



# County of Santa Cruz

## COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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### MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

This meeting was conducted as a teleconference on Microsoft Teams.

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

*Call to order 5:02 PM*

*Present: Commissioners Nuñez, Scholar, Wise-West, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Damhorst, Bruce  
Culbertson*

*Absent: Commissioners Gregorio*

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

*Motion by Commissioner Bruce, seconded by Commissioner Damhorst, to add an item to the agenda regarding an advisory letter to the Board of Supervisors to support the Office of Response, Recovery, and Resilience and the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan*

*Ayes: Commissioners Nuñez, Scholar, Wise-West, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Damhorst, Bruce,  
Culbertson*

*Noes: None*

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

A. Minutes of November 17, 2021 and December 8, 2021 meetings

*Motion by Commissioner Bruce, seconded by Commissioner Wise-West to approve the minutes of November 17, 2021 and December 8, 2021.*

*Ayes: Commissioners Nuñez, Scholar, Wise-West, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Damhorst, Bruce,  
Culbertson*

*Noes: None*

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

*None*

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

A. Discussion of greenhouse gas emissions intensity of retail power suppliers (staff – 20 minutes)

*Commission received a presentation by AMBAG staff and discussed the information. No action was taken.*

A.1 Advisory letter to the Board of Supervisors to support the Office of Response, Recovery, and Resilience and the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

*Motion by Commissioner Bruce, seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to send the advisory letter to the Board of Supervisors*

*Ayes: Commissioners Nuñez, Scholar, Wise-West, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Damhorst, Bruce, Culbertson*

*Noes: None*

B. Report out from ad hoc subcommittee on environmental justice (30 minutes)

*Commission received a presentation by ad hoc subcommittee and discussed the information. No action was taken.*

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Adjourn 6:56 PM*

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