

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 2001
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Darryl E. Cook, Environmental Director
SUBJECT: Amendment to Chapter 8 - Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance

Attached for your consideration is an amended Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance, Chapter 8 of the County Code. Two of the proposed changes, contained in Sections 8-4(c) and 8-6(b), are required to bring the Ordinance into conformance with the recently amended State Code. The State Code was amended to require the designation of a "Responsible Land Disturber," an individual with a certificate of competence in erosion control issued by the State. Before this Code Amendment, County approval of erosion control plans or the issuance of Land Disturbing Permits was granted to any project applicant.

The second change, presented in Section 8-5(h), involves increasing the length of term for an approved erosion control plan from 180 days to one year. This change will reduce the workload necessary to renew the plan and permit for both County staff and the project owner or permittee. The one-year term for the plan will result in having the plan/permit review coincide with the annual review of the status of each project's performance surety instrument.

Staff recommends the Board adopt the attached Ordinance.

Darryl E. Cook

CONCUR:

John T. P. Horne

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Attachment