



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Chambers

701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor, Santa Cruz, CA

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 4:06 by Vice-Chair Hunt

Present: Hunt, Clark, Culbertson, Johnson, Wise-West (arrived during meeting)

Absent: Pepping, Francis, Kippen, Christensen

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 22, 2015

Motion: Clark

Second: Wise-West

Ayes: Hunt, Clark, Culbertson, Johnson, Wise-West

Noes: None

Absent: Pepping, Francis, Kippen, Christensen

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

One member of the public spoke in appreciation of the Commission

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

A. Presentations and possible COE actions (minutes)

- Presentation on Open Space District – Jeff Gaffney, Director of POSCS (20 minutes)

Postponed

- State and Federal legislation Tim Goncharoff (15 minutes)

Motion to allow Commissioner Clark to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending County continue advocacy at the State legislature to allocate Cap and Trade funds to local governments to implement climate action plans and sustainable transportation projects.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Wise-West
Ayes: Hunt, Clark, Culbertson, Johnson, Wise-West
Noes: None
Absent: Pepping, Francis, Kippen, Christensen

- B. Motion to send advisory letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Passenger Rail Feasibility Study

Motion: Johnson
Second: Culbertson
Ayes: Hunt, Clark, Culbertson, Johnson, Wise-West
Noes: None
Absent: Pepping, Francis, Kippen, Christensen

- C. Proposed National Monument update – Board of Supervisor’s Resolution

The Commission received the information

- D. Motion to approve 2015-2016 work plan as revised at May 27, 2015 COE meeting

Completed at May meeting

- E. Ad hoc Inter-Commission Coordination (John Hunt and Ross Clark - 10 minutes)

No update

- F. Community Choice Aggregation Technical Study Update

Received update

- G. Proactive discussion regarding net new issues (10 minutes)

Discussed future agenda topics

- H. Confirm upcoming meetings and set agendas:

Next regular COE meeting – December 2, 2015

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:03 p.m.