



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting – July 24, 2013 at 5 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Fifth Floor

I. Roll Call/Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Clark; Kasa; Ketley; Wise-West; Johnson; Culbertson; Hunt; and Haifley (left early at 5:35 pm).

Excused Absence: Christensen and Pepping

II. Additions/Changes to Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes – May 22, 2013

Approved minutes of May 22, 2013

Motion: Culbertson

Second: Hunt

Ayes: Clark; Hunt; Haifley; and Culbertson.

Noes: none

Abstain: Kasa; Johnson; Ketley; and Wise-West.

Absent: Christensen and Pepping.

IV. Public Input/Oral Communications

V. Business Matters

A. Presentation on model carbon fee and dividend legislation – Santa Cruz Chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby

B. Report on County Water Resources Management efforts – John Ricker

C. Legislative Recommendations

- Discussion of agenda timing strategy and Commissioner task assignments
- Update on state cap and trade legislative efforts – Tim Goncharoff

D. Updates from Commissioners

- i. Climate Action Compact Working Group (Johnson)
- ii. Green Building Task Force (Johnson)
- iii. AMBAG Sustainable Communities, Regional Advisory Committee (Johnson)
- iv. Community Choice Aggregation (Clark/Johnson)
- v. CaliforniaFIRST (Clark)
- vi. Plastic bag ban (Kasa)

E. Legislative recommendations

F. Set next agenda

By consensus, items to include further discussion on Citizens Climate Lobby request for Board support on possible federal carbon fee and dividend legislation, discussion on COE timing and tasks for BOS recommendations in support of legislation, and presentation on collaborative efforts by Climate Action Compact partnership on various cooperative projects. Future meetings to include presentation on overdraft situation (December), joint meeting with Water Advisory Commission on desalination EIR, with additional objective of gaining better understanding on those desal alternatives rejected for consideration including regional water sharing.

G. Announcements

VI. Adjournment

Adjourned by consensus at 7:15 p.m.

Next regular meeting is September 25, 2013