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The MidCoast Community Council has cancelled its meeting scheduled for August 27 to accommodate a special meeting of the San Mateo County Planning Commission to be held at the El Granada School multi-use room on the same night at 7:00 pm.

The Planning Commission will hear the first of twenty-three tasks that comprise the Midcoast Local Coastal Program Update Project. The Local Coastal Program is a specific and legally binding set of policies that governs development within the coastal zone of California. In 1980, San Mateo County's LCP was the first in the state to be certified by the California Coastal Commission. It has not undergone a comprehensive revision in over 20 years.

On August 27, the Planning Commission will hear public testimony regarding proposed Coastsides Design Review Standards for residential development on the Midcoast. These standards have been drafted as part of a public process over the past year by a group of volunteers appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve on the Coastsides Design Review Committee. The Committee reviews and evaluates residential building plans to determine how well they meet basic aesthetic and neighborhood compatibility requirements.

Following the Planning Commission review, the Board of Supervisors and ultimately the Coastal Commission will adopt or reject the proposed amendments to the LCP that are recommended for each of the twenty-three tasks identified in the update project.

The public is invited to attend this meeting and make their views known to the Planning Commission. For more information please contact MCC Planning and Zoning Committee Chair Chuck Kozak by email at [cgk@montara.com](mailto:cgk@montara.com) or phone at 650-728-8239.