



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Watsonville Civic Center Community Room

275 Main Street, 4th Floor

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

A. Call to Order

Call to order at approximately 5:00 PM

B. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Weiss, Hunt, Camacho, Ramon, Perez, Culbertson, Damhorst Johnson

Absent: Commissioner Scholar, Woonink

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of September 27, 2023 meeting

Motion by Commissioner Camacho, seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to approve the September 27, 2023 meeting minutes

Ayes: Commissioners Weiss, Ramon, Camacho, Perez, Culbertson, Damhorst

Abstain: Commissioners Hunt, Johnson

Absent: Commissioners Scholar, Woonink

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

- A. Presentation by Campaign for Organic and Regenerative Agriculture (CORA)
(30 minutes total)

The Commission received a presentation from representatives of CORA on organic and regenerative agriculture.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to direct the Chair to write an advisory letter to the Board of Supervisors recommending the Board direct County staff to investigate the Agricultural Resilience Incentive Program in Santa Clara County for possible implementation of a similar program in Santa Cruz County and to include healthy soils management practices as a strategy in the next revision of the CAAP.

Ayes: Commissioners Weiss, Hunt, Camacho, Ramon, Perez, Culbertson, Damhorst Johnson

Absent: Commissioners Scholar, Woonink

- B. Presentation by Regeneración Pajaro Valley Climate Action (30 minutes total)

The Commission received a presentation from representative of Regeneración on their activities funded by a Transformative Climate Communities state grant.

- C. Update on Board of Supervisors recent actions (Commission staff, 20 minutes)

- i. Statement on Equity
- ii. CAAP implementation report back
- iii. County Commission restructuring

County staff provided information on these topics

- D. Update from recent Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) meetings
(Commissioner Damhorst 10 minutes)

II. Commissioner Damhorst provided updates on these topics

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM