

**CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION**

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May 24, 2000

**TO:** Commissioners and Interested Parties

**FROM:** Tami Grove, Deputy Director  
 Charles Lester, District Manager  
 Rick Hyman, Deputy Chief Planner

**SUBJECT:** **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY: LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM MINOR AMENDMENT  
 NO. 1-00**

Santa Cruz County is requesting that its certified Local Coastal Program be amended with regard to Farmland Security and road standards: The proposed amendment:

(1) adds farmland security contracts as provided for in a new State Law to fall under Agricultural Preserve Zoning provisions. The amendment is to Implementation Plan sections 13.10.470 through 13.10.473.

(2) adds zoning requirements for oil & screening (10-15% gradient) and drain & base rock (0 to 10% gradient) for roads and driveways serving habitable structures or parcels to correspond to Land Use Plan policy 6.5.1(c). This amendment is to Implementation Plan section 16.20.180.h. Although this amendment was processed by the County along with timber harvest related amendments, it does not apply to installing roads solely for timber harvesting, but only to those roads with habitable uses, i.e., residences. The newly proposed County amendments regarding timber harvest are filed under LCP Major Amendment No. 1-00 and will be the subject of a full public hearing in July or August 2000.

The complete text of the amendments is available upon request. This amendment request was filed on May 12, 2000, pursuant to Section 30510(b) of the Coastal Act and Section 13553 of the California Code of Regulations.

The purpose of this notice is to advise interested parties of the determination by the Executive Director pursuant to Section 13555 of California Code of Regulations that the filed amendments are "minor" as defined in Section 13554.

The proposed amendments fall under the following category allowed by Section 13554:

*changes in wording which make the use as designated in the zoning ordinances, zoning district maps or other implementing actions more specific and which do not change the kind, location, or density of use and which are found...to be consistent with the land use plan...;*

The farmland security amendment is to accommodate a new voluntary State program and does not change any land use designations. The road amendment implements governing language found in

General Use Plan policy 6.5.1, does not change any land use designation, is an erosion control and fire protection measure, and applies only to habitable structures and parcels.

Pursuant to Section 13555, the Executive Director will report in writing this determination to the Coastal Commission at its meeting of June 15, 2000 to be held at the Radisson Hotel, 1111 East Cabrillo Blvd., Santa Barbara. He will also report any objections to the determination received within 10 days of posting of this notice. This proposed minor amendment will be deemed approved, unless one-third of the appointed members of the Commission request that it be processed as a major amendment (pursuant to Section 13555(b)). It will take effect immediately.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the proposed amendment or the method under which it is being processed, please contact Rick Hyman at the Central Coast District Office in Santa Cruz. If you wish to register an objection to the proposed "minor" amendment determination, please contact the staff by June 12, 2000.

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY: LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM MINOR  
AMENDMENT NO. 1-00**

**ATTACHMENT**

**FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

PORTIONS WHICH ARE NEW ARE SHADED OR UNDERLINED

PORTIONS WHICH ARE DELETED ARE SHOWN WITH STRIKE-THROUGH

ORDINANCE NO. 4562

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 13.10.470, 13.10.471, 13.10.472, 13.10.473 OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE REGARDING FARMLAND SECURITY ZONES

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

SECTION I

The Santa Cruz County Code Sections 13.10.470 through 13.10.473 are hereby amended to read as follows:

13.10.470 "P" AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE AND FARMLAND SECURITY COMBINING DISTRICT

13.10.471 PURPOSES OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE AND FARMLAND SECURITY "P" COMBINING DISTRICT

The Agricultural Preserve Combining District is established to denote those lands which are restricted to agricultural, open space and compatible uses by contractual agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 (commencing with Government Code Section 51240) or Article 7 (commencing with Government Code Section 51296) of the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 and amendments thereto.

13.10.472 DESIGNATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE AND FARMLAND SECURITY "P" COMBINING DISTRICT

Those parcels which are restricted by contractual agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 (commencing with Government Code Section 51240) or Article 7 (commencing with Government Code Section 51296) of the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, shall be designated with a "P" Combining District. The designation shall remain on the property until the contract expires or is canceled.

13.10.473 USE AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS IN THE AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE AND FARMLAND SECURITY "P" COMBINING DISTRICT

Lands designated as "P" Combining District shall also be classified in the "CA" District (except for those lands designated "AP") and shall be subject to the regulations of that district, with the modification or expansion of uses existing on the date of the execution of the contractual agreement which are not otherwise permitted in the "CA" district (see Section 13.10.312) shall be considered as discretionary uses which may be permitted upon the property within the limits of the reservation of such uses in the contractual agreement, subject to the securing of a Level V Use Approval.

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SECTION II

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not effect the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors of this County hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of any such decision.

SECTION III

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of October, 1999, by the Board of Supervisors at the County of Santa Cruz by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Campos, Symons, Beautz, Wormhoudt and Almquist  
NOES: SUPERVISORS: None  
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: None  
ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS: None

JEFF ALMQUIST

Chair of the Board of Supervisors

Attest: SUSAN M. ROZARIO  
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM: *John Garcia*  
County Counsel

- DISTRIBUTION: County Counsel  
County Administrative Officer  
Planning Department  
Tax Assessor  
Santa Cruz Farm Bureau  
Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THE OFFICE ATTEST MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 5th DAY OF OCTOBER 1999  
SUSAN A MAURIELLO, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA.

BY *Susan Mauriello* DEPUTY

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## 2. Private Roads and Driveways

## SECTION V

Subsection (h) of Section 16.20.180 - Design Standards for Private Roads, Driveways and Bridges - of the County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~(h) In all cases, where road gradients exceed 15 percent, 1 1/2 inches of asphaltic concrete shall be provided. (EXCEPTION: aggregate base and asphaltic concrete may be omitted if a structural section of 4 inch concrete is used.) Where road gradients exceed 10 percent and a high erosion hazard has been identified by field review, oil and screen may be required at the discretion of the Planning Director. Road surfacing shall meet the following standards, based on the road gradient: 0 to 10 percent gradient - 2 inches of drain rock compacted into a 4-inch sub-base of Class II baserock; 10- 15 percent gradient - oil and screenings; greater than 15 percent gradient - 1 1/2 inches asphaltic concrete~~  
(EXCEPTION: aggregate base and asphaltic concrete may be omitted if a structural section of 4 inch concrete is used).

*Notes: "Roads" are defined as "An open way for vehicular traffic serving more than two habitable structures or parcels. (See Driveway)" and "Driveways" are defined as "Any private road leading from the street to two or fewer habitable structures or parcels. (see Roadway)" under Section 16.20.030. These provisions of Chapter 16.20 are not applicable to "work done pursuant to a valid timber harvesting permit" according to Section 16.20.050(j).*