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EXPANDED ONLINE ACCESS TO BOARD MEETINGS DEBUTS

The County of Santa Cruz on Friday debuted expanded and improved online access to county government through a new web interface allowing the public to more closely follow the actions of the Board of Supervisors.

Through the County and its partner Accela, the nation's leading provider of government engagement software, members of the public may now watch Board meetings in real-time over the Internet, replay the entirety or specific sections of Board meetings at the touch of a button and gain easier access to Board materials.

Additionally, the public may now submit online comments on specific items before the Board and subscribe electronically to Board meeting notices and agendas.

"This will make Board of Supervisors' meetings more accessible to a greater cross-section of the public," Assistant County Administrative Officer Carlos Palacios said. "We're pleased to be able to offer this service to residents."

The new system is available online at www.santacruzcounty.us by clicking on the "Government" tab and going to "Board of Supervisors." Old meetings will remain available online under a separate link.

The new system is part of a broader effort to make County government more digital-friendly and paperless. The County also has an expanded social media presence and a new app, Citizen Connect, available on iTunes and Google Play at https://sccappstore.co.santa-cruz.ca.us.