



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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Draft Minutes

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Call to order at approximately 5:00 PM

Present: Commissioners Pepping, Orbuch, Wise-West, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Culbertson, Bruce

Absent: Commissioners Trenchard, Gregorio

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve: Commissioner Hunt

Second: Commissioner Orbuch

Ayes: Commissioners Pepping, Orbuch, Wise-West, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Culbertson

Nos: None

Abstain: Bruce

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

Four members of the public spoke. All encouraged the Commission to endorse the requests of the organization Eat for the Earth to the Board of Supervisors.

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

- A. Presentation by Monterey Bay Community Power staff on electrification strategic planning and microgrids (MBCP staff 45 minutes)

Dan Bertoldi, Manager of Community Programs for Monterey Bay Community Power, presented information on community programs by MBCP and answered Commissioners questions.

- B. Presentation on City of Santa Cruz Health In All Policies Initiative (Commissioner Wise-West 15 minutes)

Dr. Tiffany Wise-West, Sustainability and Climate Action Manager for the City of Santa Cruz, presented information on the City's Health in All Policies (HiAP) initiative, and accepted input and answered questions from the Commission.

- C. Update on Board of Supervisors Items (e.g. climate action, plastics, carbon neutrality, budget) (Commission staff 15 minutes)

Staff provided an update and answered questions from the Commission

- D. Proactive discussion regarding net new issues (Commission, 15 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

The Commission discussed an item for the next meeting regarding the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS).

A member of the public requested an item on the next agenda regarding Eat for the Earth.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM