

Quick OK for land-use changes

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SANTA CRUZ — It took less than five minutes for supervisors Tuesday to hold a public hearing and approve amendments to the Local Coastal Program.

The changes had already been hammered out in concept in November, but they needed approval from the state Coastal Commission before final adoption at the county level.

As passed, the amendments will be placed on next week's consent agenda, and if approved, will become law within a month.

The changes cover a variety of issues, ranging from water-well construction standards for the Pajaro Valley Groundwater Protection Zone; affordable second-housing

units on parcels; solar access and energy conservation; and a land-use designation.

The latter amendment brings the most visible change to the LCP by allowing developer Alan Simpkins to build an office building on East Cliff Drive near Pleasure Point.

The old land-use designation called for a motel-type building. But Simpkins sought approval from the Schwann Lakes Neighborhood Association for the change. As a compromise, he offered to maintain 35-40 parking spaces for beachgoers.

With the association's support in hand, Simpkins won quick approval and kudos from supervisors.

The amendments passed unanimously.