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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, the following project has been reviewed by the County Environmental Coordinator to determine if it has a potential to create significant impacts to the environment and, if so, how such impacts could be solved. A Negative Declaration is prepared in cases where the project is determined not to have any significant environmental impacts. Either a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is prepared for projects that may result in a significant impact to the environment.

Public review periods are provided for these Environmental Determinations according to the requirements of the County Environmental Review Guidelines. The environmental document is available for review at the County Planning Department located at 701 Ocean Street, in Santa Cruz. You may also view the environmental document on the web at www.sccoplanning.com under the Planning Department menu. If you have questions or comments about this Notice of Intent, please contact Todd Sexauer of the Environmental Review staff at (831) 454-3201

The County of Santa Cruz does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and no person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied the benefits of its services, programs or activities. If you require special assistance in order to review this information, please contact Bernice Shawver at (831) 454-3137 (TDD number (831) 454-2123 or (831) 763-8123) to make arrangements.

PROJECT: Amendments to Santa Cruz County Code §7.38.060 and §7.38.080

APP #: N/A

APN(S): Countywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Amend Section 7.38.060 (C) of the County Code, and Section 5.5.17(b) of the General Plan to allow the use of an offsite easement for sewage disposal to allow development of publicly owned facilities on sites not suitable for onsite sewage disposal where such a facility would provide a public benefit.

Amend Section 7.38.080 (C) to extend the time frame for reconstruction from three years to ten years after a calamity. The minimum parcel size requirements as outlined in Section 7.38.045 and Attachment 2 currently preclude reconstruction after three years on any parcel not meeting the required minimum parcel size. The ordinance amendment would allow reconstruction within 10 years of the date of the calamity. The proposed amendments would go into effect outside of the coastal zone thirty days after adoption by the Board of Supervisors, and within the coastal zone following California Coastal Commission certification.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project consists of amendments to the Santa Cruz County Code Sections 7.38.060 and 7.38.080, and therefore, applies throughout the unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County.

EXISTING ZONE DISTRICT: Countywide

APPLICANT: County of Santa Cruz, Health Services Department

OWNER: N/A

PROJECT PLANNER: Todd Sexauer

EMAIL: Todd.Sexauer@santacruzcounty.us

ACTION: Negative Declaration

REVIEW PERIOD: September 16, 2015 through October 15, 2015

This project will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at a public hearing. 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 project.



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Owner: N/A

Applicant: County of Santa Cruz, Health Services Agency

Staff Planner: Todd Sexauer

Email: Todd.Sexauer@santacruzcounty.us

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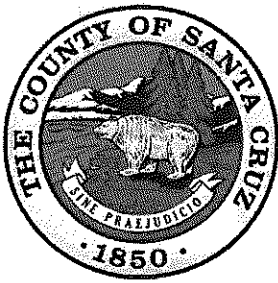
California Environmental Quality Act Mitigated Negative Declaration Findings:

Find, that this Mitigated 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration and the comments received during the public review period; and, that revisions in the project plans or proposals made by or agreed to by the project applicant would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and, on the basis of the whole record before the decision-making body (including this Mitigated Negative Declaration) that there is no substantial evidence that the project as revised 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 Clerk of the Board located at 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz, California.

Review Period Ends: October 15, 2015

Date: _____

TODD SEXAUER, Environmental Coordinator
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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) INITIAL STUDY/ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Date: September 14, 2015

Application Number: N/A

Project Name: §7.38.060 and §7.38.080
of SCCC Amendments

Staff Planner: Todd Sexauer

I. OVERVIEW AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

APPLICANT: County of Santa Cruz, HSA **APN(s):** Countywide

OWNER: N/A

SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT: Countywide

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project consists of amendments to the Santa Cruz County Code Sections 7.38.060 and 7.38.080, and Section 5.5.17(b) of the General Plan; and therefore, applies throughout the unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County. The County of Santa Cruz is bounded on the north by San Mateo County, on the south by Monterey and San Benito counties, on the east by Santa Clara County, and on the south and west by the Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

SUMMARY PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: *All of the following potential environmental impacts are evaluated in this Initial Study. Categories that are marked have been analyzed in greater detail based on project specific information.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics and Visual Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forestry Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Population and Housing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geology and Soils | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards and Hazardous Materials | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities and Service Systems |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Supply/Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

DISCRETIONARY APPROVAL(S) BEING CONSIDERED:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Development Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division | <input type="checkbox"/> Grading Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rezoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian Exception |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> LAFCO Annexation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Connection Permit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Code Amendment |

OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES WHOSE APPROVAL IS REQUIRED (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):

<u>Permit Type/Action</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Certification	California Coastal Commission

DETERMINATION:

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least

one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed 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.

TODD SEXAUER, Environmental Coordinator

Date



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