

Supervisors, planners to discuss special event regs

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A rare, joint meeting of the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday in San Andreas to review zoning code regulations for special events.

The study session will be in the Board Chambers at 891 Mountain Ranch Road and is expected to last an hour.

The purpose of the study session, according to county Planning Director Rebecca Willis, is to discuss zoning regulations for special events and options to enhance business opportunities and economic development.

There are likely anywhere from a half dozen to a dozen events taking place throughout the county in any given week she said. Depending on the type of event and zoning of the property where the event is held, a permit from the planning department may or may not be required. Each zoning designation provides a list of permitted and conditionally permitted uses. Depending on the zone, certain special events are permitted if the specified thresholds are adhered to. Other events may require approval by the planning director of an administrative use permit, or approval by the planning commission of a conditional use permit.

Staff is proposing a four-tiered approach to better distinguish simple events from complex events.