27. Adopt an "Ordinance Amending Section 4.65.030 Of The Santa Cruz County Code Relating To The Santa Cruz County Safe Drinking Water, Clean Beaches, Wildfire Risk Reduction, And Wildlife Protection Act" (Approved in concept May 6, 2025) ()

County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors
Agenda Item Submittal
From: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Subject: Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.65.030 of Santa Cruz County Code
Meeting Date: May 20, 2025

Formal Title: Adopt an "Ordinance Amending Section 4.65.030 Of The Santa Cruz County Code Relating To The Santa Cruz County Safe Drinking Water, Clean Beaches, Wildfire Risk Reduction, And Wildlife Protection Act" (Approved in concept May 6, 2025)

Recommended Actions
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Executive Summary
n/a

Discussion
On May 6, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved the ordinance in concept and scheduled it for second reading/final adoption on May 20, 2025.

Financial Impact
There is no financial impact associated with the recommended actions.

Strategic Initiatives
N/A

Submitted By:
Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Office

Recommended By:
Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:
Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.65.030 OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SAFE DRINKING WATER, CLEAN BEACHES, WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION, AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT

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

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is appropriate to amend Chapter 4.65.030 of the Santa Cruz County Code to modify language related to the collection of the Special Parcel Tax imposed by section 4.65.020.

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

SECTION I

Section 4.65.030 of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

4.65.030 Santa Cruz County Safe Drinking Water, Clean Beaches, Wildfire Risk Reduction, and Wildlife Protection Fund.

There is hereby established in the County Treasury a special fund entitled the Santa Cruz County Safe Drinking Water, Clean Beaches, Wildfire Risk Reduction, and Wildlife Protection Fund. All revenues generated by the Special Parcel Tax shall be collected each fiscal year and deposited into the Fund. The Office and the Department, or a successor agency, may create any other funds, accounts, or subaccounts necessary or desirable for purposes of accounting for the monies in the Fund. Revenues in the Fund shall be used exclusively to carry out the purposes of this Act. Revenues in the Fund may also be used to enforce and administer the Special Parcel Tax, including to pay costs for submission of any measure to the voters for the establishment or alteration of the tax and to pay any costs associated with the collection of the tax.

SECTION II

This ordinance shall take effect on the 31st 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:

_____
FELIPE HERNANDEZ
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
          Full Name
          Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form:

Signed by:

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Office of the County Counsel

cc:

General Government

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Name: Becky Steinbruner **Comment - 05/19/2025 05:05 PM: (Against)** Funding allocations for wildfire mitigation and fuel reduction projects should be required to be a minimum of 30% of the annual project approvals.