**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTES TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED LOCAL COASTAL PLAN AND SEND IT TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION.**

The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors heard public testimony today, both written and oral comments, but decided to approve the revised Local Coastal Plan, Public Safety 6.4 Local Coastal Program for Coastal Bluffs and Beaches, and Chapter 16.10 Geohazard Code Amendments on **September 15, 2019.** The link to the Board Agenda and Attachments is as follows:

<http://santacruzcountyca.iqm2.com//Citizens/detail_meeting.aspx?ID=1815>

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| j. | [Public Safety Element Section 6.4 changes since 3-10-20 (strikeout-underline copy)](http://santacruzcountyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=4&ID=27626&MeetingID=1815) |
| k. | [Chapter 16.10 changes since 3-10-20 (strikeout-underline)](http://santacruzcountyca.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=4&ID=27627&MeetingID=1815) |

CPOA has obtained a legal opinion and submitted a letter with comments and requested amendments to the LCP as proposed by the County. CPOA urges the Board of Supervisors to **delay the vote** on proposed amendments to Santa Cruz County’s Local Coastal Program relating to coastal bluffs and beaches (land use plan section 6.4) and geologic hazards (implementation plan chapter 16.10. (Copies of the CPOA letter, legal opinion and testimony for the Board of Supervisor’s meeting on 9/15/20, can be found on the CPOA website.) **These documents are not ready to be submitted to the California coastal Commission for review and certification.**

In addition, the California Coastal Commission has just submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding agenda item #7 (9507) requesting the County make substantial changes in the proposed LCP. Further limit any new development, redevelopment or replacement structures along the coastline. All structures substantially modified or replace since the Coast Act of 1977, should be considered “new”. Any further major redevelopment or replacement structures should not rely on existing coastal shoreline protection or armoring devices. The County must guarantee continued or increased public access to the beaches and shorelines, and force property owners to accept the obligation to modify or remove their shoreline armorment to allow for continued public access with sea level rise. (a copy of the CCC’s letter to the Board of Supervisors can also be found on the CPOA website).

**The Board of Supervisors approved the proposed LCP, which will be sent to the CCC for review and comment. It is expected that the CCC will request significant changes and send it back to the County to accept or reject the CCC requested changes. At that time, there should be another opportunity for public comment, before the Board of Supervisors finalizes the LCP. This process is expected to take 90 days to one year to complete.**

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