

Upgrade of Rio Sands Motel one of several projects working together to rejuvenate Rio Del Mar

✓ After many years of planning, several public hearings and a unanimous vote from the California Coastal Commission, we are pleased to announce the remodel of the Rio Sands Motel located at 116 Aptos Beach Drive in Aptos. The property consists of 50 guest rooms and was originally built in 1959; it is located about a block from Rio Del Mar Beach. Work should be completed before the start of the summer season. A short video of the project and ultimate architectural renderings can be found at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gt7DkDDR5uI.

The remodel has been a longtime goal for owner Lou Bartfield who had to craft the right balance between approvals, economy and displacement of "off-season" guests. Visitors are being directed to an adjacent building on the property as well as Bartfield's nearby Capitola Venetian Motel. The General Contractor for the project is Ausonio Construction who won a recent award for the new Nordic Natural's headquarters in Watsonville. Whenever possible, sub-contractors from Santa Cruz County have been hired, including Coast



A rendering of the proposed Rio Sands remodel.

Concrete based in Santa Cruz and Timberworks of Scotts Valley. The architect is Robert Goldspink of Aptos. Project Managers are Dave Nowak and Jim Staniec. Steve Allen, Allen Property Group Inc., has acted as development consultant.

This, along with several other projects, is adding to the rejuvenation of the Rio Del Mar Esplanade. The Rio Del Mar Improvement Association, with direction of President Bill Comfort, provides ongoing beatification efforts including the recent re-planting of palm trees along the beach parking area. The County continues roadway improvements including hope-

fully redesign of the "round-about" at the intersection of Rio Del Mar Boulevard and Aptos Beach Drive. There is also much excitement about the recent sale of 131 Esplanade, the building that was formerly home to Café Rio Restaurant. Rio Del Mar residents are excited to see a new owner who has already started rehabbing this long time dining establishment.

We would like to thank everyone for his or her continued support throughout this process. ■

Best regards, - Steven Allen, CCIM Allen Property Group, Inc. Office: 831.688.5100 | Fax: 831.688.5102