COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
PLANNING AND BUILDING

Planning Commission
Action Minutes

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- Kumkum Gupta, 1st District
- Adam Nugent, 2nd District
- Matthew Burrows, 3rd District
- Andrei Garcia, 4th District
- Carlos Serrano-Quan, 5th District

HEARING NO. 1806
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026
IN-PERSON WITH REMOTE PARTICIPATION

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Garcia

ROLL CALL AND OATH OF OFFICE
Commissioners Present: Matthew Burrows, Kumkum Gupta, Carlos Serrano- Quan, Adam Nugent, Andrei Garcia presiding.
Staff Present: Sophie Mintier, Assistant Director of Planning & Building; Timothy Fox, Lead Deputy County Attorney; Maria Gonzalez, Administrative Secretary; Angela Montes Cardenas, Planning Commission Secretary.

County Attorney, Mr. Fox, administered Oath of Office for re-appointed District 3 Planning Commissioner Matthew Burrows, for the completion of term ending December 31, 2030.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning Commission Hearing on September 23, 2026.**

COMMISSION ACTION
Motion to set the Regular Agenda and approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion: Burrows/ Second: Nugent
Ayes: Burrows, Gupta, Serrano-Quan, Nugent, Garcia

The motion carried with 5 in favor.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

2. **Owner/Applicant:** **Planning and Building, San Mateo County**
   File Number: PLN2018-00436

Location: Various
Assessor's Parcel No.: Various

Consideration of a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to adopt amendments to the County's Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan Policy 8.9 and an ordinance adopting amendments to Article 7 – Tree and Natural Resources Protection of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code Chapter 8.400: Protected Tree Ordinance, to accept modifications suggested by the California Coastal Commission. Please direct questions to Planning Services Manager, Bharat Singh, at bsingh@smcgov.org.

SPEAKERS

None.

COMMISSION ACTION
Motion to approve the proposed recommendation that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution amending the County's Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan Policy 8.9 and an ordinance amending Article 7 – Tree and Natural Resources Protection of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code Chapter 8.400: Protected Tree Ordinance, to accept modifications suggested by the California Coastal Commission.

Motion: Serrano-Quan/ Second: Gupta
Ayes: Burrows, Gupta, Serrano-Quan, Nugent, Garcia

The motion carried with 5 in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS
None.

CONSIDERATION OF STUDY SESSION FOR NEXT MEETING
No study session proposed. On November 18, 2026, staff will conduct a scoping session regarding Housing Element Rezoning Program Environmental Impact Report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Assistant Director Mintier stated that at the October 28, 2026 Planning Commission (PC) hearing, staff will present one item: a Coastal Development Permit for "No Oversized Vehicle Parking Zone" on Capistrano Road. On November 18, 2026, staff will present an After-the-Fact Coastal Development Permit, Grading Permit, Design Review Permit, and Significant Tree Removal Permit for Seton Medical Center. She noted that on September 15, 2026, the Board of Supervisors (the Board) approved an extension to impose an emergency temporary moratorium on new or expansion detention centers or correctional facilities. On September 29, 2026, the Board adopted an ordinance for commercial use of autonomous AI controlled robots, which assigned the permitting to Planning and Building through the Business License Board. On October 6, 2026, the Board adopted an ordinance to modify the inclusionary housing requirements and select zoning districts. On October 20, 2026, the Board will consider a proposed resolution directing Planning & Building to prepare zoning amendments including a Countywide ban on new data center construction. On October 9, 2026, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) denied the appeal on and upheld the PC's August 26, 2026, approval of Coastal Development Permit in Seal Cove. The Midcoast building permit cap amendments have been submitted to CCC, and staff is awaiting a response. She reminded Commissioners of the October 29, 2026, 21 Elements training focused on new housing laws.

COMMISSIONER UPDATES & QUESTIONS
In response to Commissioner Burrow's question, she noted that the five-lot subdivision on Cordilleras is contiguous. In response to Chair Garcia, she confirmed that for the resolutions recently passed by the Board, there are not yet dates for when related actions will come to the PC.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43am.

Minutes submitted by Angela Montes, Planning Commission Secretary.