



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

A. Call to Order

Call to order 5:04 PM

B. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Scholar, Wooninck, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Culbertson, Damhorst

Absent: Commissioner Bruce

C. AB 361 Compliance, authorizing teleconference meeting

Motion by Commissioner Culbertson, seconded by Commissioner Wooninck to adopt resolution authorizing continuing to meet via teleconference.

Ayes: Commissioners Scholar, Wooninck, Hunt, Kippen, Culbertson, Damhorst

Noes: Commissioner Clark

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of July 27, 2022 meeting

Motion by Commissioner Scholar seconded by Commissioner Kippen to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2022 meeting.

Ayes: Commissioners Scholar, Wooninck, Hunt, Kippen, Culbertson, Damhorst

Abstain: Commissioner Clark

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

- A. Consider letter of support to the Board of Supervisors on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) (20 minutes)

Motion by Commissioner Hunt seconded by Commissioner Clark to approved sending the draft letter back to the CAAP ad hoc subcommittee for revisions addressing renewable energy (solar) strategies and objectives.

- B. Meeting schedule for 2023 (10 minutes)

The proposed 2023 meeting schedule was presented to the Commission with a discussion of possible meeting formats and a meeting in the south county in the future.

- C. Biennial Report of the Commission to the Board of Supervisors (30 minutes)

Staff presented a draft of the Biennial Report for Commissioners to review. Report to be finalized at the January 2023 meeting prior to being submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

- D. Discuss Work Plan for 2023-2024 (30 minutes)

After Commissioner discussion of the next work plan, Commissioner Hunt agreed to work some more on relatively minor revisions to the existing work plan and bring back to the Commission.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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Please join the meeting a few minutes before 5:00 pm so that we can start at 5:00 pm. Staff will open the video conference at 4:50 pm. Feel free to chat and say hello before 5:00 pm.

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All meeting attendees should keep their microphones on mute unless they are speaking.

The Chair of the Commission will lead the meeting. The Chair will announce each agenda item, identify who will be leading an item and introduce discussion and public comment periods.

County staff will assist with roll call, note taking, and tracking who wants to speak. Please allow time for staff to make notes about any decisions.

There will be a public comment period for each item and the Chair will invite the public to participate at the appropriate time.

During a discussion, if 2 or more people speak at the same time, please defer to the person who speaks first. In any moment where we have some confusion due to multiple people wanting to speak, please pause and let the Chair take the lead. The Chair will call on someone to speak.

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