



# County of Santa Cruz

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## COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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### MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Board of Supervisors Chambers

701 Ocean St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Santa Cruz, CA

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

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

Call to Order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Hunt, Wise-West, Clark, Elizabeth (5:30), Culbertson, Johnson, Bruce

Absent: Commissioners Pepping, Orbuch, Lockwood

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

None

Announcement of 2018 meeting dates

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of 7/26/17 Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Bruce, second by Commissioner Wise-West

Ayes: Unanimous

Minutes of 9/27/17 Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Hunt

Ayes: Commissioners Hunt, Clark, Elizabeth, Culbertson, Johnson, Bruce

Abstain: Commissioner Wise-West

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

None

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

- A. Follow up on joint meeting recommendation to prioritize climate adaptation issues and strategies. (Commission - 30 minutes)

Commissioners expressed individual priorities and gave staff direction for follow up.

- B. Monterey Bay Community Power update on pre-launch activities (Planning staff - 15 minutes)

An update was provided including announcement of upcoming MBCP strategic planning meeting on 1/20/18

- C. Sustainable Transportation Policies, Programs and Projects – Status of public information related to RTC planning for the branch rail line. (Commission - 15 minutes)

Discussion of recent actions regarding rail planning and public statement by RTC Executive Director. Direction to staff to clarify how rail is addressed in Sustainable Santa Cruz County Plan

- D. Local, State, and Federal Legislation update (Planning staff - 15 minutes)

Staff provided an update

- E. Proactive discussion regarding net new issues (Commission - 10 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

January 2018 meeting will focus on prioritizing climate adaptation issues and strategies

## VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.