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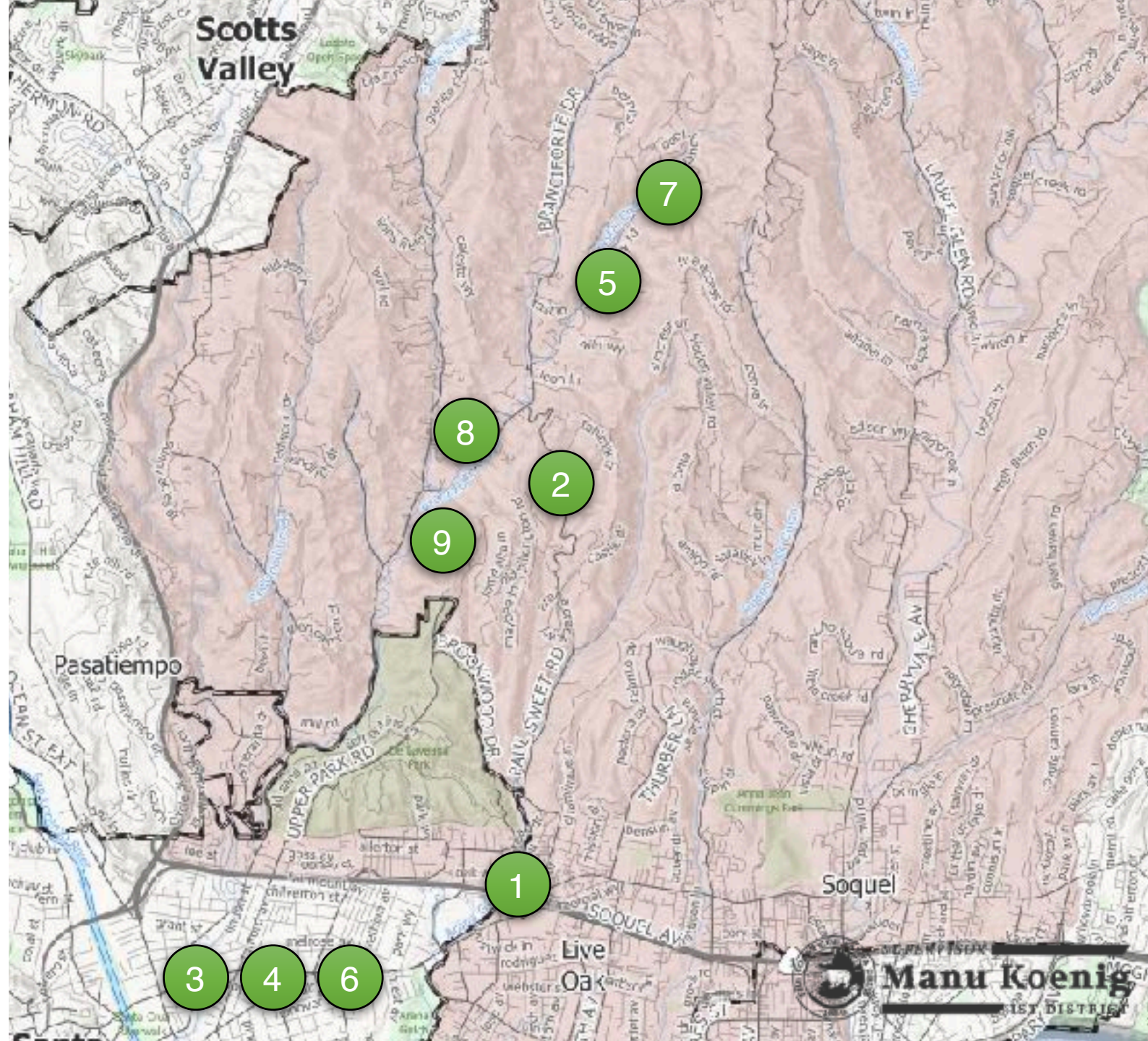
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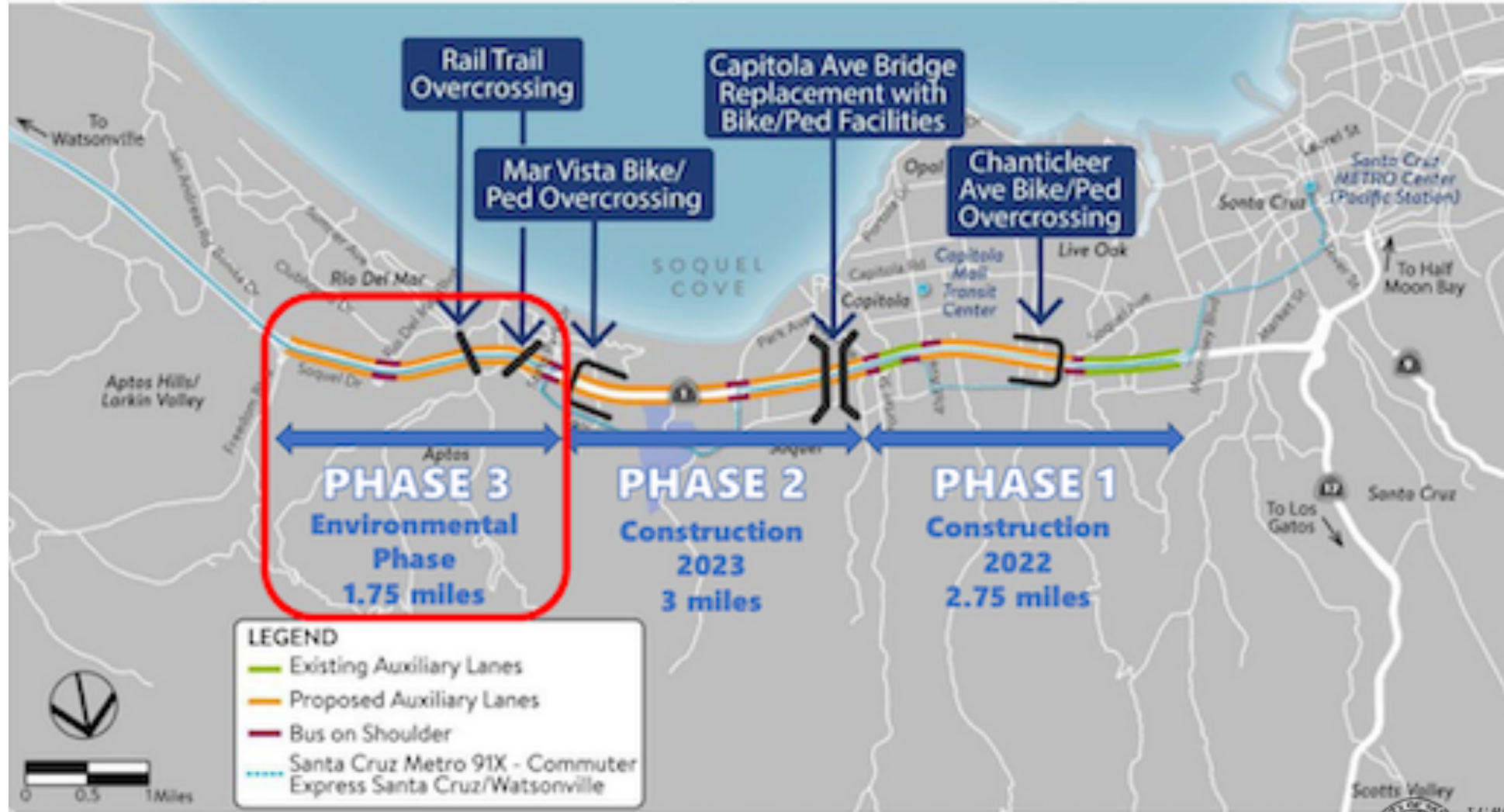
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Agenda

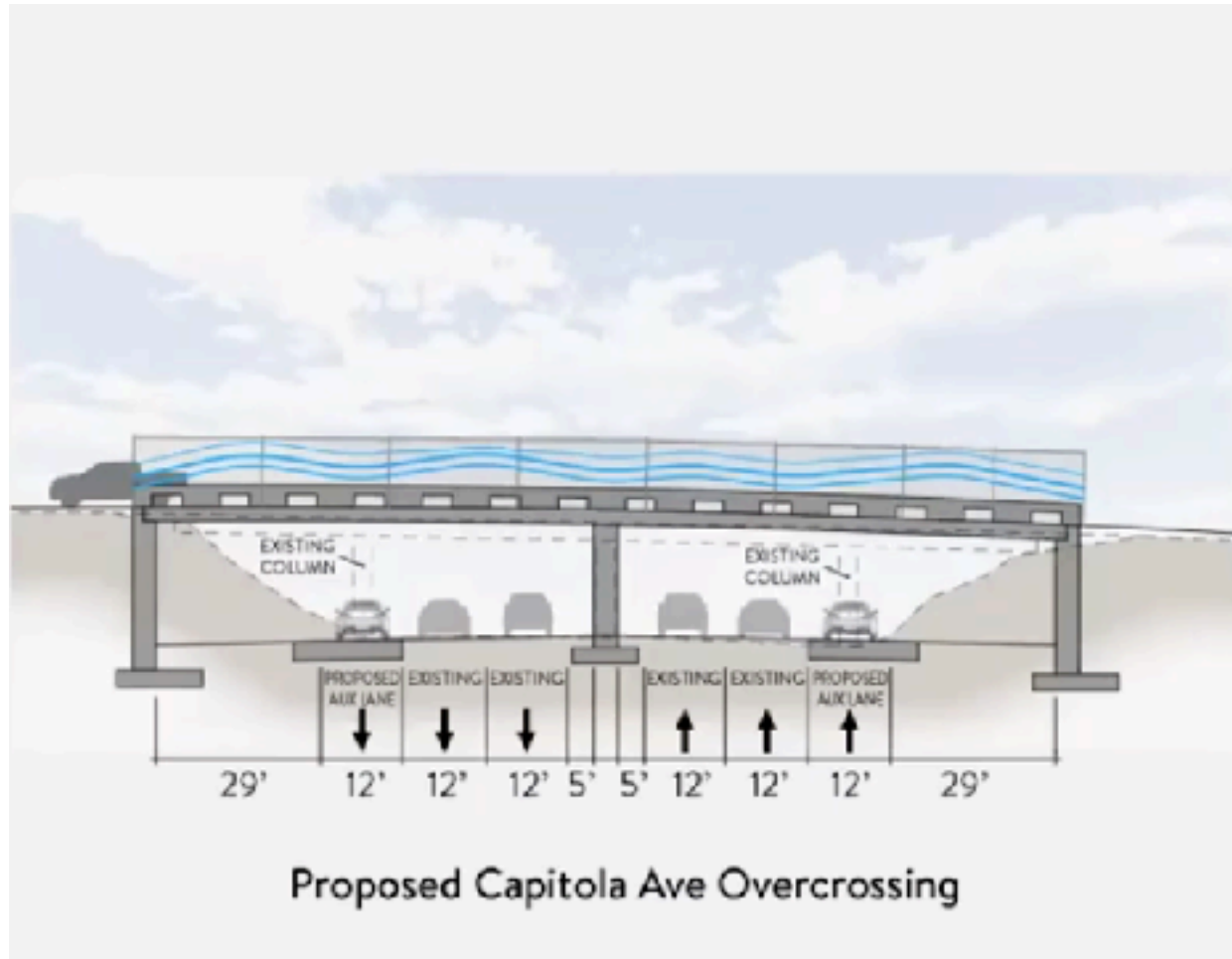
1. Transportation Update: HWY 1, Soquel Dr, Harbor Bridge
2. Broadband Funding
3. Revisions to the Cell Tower Ordinance
4. Generator Rules
5. Sustainability Update
6. Issues on June Ballot
7. Countywide Fire Prevention Efforts
8. Branciforte Fire Update
9. 5252 Branciforte Code Compliance Case
10. Q&A



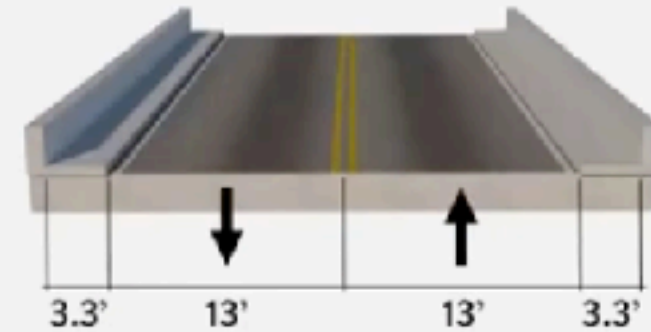
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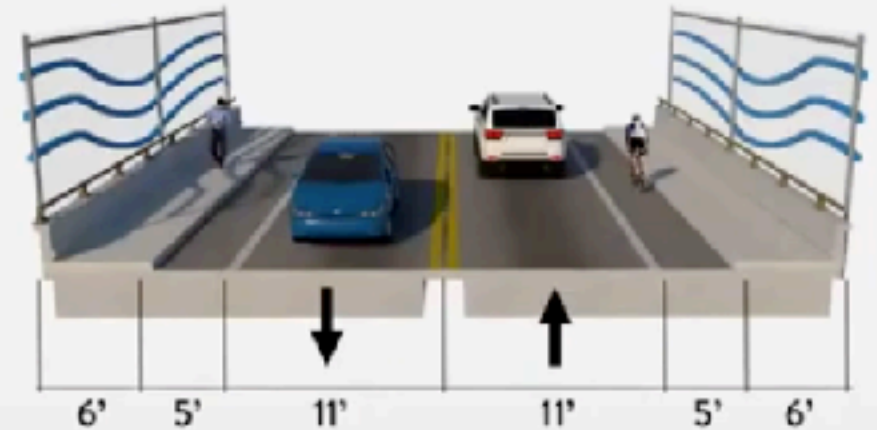
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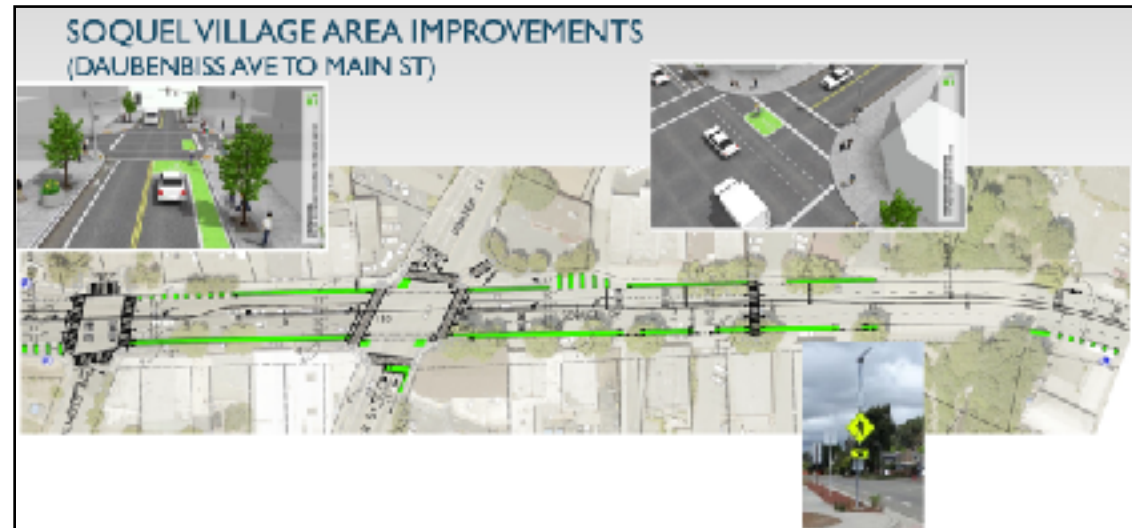
Existing Capitola Ave Overcrossing



Proposed Capitola Ave Overcrossing

Soquel Dr Buffered Bike Lane & Congestion Mitigation Project

- 5.6 miles from La Fonda Ave to State Park Dr
- 5+ miles of pavement resurfacing
- Upgrades to 22 intersections with Adaptive Traffic Signals (ATS) and Traffic Signal Priority (TSP) for METRO
- Bikes: 10+ miles of continuous protected or buffered bike lanes
- Pedestrians: 0.6 miles of sidewalk gap closures, 11 enhanced pedestrian crossings with Rapid Flashing Beacons, 94 ADA ramp upgrades
- Start Construction - Summer 2022





MURRAY ST. BRIDGE RETROFIT

- **PS&E Complete**
- **Permits**
- **ROW Certification**
- **Est. Start/Finish:
Sep 2022-Mar 2025**

\$23.5M

**Funded by:
HBP, Prop 1B**

6. Broadband Funding

- Board allocated **\$500K** grant awarded to Cruzio to install 20 wireless broadband access points.
 - First 4 underway with the Live Oak School District
 - 100 mbp/s speeds
 - \$74.95/mo Business and Residential
 - \$14.95/mo for low income residents
- The County is slated to receive **\$10,323,008** in state funding for "last mile" broadband high-speed internet connectivity projects. Broadband Master Plan underway.
- Additional state funding designated to the County for "middle mile" projects as well as federal investments have yet to be determined. Write to: middlemile@state.ca.gov



Wireless Ordinance Update

- **Public Hearing Scheduled for May 10th, 2022 9:00 AM**
 - Current ordinance is from 2003 and in "desperate need of an update."
 - Biggest change: **transition from discretionary to ministerial** process, unless in a sensitive area: scenic, historic, coastal zone, etc.
 - **More uniform approach to timelines, adoption of the FCC shot clocks (60 days)**. Application deemed approved if shot clock expires
 - Denial of an application must be based on "substantial written evidence"
 - Denial cannot be based on environmental or health impacts
 - CPUC July 16, 2020, 72-hour backup power requirement effective July 2021. County ordinance will reiterate this requirement.



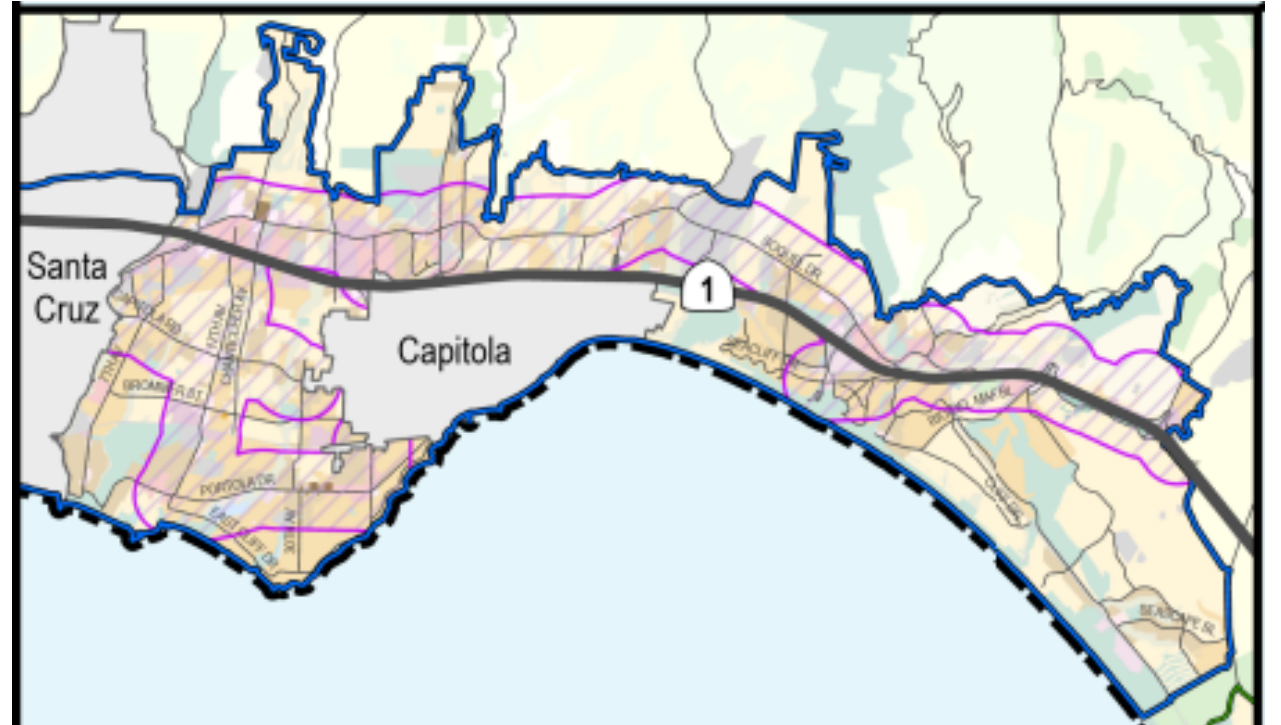
7. New Rules for Generators Approved

- Effectively **reduces setback standards from 45-75 feet to 25-45 feet.**
- Basics of proposal, allow 65dBA, but **limit operation from 7am to 10pm.** Exceptions for medical need. 5 decibel increase is considered noticeable but it's infrequent.
- Approved 12/7/21, went into effect February 2022.



Sustainability Update

- General Plan Amendments
- Amendments to the County Code
- New zoning types: Residential Flex, Medical Flex
- Creation of Santa Cruz County Design Guidelines
- Specific Rezonings at Thurber Ln/Soquel Dr and on Portola Dr



Santa Cruz County Focused Growth Areas (2020-2040)

Sustainability Update: Agricultural Uses

New Agricultural Uses Permitted:

- Agri-tourism and education
- Farmstay / Homestay
- Produce stand
- Winery, brewery or distillery
- Events, incl. weddings (with permit)
- Agricultural processing facility
- Farmworker housing



Measure on the Ballot (June 2022)

Measure B, Transient Occupancy Tax (Hotel Tax)

- If approved it would authorize an increase in the tax rate of overnight lodging in Santa Cruz County, thereby increasing the total sales tax rate at hotels, motels, and inns from 11% to 12%, and to 14% at vacation rentals. Would raise over 2 million annually providing monies for unfunded projects, storm damage response, and homeless services programs.

Measure C, Single-Use Cup Tax

- Initially approved in 2019 the surcharge was meant to further waste reduction efforts and extend the life of the Buena Vista Landfill.
- If approved, this measure would authorize the County of Santa Cruz to collect \$0.125 as a general-purpose tax out of a \$0.25 single-use cup charge. Providing the County with an estimated \$700K annual for; water quality, public health & education, other general services.

Measure D, Greenway Initiative

- If approved, this measure would change the County's General Plan to include the creation of a multipurpose trail within the Santa Cruz Branch Line Rail Corridor.



Countywide Fire Prevention

- **Fire Safe Council Funded.** \$175K awarded to organize fuel reduction and Firewise Community efforts thanks to OR3, RCD and Fire Safe Council of SCC. 14 Firewise communities formed last year including:
 1. B40 Firewise Charlie (2021)
 2. Happy Valley (2021)
- **Summit Shaded Fuel Break Underway.** Resource Conservation District (RCD) awarded \$585K from CALFIRE. Applying for permits for entire 5.7 mile project (HWY 17 to Mt Bache Rd). Anticipate completing 2.6 miles (60 acres) with the current grant in 2022 (Mt Bache Rd to Loma Prieta School).
- **Three new fire cameras scheduled for install before 2022 fire season.** Locations:
 1. Silver Mountain Winery
 2. Watsonville Airport (PG&E)
 3. Dream Inn, Santa Cruz (PG&E)



BEFORE



AFTER

Branciforte Fire Update

1. Hired an Interim Fire Chief, Nate Lackey
2. Unanimously adopted a resolution to initiate the reorganization involving Scotts Valley Fire;
 - Unanimously adopted the “Pre-Reorganization Agreement” which indicates that the District consents to the reorganization and will receive assistance from SVFPD and LAFCO as the process unfolds; and
 - Submitted an application to LAFCO to officially start the reorganization process
3. Issued an RFP to hire an outside consultant to produce a benefit assessment study to achieve priority to keep the Branciforte Fire Station open and operating with at least a two-member crew post-reorganization.

Volunteer Wildland Firefighter Position put on hold.



5252 Branciforte Code Compliance Case

Signed Stipulation & Order in place which was fully executed by our hearing officer on 3/24/22.

Order addresses property owners of both 5252 Branciforte and adjacent parcel above. It includes:

- The subject parcels are in violation of SCCC sections 12.10.430(A); 13.10.275(A); 13.10.279(B); 13.10.683(H),(I); and 1.12.050 as follows:
 - Fire damaged structure, inoperable vehicles, occupied RVs, multiple accessory structures/ shipping containers & contractor's storage yard.



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Correction of Violations

- By 3/28/22 Pay all enforcement costs accrued as of 3/2/22 - **PAID**
- By 4/29/22 Obtain Final on Building Permit issued for the demolition of the burnt structure and remove all other fire damaged property, debris, and materials
- By 4/29/22 Vacate and disconnect all recreational vehicles
- By 5/27/22 Remove all personal property and materials at the property entrance, driveway, and front of single family dwelling and submit all required application that fully address the violations cited
- By 7/29/22 Remove all personal property and materials located along and behind the single family dwelling and call and schedule a site visit with CC investigator
- By 10/24/22 Complete all property clean-up and obtain all required final inspections and approval, including clearing of all holds
- By 10/17/22 Pay remaining civil penalties if compliance is not met. After this date the Stipulation becomes fully enforced and no extensions of other changes/modifications to any of the terms and conditions can be made.

Note: *There are specific fines associated with the failure to meet each of these deadlines.*

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Questions?

Ask Me Anything...



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