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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Santa Cruz is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act for the following project. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed on the Internet at <http://www.sccoplanning.com>, and at the County of Santa Cruz Planning Department Records Room, 701 Ocean Street, 4th Floor, Santa Cruz, California 95060 during normal business hours. Comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be sent to Todd Sexauer at the address listed above, and should reference "Aptos Village Project."

Owner/Applicant: Barry Swenson Builder

Application No.: 101027

Zone District: RM-2, RM-3, PR, C-2 & C-2-L

Staff Planner: Todd Sexauer; (831) 454-3511

Project Location: Aptos Village, located in the Aptos Planning Area within the unincorporated portion of Santa Cruz County, lies about six miles east of the City of Santa Cruz and about eight miles northwest of the City of Watsonville. The site is located just north of Highway 1 between the State Park Drive and Rio Del Mar Boulevard interchanges.

Project Description: The project proposes to construct a mixed-use commercial and residential development (including a maximum of 63 residential units and 75,000 square feet of commercial space) for the core area of the Aptos Village, as identified in the Aptos Village Plan, adopted February 23, 2010.

The project would require the following: Planned Unit Development; Subdivision and Commercial Development Permit; Residential Development Permit; General Plan Amendment; Roadway Abandonment; Historic Preservation Plan Review; Archaeological Report Review; Soils Report Review; and Preliminary Grading Review.

The proposed project site is located within the partially undeveloped portions of the core area of Aptos Village between Aptos Creek Road, Trout Gulch Road, and Soquel Drive. Two historic structures, the Apple Barn and the Aptos Firehouse/Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall are located within the project area. The Apple Barn would be relocated and the Firehouse/VFW Hall would be demolished as part of the proposed project.

Public Review Period and Comment: Written comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than October 12, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. (a 30-day public review period beginning on September 13, 2011). For additional information, please contact Matt Johnston, Environmental Coordinator at (831) 454-3201 or by e-mail at pln458@co-santa-cruz.ca.us. 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 Romero at (831) 454-3137 (TDD number (831) 454-2123 or (831) 763-8123 to make arrangements.

Public Hearing: The project will be considered at a public hearing by the Planning Commission. 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.