



# County of Santa Cruz

## COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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### MINUTES - DRAFT

**Regular Meeting – Wednesday, July 22, 2015 AT 5 P.M.**  
**Planning Department Conference Room, 701 Ocean Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

#### **I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Pepping

Present: Pepping, Francis, Hunt, Wise-West, Clark, Johnson, Kippen (arrived during mtg)

Absent: Culbertson, Christensen

#### **II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 27, 2015**

Motion: Johnson

Second: Clark

**Ayes:** Pepping, Francis, Hunt, Wise-West, Clark, Johnson

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Culbertson, Christensen

#### **IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION**

#### **V. BUSINESS MATTERS**

A. Presentations and consideration of COE actions (70 minutes)

- Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Passenger Rail Feasibility Study (George Dondero, Executive Director – SCCRTC)

Motion to draft a letter in support of rail transportation to return on the next COE agenda for consideration

Motion: Clark

Second: Hunt

**Ayes:** Pepping, Francis, Hunt, Wise-West, Clark, Johnson

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Culbertson, Christensen

- County Climate Action Strategy Adaptation Initiatives Overview (David Carlson, County Planning Department)

Received report, more specifics on initiatives will be reported at the December meeting

- Community Choice Aggregation Investigative Phase Outreach (Gine Johnson and Monterey Bay Community Power Project Team)

Received update

B. COE staffing update

Received update

C. State and Federal legislation

Item continued to September Agenda by consensus

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

Reminder to distributed agendas to Water Advisory Commission staff and Fish and Game Commission staff

E. Proactive discussion regarding net new issues (10 minutes)

Discussed future agenda topics

F. Confirm upcoming meetings and set agendas:

Next regular meeting is September 23, 2015

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.