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## SHERIFF TO OPEN DAVENPORT SERVICE CENTER

The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved the establishment of a new Sheriff's Service Center in Davenport to serve the North Coast community and meet growing public safety needs following the opening of the Cotoni-Coast Dairies National Monument and other upcoming community investments.

To be located at 450 Highway 1 in the heart of Davenport, the new substation will provide a visible and accessible hub for residents, visitors, and law enforcement. The facility will be staffed by a Community Policing Deputy and qualified community volunteers, serving as a location for public safety inquiries, crime reporting, and community engagement.

Santa Cruz County Parks will also occupy space at the site, strengthening interagency collaboration and resource management along the North Coast, which has seen an increase in visitorship in recent years. In addition to the opening of Cotoni-Coast Dairies National Monument (managed by the Bureau of Land Management) and the soon-to-becompleted North Coast stretch of Rail Trail, County investments including infrastructure improvements are intended to help manage demand on North Coast amenities.

"This new service center represents an investment in both public safety and quality of life for the North Coast," said Supervisor Justin Cummings, who led efforts to establish the service center. "By colocating with County Parks, we are creating long-term efficiencies while ensuring residents and visitors alike have access to the services they need."

"This new substation formalizes our commitment to serving the North Coast community," Sheriff Chris Clark said. "By making sure residents and visitors alike have a direct connection to the Sheriff's Office, we can respond quickly, engage directly, and ensure all have a great experience along the North Coast."