



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting – December 8, 2010

Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Fifth Floor

Time: 5:00 p.m.

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 22, 2010

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

A. Presentation – George Dondero, Executive Director, Regional Transportation Commission. Summary report on Chapter Six of the updated Regional Transportation Plan; RTC perspective on the CARB GhG reduction "assignment" process with AMBAG; and status of the SB 375 Blueprinting Process.

B. Update – County Green Building Ordinance, Cal Green and County's local amendments; presentation by Planning Director Kathy Previsich

C. Status – Regional Climate Action Plan effort

D. Updates from Commissioners

- (1) Climate Action Compact Working Group (Johnson)
- (2) Monterey Regional Development Committee (Johnson)
- (3) Green Building Task Force (Sarris)

E. Legislative recommendations

F. Meeting calendar for 2011 - action

G. Set next agenda

- Presentation by Dr. Gary Griggs on climate change impacts (invitations to Water Advisory Commission, Fish and Game Commission and Emergency Management Council members)
- County Climate Action Plan/Strategy development

H. Announcements

VI. **ADJOURNMENT** Next regular meeting - January 26, 2011 (to be confirmed)

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE LISTING

Copies of correspondence are available in the General Services Administration office (Room 330) and at the Commission meeting.

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Pending meeting topics (based on 2010 work plan):

Energy Upgrade California Program-- Funding for EE measures and renewable installations
• Continual updates regarding local/regional program implementation (ongoing)

Potential consider amendments to local logging protocols resulting in more effective GhG reductions. (Tentative—to be discussed further)

Overview of the avoidable and unavoidable impacts from climate change (state & regional) and feasible mitigation measures. (Presenters & Schedule TBD)

Report on local EE and weatherization installs & associated GhG reductions - planned programs for 2010-2012. (AMBAG, PGE, Ecology Action, Central Coast Energy Services others TBD—5/26/10)

Green workforce development initiatives. (County WIB and others TDB- 7/28/10)

Integrated Regional Water Management Program (John Ricker—TBD)

Gary Griggs—Climate Presentation—Joint Meeting with Fish & Game Commission and Water Advisory Commission tbd.

Follow up detailed presentation—Desalinization Project proposed by the City of SC and Soquel Creek Water District (Schedule to be determined based on availability of EIR and other relevant information.)

Transportation & Land Use Planning Process --
Regional blueprint planning process to assure SB 375 compliance. Local jurisdiction's GhG reduction goals as assigned by CARB through AMBAG.
(AMBAG, SCCRTC & others TBD—5/26/10)

County ICLEI Inventory and GhG Reduction Efforts for Internal Operations
(County General Services and other Departments TBD)

County Green Building Program --
Program implementation and cooperative efforts with other planning departments to make programs more consistent and evolving programs together.
(County Planning and other Cities TBD—7/28/10)

Transportation Demand Management --
Local TDM programs, coordination among providers, support/funding.
(SCCRTC & UCSC—8/25/10)

Annual Joint Meeting with County Water Advisory Commission-
Local water issues and challenges (Presenters TBD—10/27/10)
Possible specific topics may include conservation programs, grey water use policies, coordination among water departments and districts, plans for future programs and revised policies.