



# County of Santa Cruz

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## COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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### MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, March 22, 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

*Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.*

*Present: Pepping, Orbuch, Wise-West, Hunt, Elizabeth, Clark, Culbertson, Johnson*

*Absent: Lockwood, Bruce*

*The Board of Supervisors recently reappointed Commissioners Johnson, Bruce, Pepping, Orbuch, Wise-West, through April 1, 2021.*

*Commissioner Wise-West described how the PG&E optimizer tool can help municipalities achieve utility savings through rate schedule optimization.*

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

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Motion to approve: Clark*

*Second: Culbertson*

*Ayes: Orbuch, Wise-West, Hunt, Elizabeth, Clark, Culbertson, Johnson*

*Abstain: Pepping*

#### IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

*Supervisor Bruce McPherson expressed appreciation for the work of staff and the Commission that has resulted in the establishment of the Monterey Bay Community Power Authority.*

#### V. BUSINESS MATTERS

- A. 2017 Climate Action Strategy Annual Report (Planning staff - 30 minutes)

*Staff presented the Annual Report*

B. Climate Change Adaptation Strategies and the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan  
(Planning staff - 30 minutes)

*Motion: Clark*

*Second: Culbertson*

- 1. Reaffirm support for the Climate Action Strategy (CAS) program and staff support for it in a letter to the Board of Supervisors*
- 2. The Board letter on the CAS Annual Report should recommend next steps and initiatives to pursue*
- 3. The Commission will work with staff to evaluate appropriate next steps*

*Ayes: Pepping, Orbuch, Wise-West, Hunt, Elizabeth, Clark, Culbertson, Johnson*

C. Work Plan Update (Commission – 30 minutes)  
- Discuss attributes of Work Plan items

*Commission discussed attributes to evaluate work plan items for printing on the agenda with Commissioner Hunt volunteering to work with Commissioner Bruce to edit the list*

- D. Proactive discussion regarding net new issues (10 minutes)
- Discussion of issues identified
  - Action on whether to agendaize for a future COE meeting
  - Possible future agenda topics:
    - o Work Plan items
    - o Staff reports back to the COE from prior COE actions
    - o State and Federal legislation
    - o Ad hoc Inter-Commission coordination
    - o Election of officers at May 2017 meeting
    - o Guest presentation: Michael Loik, UCSC, Climate Impacts, Adaptation & Mitigation

*Discussion of joint meeting with FWAC and WAC in May*

*Commissioner Johnson requested item on May agenda regarding a list of adaptation priorities*

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.*