

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4.65.060(A)(3) OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE TO AMEND THE DUE DATE FOR MEASURE Q'S FIVE-YEAR VISION PLAN**

The Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County hereby finds and declares the following:

WHEREAS, in November 2024, Santa Cruz County voters approved Measure Q, the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Beaches, Wildfire Risk Reduction, and Wildlife Protection Act (the "Act"), which added Chapter 4.65 to the Santa Cruz County Code ("SCCC"); and

WHEREAS, SCCC 4.65.100 authorizes the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz to make administrative amendments to the Act without submitting the amendment to the voters for approval if such amendments are consistent with and in furtherance of the purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that it is appropriate to amend Chapter 4.65.060(A)(3) of the Santa Cruz County Code to extend the due date for publication of the five-year vision plan required under the Act for a short period, in order to allow the Measure Q Citizens Oversight Advisory Board sufficient time to make recommendations on the development of the plan by County staff and approve the vision plan;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

**SECTION I**

Section 4.65.060(A)(3) of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(3) The Advisory Board shall do all of the following:

- (a) Conduct hearings and receive public input on allocations related to this Act.
- (b) Receive reports annually from the County on projects funded pursuant to SCCC 4.65.040(B)(1) and (B)(3).
- (c) Receive reports annually from each of the incorporated cities on projects funded pursuant to SCCC 4.65.040(B)(2).
- (d) Receive reports annually from the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County and the land stewardship implementation partner on projects funded pursuant to SCCC 4.65.040(B)(4).
- (e) Report to the Board annually on the outcomes of the projects and programs funded through the Act as well as how the Act was used to leverage other public and private funds. Annual reports by the Advisory

Board may also provide suggested direction on the types of projects to prioritize in the coming year.

(f) Approve a five-year vision plan to support grant criteria and awards.

(i) The plan shall be published by October 15, 2025, and updated every five years thereafter.

(ii) The Advisory Board may provide recommendations on the development of the plan by the Office and the Department. The Office and the Department shall also consult the incorporated cities, the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County, and the land stewardship implementation partner in the development of the plan.

(iii) The vision plan shall identify the activities and geographies prioritized for investment throughout the County in a concise format primarily based on content derived from existing plans, such as, but not limited to, the Santa Cruz County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy, Santa Cruz County Parks Strategic Plan, Santa Cruz County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, California Water Plan, California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan, California Outdoors for All Strategy, California Pathways to 30x30 Strategy, California Natural and Working Lands Climate Smart Strategy, Santa Cruz County Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, city climate adaptation plans, city parks and open space plans, or similar County, State, or local plans.

(g) Select the land stewardship implementation partner by July 1, 2025, who shall serve in this role for a period of five years. After this initial period, the Advisory Board shall renew the land stewardship implementation partner or select another partner.

(h) Utilize the following criteria for selecting the land stewardship implementation partner:

(i) The land stewardship implementation partner shall have a mission generally consistent with the purposes of the Act and the capacity and expertise to implement projects in the public benefit related to land, habitat, ecosystem, and natural resources management and protection.

(ii) The land stewardship implementation partner shall be a nonprofit organization as defined in SCCC 4.65.010(M) that owns

and stewards private lands on which eligible projects in the public benefit can be implemented.

(iii) The land stewardship implementation partner must be headquartered in Santa Cruz County with at least 10 years of experience working primarily in Santa Cruz County.

(iv) The land stewardship implementation partner must be able to submit annual reports to the Advisory Board and contribute to the development of the five-year vision plan.

## SECTION II

This ordinance shall take effect on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date of final adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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FELIPE HERNANDEZ  
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Juliette Rezzato  
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form:

5/8/2025

Signed by:  
*Ann Jackson*  
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Office of the County Counsel

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