m	naterials.			
4.	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				
Disc	cussion: The site is not identified on the lis	st of hazard	dous mater	ials.	
5.	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				
Disc	cussion: The site is not located within an a	irport land	use plan.		
6.	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				
Disc	cussion: The site is not located within the	vicinity of a	a private air	strip.	
7.	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
<b>Disc</b> This	ussion: No development is proposed other will not interfere with emergency response.	er than an	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
8.	Expose people to electro-magnetic fields associated with electrical transmission lines?				
This	ussion: No development is proposed othe will not expose people to electro magnetic mission lines.	r than an a fields asso	imendment ociated with	and rezor	ning.
9.	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				

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**Discussion**: No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning. This will not expose anyone or to structures to a risk from a potential wildland fire.

	RANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC  Id the project:				
1.	Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?				
<i>Disc</i> . There	ussion: No development is proposed other would be no impact because no addition	er than an a al traffic wo	amendmen ould be ger	t and rezoi nerated.	ning.
2.	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				
	ussion: No development is proposed other would be no impact to air traffic because rated.				ning.
3.	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
<b>Disc</b> i There	ussion: No development is proposed othe would be no traffic impacts.	r than an a	ımendmen	t and rezor	ning.
4.	Result in inadequate emergency access?				$\boxtimes$
The p	ussion: No development is proposed othe project's road access meets County standagency access to the sites.				

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	ession: No development is proposed other roject would not affect the existing noise e			and rezonin	g.
3.	Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the General Plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				
	ession: No development is proposed other roject would not affect the existing noise e			and rezonin	g.
4.	A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				
	ssion: No development is proposed other roject would not affect the existing noise e			and rezonin	9.
5.	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				
Discu	ssion: The properties are not located with	nin an airpo	ort land use	plan.	
6.	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				
Discu	ssion: The properties are not located with	nin the vicir	nity of a priv	vate airstrip	
Where establ Air Po	R QUALITY e available, the significance criteria ished by the Monterey Bay Unified Illution Control District (MBUAPCD) may b to make the following determinations. Wo		ject:		
1.	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				
Discu	ession: No development is proposed othe	r than an a	mendment	and rezonir	ng.

This would not affect the air quality.

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2.	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				
	russion: No development is proposed othe would not affect implementation of the air of			it and rezo	ning.
3.	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?				
	ussion: No development is proposed othe would not affect air quality.	r than an	amendmen	it and rezo	oning.
4.	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				$\boxtimes$
	ussion: No development is proposed othe would not affect air quality.	r than an	amendmen	it and rezo	oning.
5.	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				$\boxtimes$
	ussion: No development is proposed othe would not affect air quality.	r than an	amendmen	it and rezo	oning.
	REENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS d the project:				
1.	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				
The p	ussion: No development is proposed other proposed project would not result in an include of fossil fuels.				
2.	Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				
Disc	ussion: See the discussion under L-1 abo	ove. No ir	npacts are	anticipate	d.

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**Discussion**: No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning, one of which is to Parks, Recreation, and Open Space. The mapping changes would not result in an increase in use of existing neighborhood or regional parks. The map revisions have the potential to reduce existing park usage if the site is developed in

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which might have an adverse physical

effect on the environment?

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the future with a park use, which would result in a positive impact to the environment.

2. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities

**Discussion:** One of the proposed map revisions is to provide a Parks, Recreation, and Open Space zoning and land use designation on the Porter Street site. No physical development is proposed at this time. However, this would allow potential recreational facilities instead of community commercial uses currently allowed.

The property is located along the west side of Soquel Creek and contains riparian mapping that requires habitat protection pursuant to the Riparian regulations. Any development of this site is limited by the riparian protection regulations and much of the site would be required to be dedicated to a riparian buffer.

While improvements are not proposed at this time, a rezoning and land use plan amendment to Parks, Recreation and Open Space would be a more suitable zone district for this site because parks typically provide and allow for greater open space than Community Commercial uses and would provide greater protection to the riparian resource and the environment.

#### O. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental

Would the project:

1.	Require or result in the construction of				$\square$
	new storm water drainage facilities or				
	expansion of existing facilities, the				
	construction of which could cause				
	significant environmental effects?				
Disc	ussion: No development is proposed othe	r than an	amendme	nt and rezo	ning.
2.	Require or result in the construction of				$\boxtimes$
	new water or wastewater treatment	لـــا		٠ا	لاحا
	facilities or expansion of existing				

**Discussion:** No development is proposed other than an amendment and rezoning. Future development would be required to connect to an existing municipal water supply and sewer connection.

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3.	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				
Disc	ussion: No development is proposed other	than an a	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
4.	Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				
Disc	ussion: No development is proposed other	than an	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
5.	Result in determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				
Discu	ussion: No development is proposed other	than an a	amendmen	t and rezo	ning.
6.	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				
Disco	ragion. No dovelopment is presented ather	then on		t and	nina
	ussion: No development is proposed other	man an a	amenomen		niing.
7.	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				
	<b>ussion:</b> No development is proposed other	than an	amendmen	it and rezo	ning.
	AND USE AND PLANNING  d the project:				
1.	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local				

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coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

Discussion: The project amends the General Plan and includes a rezoning. The proposed Public/Institutional Facilities and Parks, Recreation and Open Space land use designations and Public Facility and Parks, Recreation and Open Space zoning support the objectives of the Soquel Village Plan, which encourage improved vehicle and pedestrian circulation and parking and provision of trail access for the Soquel Lineal Creek Park. Additionally, Objective 7.6.4 of the General Plan (Soquel Creek Trail Corridor) encourages the acquisition and development of trail segments by providing a linkage to the Heart of Soquel park site and the trail segment behind the Soquel Elementary School. The proposed revisions would support these objectives.

The General Plan amendments and Rezoning do not conflict with any specified designations in the Soquel Village Plan. All resource and constraints designations applicable to the sites will be retained. This includes the Urban Open Space land use designations, Riparian Woodland, and Geologic Hazard overlays.

2.	Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				
Ripa	General Plan and rezoning retain the Urba rian protection overlays currently applicabl any habitat conservation plan or protection	e to the pro	perties ar	id do not co	ts, or onflict
3.	Physically divide an established community?			$\boxtimes$	
publi Soqu would	ussion: The General Plan and Rezoning of comments of the General Plan and Rezoning of parking lot uses on the Soquel Village Burlet Village Plan and further implement the dinot include any element that would physomethe objectives of the Village plan.	usiness Dis Soquel Villa	strict parkir age Plan.	ng within th The map re	e evisions
	OPULATION AND HOUSING Id the project:				
1.	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other				

**Discussion**: The proposed General Plan Amendment and Rezoning are intended to recognize existing and envisioned planned public uses (existing parking lots and proposed Heart of Soquel Access) by the Village Plan that are currently allowed uses



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of the existing General Plan and Zoning designations and supported by the Soquel Village Plan. The intent of the change is to assign a public land use and zoning designation in order to preserve the property for these public uses.

The Daubenbiss and Lighthouse Parking lots are fully constructed public parking lots that were developed consistent with the Soquel Village Plan, and that are utilized by the Soquel Village Parking and Business District.

The Soquel Village Plan includes a conceptual short term plan that identifies development of public access easements to Soquel Creek from Porter Street and development of a pedestrian linkage there. The rezoning of the site to Parks and Recreation and a General Plan amendment would support development of this site for this planned future use.

Furthermore, the Soquel Village plan has already undergone environmental review. At the time that improvements are proposed on this site the project will be required to comply with the previously specified mitigation measures to protect riparian habitat as required by the Soquel Village Plan mitigated negative declaration.

A mapping change would not induce substantial population growth in the Soquel Village area because the project does not propose any physical change that is not already anticipated, or would remove existing resource and development restrictions on the property; or encourage population growth including, but not limited to new or extended infrastructure or significant unanticipated public facilities or new commercial or industrial facilities.

2.	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				
	ssion: The proposed Amendment and Fing since the site is currently vacant.	Rezoning wo	ould not dis	splace any	existing
3.	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				

**Discussion**: The proposed amendment and rezoning project would not displace anyone since it is a mapping revision only and does not involve residential zoning designations.

#### R. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

1.	Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment,
	substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or
	wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife
	population to drop below self-sustaining
	levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or
	animal community, reduce the number or
	restrict the range of a rare or endangered
	plant or animal community, reduce the
	number or restrict the range of a rare or
	endangered plant or animal or eliminate
	important examples of the major periods of
	California history or prehistory?

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No development is proposed at this time except map revisions, which would not affect habitat or degrade the quality of the environment.

The project involves a General Plan amendment and rezoning of two existing and fully developed public parking lots from 'Community Commercial" to "Public/Institutional Facility". The changes will recognize and preserve the public use of these properties.

The project includes a General Plan amendment and rezoning of the Porter Street property, a publicly-owned, vacant parcel, which is proposed to change from "Community Commercial" to "Parks, Recreation, and Open Space" Land Use Plan designations and corresponding rezoning. This land use plan designation and rezoning will recognize a park use that is anticipated and supported by the Soquel Village Plan that has already been evaluated as part of CEQA review for the Soquel Village Plan. Furthermore, a map change will not alter the existing character of the site, anticipated development of the site, alter mapped geologic hazards mapping protection attributed to the property, compromise protection of the environment, or alter the environmental resource protections provided to the site by existing mapped riparian resource constraints. The amendment and rezoning will provide greater resource protection to the site, environment, and potential habitat present on the site by encouraging open space uses, which are more compatible and suitable to the protection of the habitat than commercial development.

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Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				
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The land use plan and rezoning changes will not have impacts that are cumulatively considerable since the project involves map changes to recognize existing or anticipated uses have already undergone environmental review as part of the Soquel Village Plan, and will not change as a result of map revisions.

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The land use plan and rezoning changes will not have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings since the project involves map revisions only, which are intended to recognize existing or anticipated uses of the Soquel Village Plan that have undergone environmental review as part of the Soquel Village Plan.

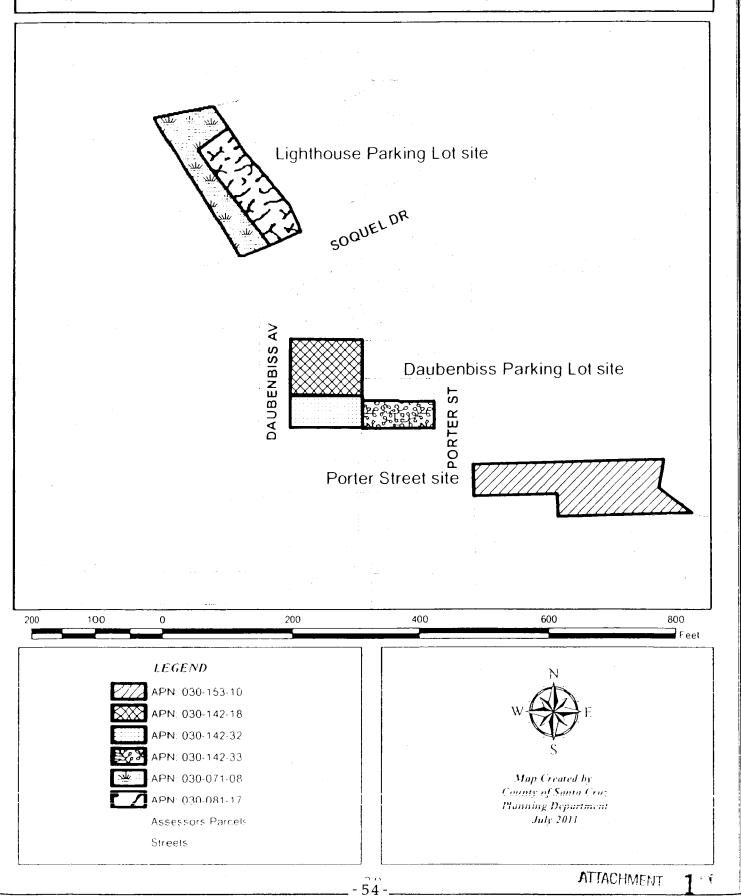
The project includes map revisions to recognize the public use of existing public parking lots. In addition, the project includes map revisions to recognize anticipated parks open space use of the Porter Street site, which will not involve impacts to individuals because the site is currently accessed by a fully improved sidewalk along the property frontage and the use does not involve hazardous materials that might affect humans.

### IV. TECHNICAL REVIEW CHECKLIST

	REQUIRED	COMPLETED
Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission (APAC) Review	Yes No No	
Archaeological Review	Yes No	
Biotic Report/Assessment	Yes No	
Geologic Hazards Assessment (GHA)	Yes No	
Geologic Report	Yes 🔲 No 🗍	
Geotechnical (Soils) Report	Yes 🗌 No 🗍	
Riparian Pre-Site	Yes No	
Septic Lot Check	Yes No	
Other:	Yes 🗌 No 🗍	

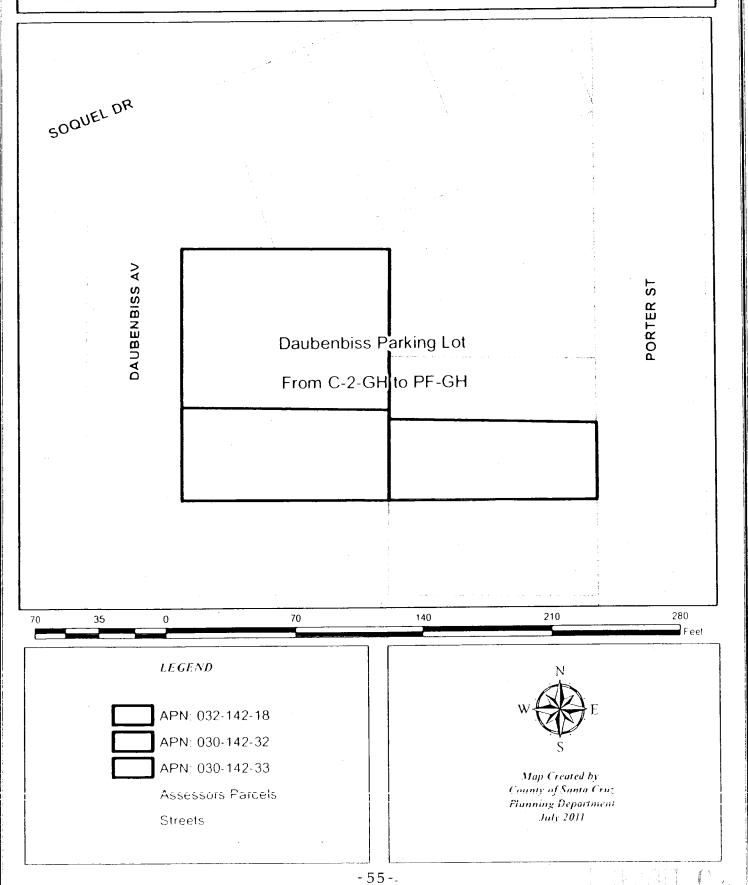


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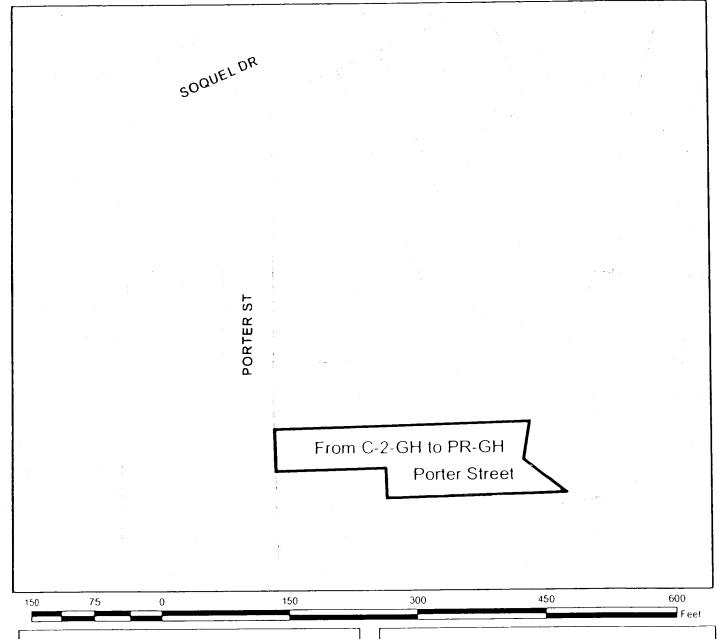


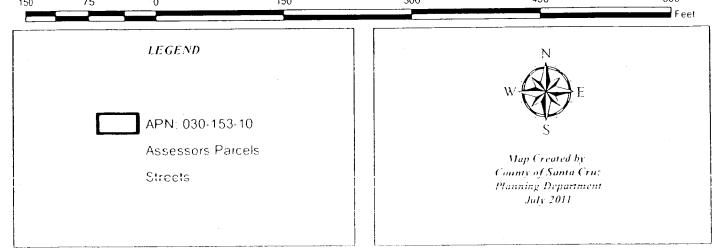
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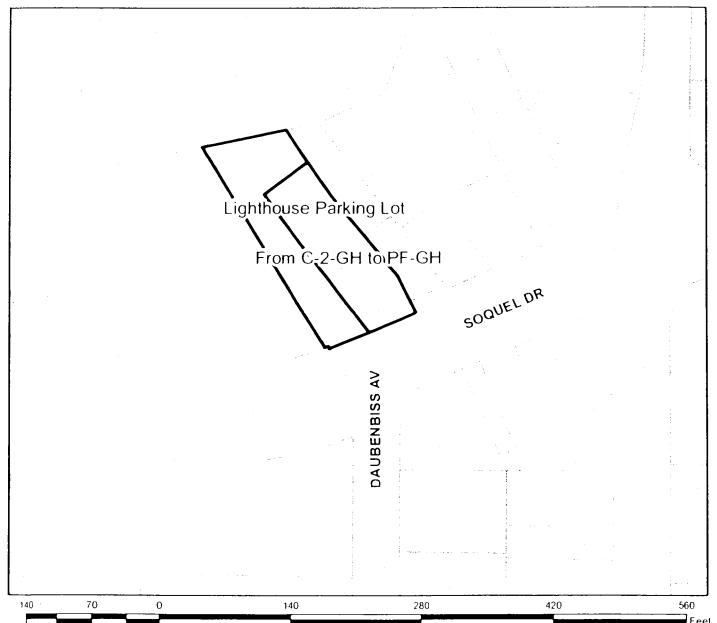
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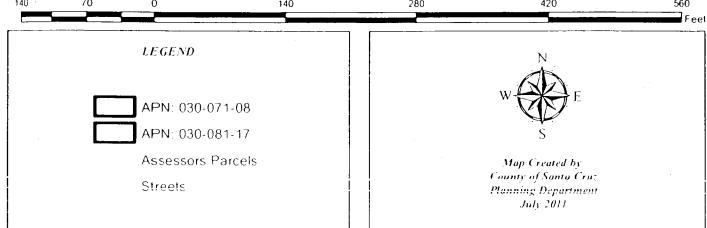






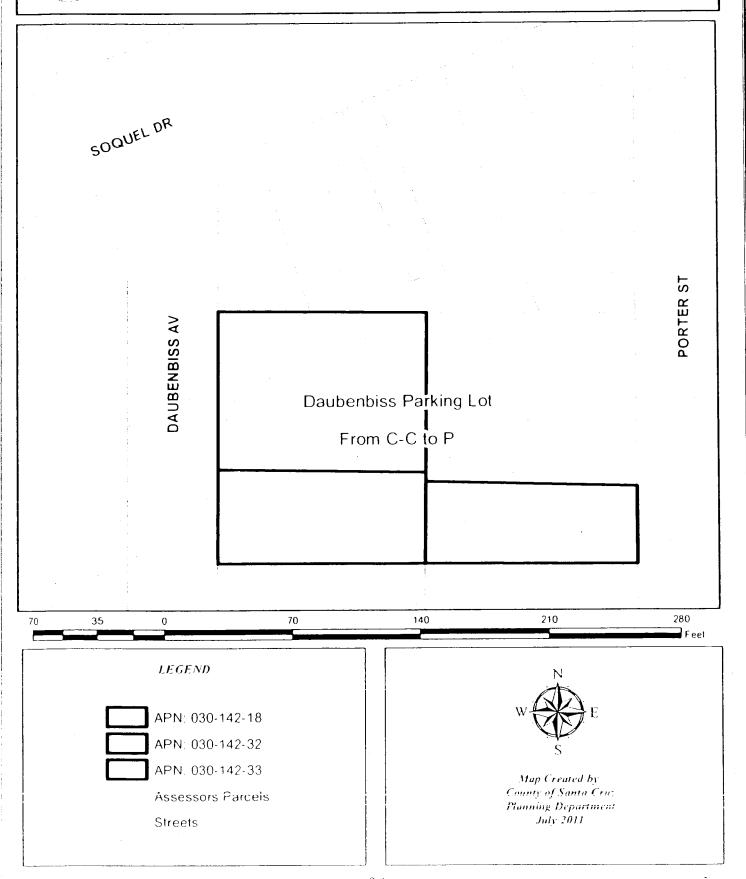
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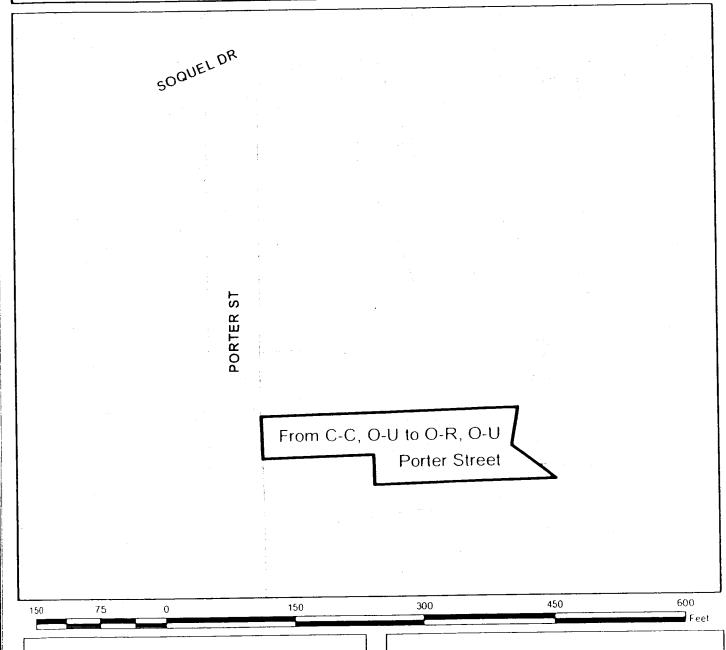


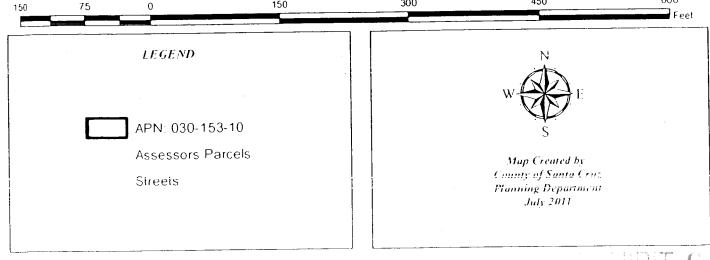
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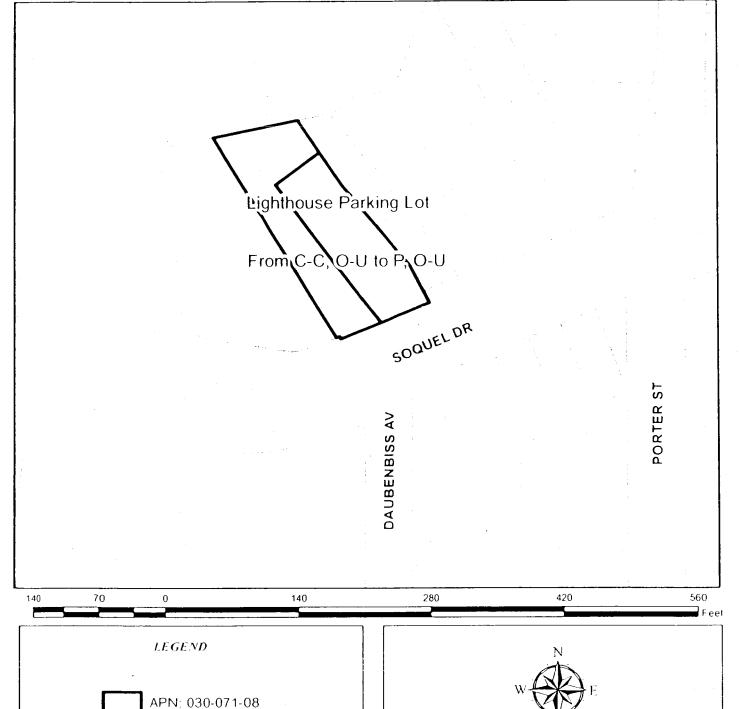
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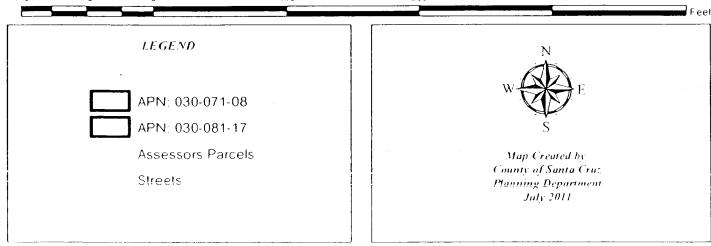






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