COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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September 5, 2002

AGENDA: September 17,2002

Board of Supervisors
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DEFERRAL OF REPORT ON CHANGES TO THE PERMIT PROCESSING SYSTEM IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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On June 25th, your Board considered a letter from Supervisors' Almquist and Wormhoudt regarding permit processing issues in Santa Cruz County. The report discussed a wide range of complex issues regarding both the building permit and discretionary permit processes. Your Board considered this report, discussed several items, and directed the Planning Department to prepare a status report on **18** different recommendations for your Board's consideration on September 17th, 2002.

In response to your directives, we have engaged the Department staff and Program Managers and have solicited their ideas and suggestions for improvements to the process, and for their comments relative to the specific recommendations contained in the report. The response to date has been tremendous. We are in the process of analyzing these recommendations and condensing them for presentation to your Board. However, an additional two weeks is needed to complete our work, and to provide an opportunity for internal review by County Counsel and the County Administrative Office prior to finalizing our report.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board defer the report back on structural changes to the permit processing system in Santa Cruz County to October 1st, 2002.

Sincerely,

Alvin D. James, Planning Director

RECOMMENDED:

Susan A. Mauriello, County Administrative Officer

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