



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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**Agenda Date:** January 13, 2016  
**Agenda Item:** # 6

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 that includes a meeting attendance roster, and provides a brief description of the activities undertaken by the Commission. 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,

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Steve Guiney  
Principal Planner, Planning Department  
Planning Commission Secretary

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Attachment: 2015 Annual Report of the Planning Commission



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Members of the Board:

Transmitted herewith is the biennial report of the Santa Cruz County Planning Commission for the 2014-2015 calendar years.

### **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 can be scheduled by the Commission to respond to pressing deadlines or to provide additional opportunity for public participation.

### **2014-2015 Activities**

During 2014 - 2015, the Planning Commission conducted 35 public hearings (see attendance rosters below for dates). Items heard included development applications for three rezonings, four General Plan amendments, six zoning ordinance amendments, 11 minor land divisions, two subdivisions, four coastal development permits, seven commercial development permits, four residential development permits, one level VII design review, three master site plans, three lot line adjustments, one major amendment to a certificate of compliance and reclamation plan, one height exception, one agricultural buffer reduction, three variances and 15 appeals. When requested, the Commission reviewed County policies and made recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. These reviews included the County's Capital Improvement Plan, the Sustainable Santa Cruz County Plan, the General Plan Report, the Economic Vitality Strategy, the Planning Department's budget, the Annual Population Growth Goals, the Santa Cruz County Housing element and the Davenport Cement Plant strategic reuse plan.

## Attendance

Note that an alternate Commissioner is appointed for each Supervisorial District in the event the regular Commissioner is unable to attend.

### 2014 Planning Commissioner Meeting Attendance Record

Planning Commissioners	1/8/14	1/22/14	1/23/14	2/12/14	2/26/14	3/12/17	3/26/14	4/9/14	4/23/14	5/14/14	5/28/14	6/11/14	6/25/14	7/9/14	7/23/14	8/13/14	8/27/14	9/10/14	9/24/14	10/8/14	10/22/14	11/12/14	11/26/14	12/10/14	12/24/14
1 <sup>st</sup> Larry Perlin			✓			No Meeting								No Meeting			No Meeting	No Meeting							
1 <sup>st</sup> Michael Guth (appointed 3/18/14)							✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Casey Hemard	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		✓		✓	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Rachel Dann	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
4 <sup>th</sup> Martin Garcia	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓			✓	✓		✓		✓	
5 <sup>th</sup> Renee Shepherd	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓						✓	✓		✓	
Alternate Commissioners						No Meeting								No Meeting			No Meeting	No Meeting							
1 <sup>st</sup> Michael Guth	✓	✓		✓	✓																				
1 <sup>st</sup> Steve Kennedy (appointed 4/8/14)																									
2 <sup>nd</sup> Albert Aramburu																					✓				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Denise Holbert											✓														
4 <sup>th</sup> Judith Lazenby																									
5 <sup>th</sup> Rick Jones																			✓						

### 2015 Planning Commissioner Meeting Attendance Record

Planning Commissioners	1/14/15	1/28/15	2/11/15	2/25/15	3/11/15	3/25/15	4/8/15	4/22/15	5/13/15	5/27/15	6/10/15	6/24/15	7/8/15	7/22/15	8/12/15	8/26/15	9/9/15	9/23/15	10/14/15	10/28/15	11/11/15	11/18/15	11/25/15	12/9/15	12/23/15
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4 <sup>th</sup> Martin Garcia	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		✓																
Judith Lazenby (appointed 6/23/15)													✓		✓				✓	✓		✓		✓	
5 <sup>th</sup> Renee Shepherd	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓						✓		✓		✓	
Alternate Planning Commissioners		No Meeting								No Meeting							No Meeting	No Meeting							
1 <sup>st</sup> Steven Piercy (appointed 9/1/15)													✓												
2 <sup>nd</sup> Albert Aramburu														✓											
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Staff recommends that your Board accept and file this annual report on Planning Commission activities for 2015.

Sincerely,

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