

County of Santa Cruz

Community Development & Infrastructure (CDI) Department

2025 Miscellaneous Code Amendments

Board of Supervisors

May 20, 2025

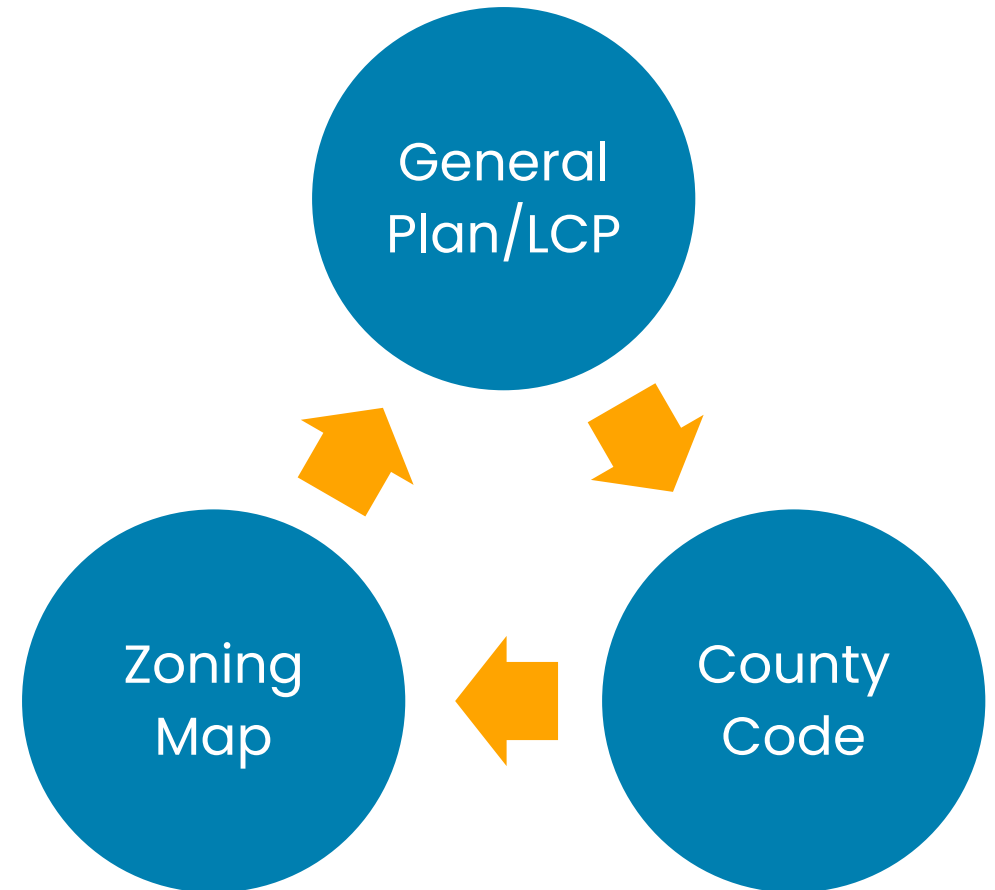
Today's Agenda

- Background
- General Plan/Local Coastal Program Amendments
- County Code Amendments
 - ❑ Notable County Code Amendments
- Zoning Map Amendment
- Summary of Recommended Actions



Background

- Ongoing effort to update and improve the County's regulatory framework
- Ensure consistency with current policies, legal requirements, and land use goals
- CEQA Notice of Exemption
- Coastal Commission certification required after adoption



General Plan/LCP Amendments

Minor amendments to the County's General Plan/LCP are proposed in the following chapters:

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Built Environment Element
- Chapter 3: Access + Mobility Element
- Chapter 5: Agriculture, Natural Resources + Conservation Element

County Code Amendments

County Code Chapters 12.10, 13.10,
13.20, 14.01, 15.10, 16.42, and 18.10

Minor amendments to various Chapters in the Santa Cruz County Code are proposed with various categories of changes:

- Correct errors, references, and inconsistencies
- Clarify ambiguous sections of code
- Change references to “levels” to new permitting framework
- Update several definitions for added clarity and consistency
- Clarify that electrification of residential is not mandatory
- Readopt SCCC 13.10.616(E) on temporary structures
- Clarify density calculation to round up (per state bonus density law)

Notable County Code Amendments

County Code amendments worth highlighting to provide additional detail:

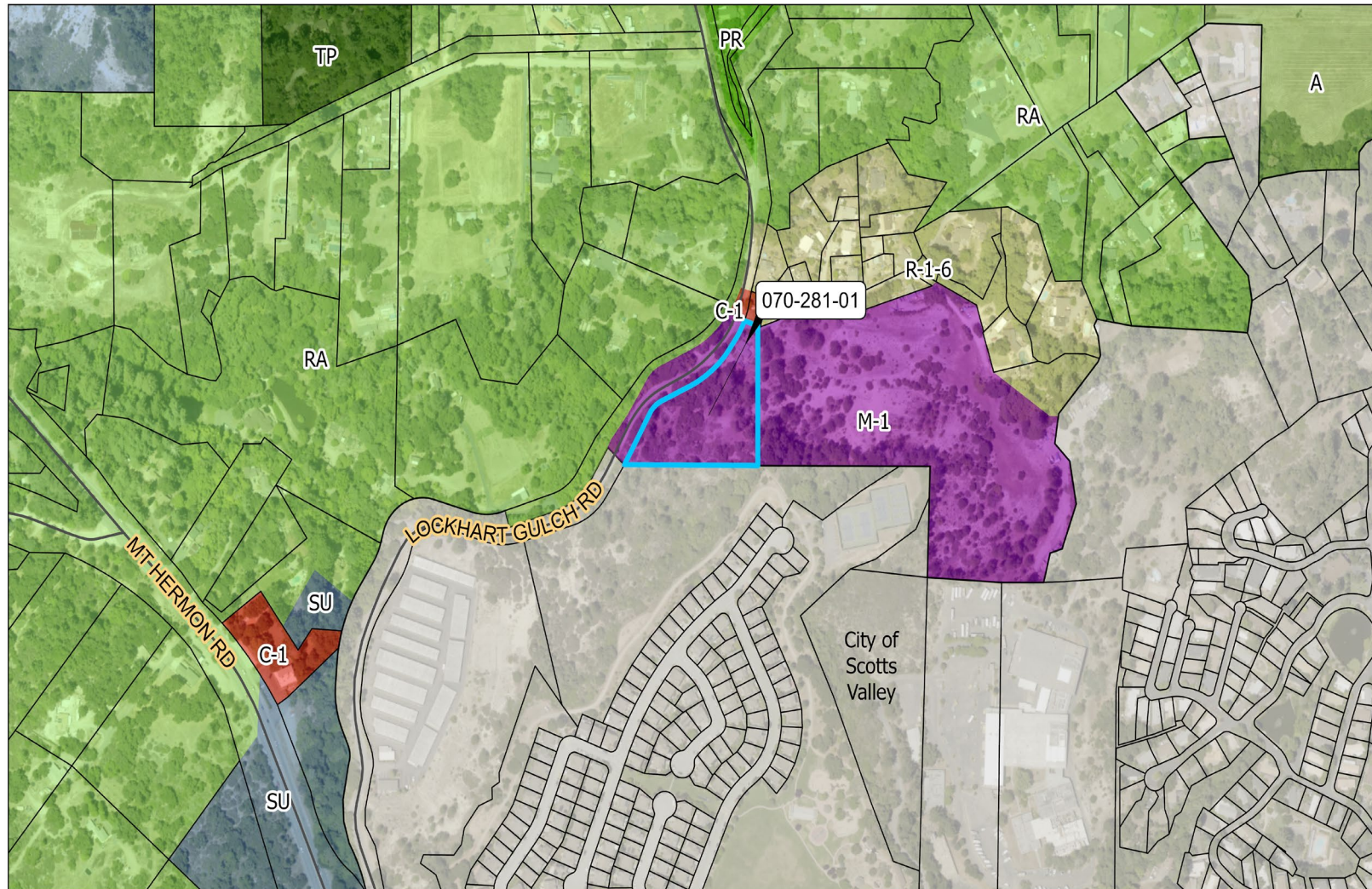
14.01.504: Removes grading requirements tied to Final Subdivision Maps and allows Staff to concurrently process and permit grading prior to final map approval.

14.01.512: Removes the requirement that grading plan and improvement plans must not be permitted prior to recording the final map.

14.01.630: Removes grading from the extension or tolling of the expiration of Tentative Maps.

18.10.320: Appeals of staff determinations.

Zoning Map Amendment



0 500 1,000 US Feet

Rezone Parcel	Zoning	Single Family Residential	Light Industrial	Timber Production
Assessor Parcels	Agriculture	Neighborhood Commercial	Parks, Recreation and Open Space	Special Use
City Limits	Residential Agricultural			

APN 070-281-01

- Current General Plan Designation: Mountain Residential (R-MT)
- Current Zoning: Light Industrial (M-1)
- Proposed General Plan Designation: Mountain Residential (R-MT)
- Proposed Zoning: Residential Agricultural (RA)

Summary of Recommended Actions

- Conduct a public hearing to consider the amendments;
- Adopt a Resolution amending the General Plan/LCP;
- Adopt an ordinance amending the Santa Cruz County Code and the Zoning Map;
- Determine the amendments are exempt from CEQA;
- Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish and post the Notice of Proposed Ordinance Summary;
- Direct the Clerk of the Board to schedule second reading and final adoption of the Ordinance on June 10, 2025; and
- Direct staff to submit LCP amendments to the Coastal Commission for certification.