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NEW CAMINO ONLINE PERMIT GUIDE WILL STREAMLINE RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PROCESS

July 10, 2025—Santa Cruz, CA— Beginning Monday, July 14, Santa Cruz County will launch a new pilot program featuring the Camino Online Permit Guide (Camino). All applicants for residential development projects will be required to utilize the online Camino Guide prior to the County accepting an application for processing. This requirement applies to all residential development applications except those eligible for EZ or over-the-counter processing.

What is the Camino Online Permit Guide?

Camino is an interactive, user-friendly tool designed to identify key regulatory requirements that may affect a project, as well as simplify and clarify the residential permit process with confidence by providing clear, step-by-step guidance tailored to the specifics of the project.

By answering a few simple questions about project location and scope, users receive a customized checklist outlining all required forms, documents, and submittal items, eliminating guesswork and streamlining preparation. Whether planning a new home, an accessory dwelling unit (ADU), or a remodel of an existing residence, Camino provides the information needed to get started right.

Key benefits of the Camino Online Permit Guide include:

- A centralized, accessible resource to understand the permit process before applying.
- A complete, personalized list of application requirements based on project details.
- The ability to explore and compare multiple project scenarios—anytime, from anywhere.
- Clear guidance on the next steps for a successful submittal.
- Consistent, rules-based information ensures alignment between applicants and County staff from the outset.

Camino enhances transparency, improves application quality, and supports faster, more efficient permit review by helping applicants get it right the first time.

Learn more about the Camino Online Permit Guide at: bit.ly/camino-online-permit-guide

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