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As it continues clarifying, simplifying and modernizing local land use regulations, the Santa Cruz County Planning Department will hold a series of upcoming meetings related to proposals to improve agri-tourism, regulate temporary storage containers, protect neighborhoods from commercial weddings and more.

“Our codes in many of these areas are outdated. That left many common practices, such as farm-to-table dinners, in questionable status. We want to allow for those activities in a manner consistent with the county’s history and culture as an agricultural leader,” Planning Director Kathy Previsich said. “In other areas, we are responding to neighborhood concerns by regulating activities where there were no prior regulations.”

The public is invited to a meeting to learn about the proposals, ask questions and share feedback to shape proposed changes. They will also learn how to stay informed and participate during the Environmental Impact Report process and future public hearings.

Five community meetings are planned, covering the same topics:

September 9, 7:30 p.m.

Bonny Doon School
1492 Pine Flat Rd., Santa Cruz
(Rural Bonny Doon Assn. mtg)

September 10, 7 p.m.

Zayante Fire Station
7700 E Zayante Rd., Felton

September 14, 7 p.m.

Aptos Grange Hall
2555 Mar Vista Dr., Aptos

September 15, 7 p.m.

Simpkins Family Swim Center
979 17th Ave., Live Oak

September 16, 5:30 p.m.

Loma Prieta Community Center
23800 Summit Rd., Los Gatos



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Specifically, the proposed changes would:

- Amend regulations to support local agriculture and wineries, updating regulations for roadside fruit stands, farm-to-table dinners, agri-tourism and wine tastings.
- Update zoning districts to better accommodate modern uses, such as R & D and tech businesses in commercial areas.
- Add requirements for temporary structures such as “PODS” and other storage containers, which are currently not regulated.
- Limit commercial weddings and festivals in residential areas.
- Clarify and standardize types of land use permits.

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