



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

This meeting was conducted as a video conference.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL/INTRODUCTIONS

Call to order 5:03 PM

Present: Commissioners Pepping, Orbuch, Wise-West, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Culbertson, Damhorst,

Absent: Commissioner Gregorio, Bruce

Introduction of Kris Damhorst as new Commissioner replacing Beth Trenchard. Announcement of reappointment of Commissioners Wise-West and Hunt

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Kippen, second by Commissioner Orbuch to approve minutes of 3/24/2021

Ayes: Commissioners Pepping, Orbuch, Wise-West, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Culbertson

Noes: None

Abstain: Commissioner Damhorst

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

A. Update Work Plan (Commission, 45 minutes)

Motion by Commissioner Hunt to adopt 2-year Work Plan, second by Commissioner Culbertson

Ayes: Unanimous

B. Local Solar Generation Discussion (Ad hoc subcommittee, 30 minutes)

Motion by Commissioner Clark, second by Commissioner Hunt to send the letter to the Board of Supervisors as presented

Ayes: Commissioners Pepping, Orbuch, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Culbertson, Damhorst
Recused: Commissioner Wise-West

- C. Proactive discussion regarding net new issues (Commission, 15 minutes)
 - Discussion of issues identified
 - Action on whether to agendaize for a future COE meeting
 - Possible future agenda topics:
 - Work Plan items
 - Staff reports back to the COE from prior COE actions
 - State and Federal legislation
 - Ad hoc Inter-Commission coordination

Future agenda topics to include election of officers, the County Operational Plan update, the Office of Response, Recovery, and Resilience.

VI. ADJOURNMENT