



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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DRAFT MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

**Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chambers
701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor
(in-person meeting only, no virtual option available)**

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

A. Call to Order

Call to order at approximately 5:00 PM

B. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Scholar, Woonink, Hunt, Camacho, Ramon, Perez, Culbertson, Damhorst, Johnson

Absent: Commissioner Weiss

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of May 24, 2023 meeting

Motion by Commissioner Hunt, seconded by Commissioner Scholar to approve the May 24, 2023 meeting minutes

Ayes: Commissioners Scholar, Hunt, Camacho, Ramon Culbertson, Damhorst, Johnson

Abstain: Commissioners Wooninck, Perez

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

- A. Presentation – Valley Women's Club regarding PG&E Franchise Agreement (60 minutes total)
 - i. Presentation (25 minutes)
 - ii. COE questions (25 minutes)
 - iii. Public comment (10 minutes)

The Commission received a presentation from representatives of the Valley Women's Club recommending the County renegotiate the franchise agreement with PG&E.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Damhorst to provide the Board with the information presented and a recommendation that the Board analyze the annual franchise fees paid to the County by PG&E to ensure that the County is receiving the correct amount per the current agreement.

The motion was approved by the Commission by a unanimous vote.

- B. Report on COE ad hoc sub-committee podcast development updates (Subcommittee Members 10 minutes)

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Damhorst regarding creating podcasts on various environmental subjects within the purview of the Commission.

- C. Report on 3CE Community Advisory Council (CAC) meeting on 6/7/2023 (Commissioner Damhorst 10 minutes)

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Damhorst on the topics covered at leadership meetings and Community Advisory Council meetings of Central Coast Community Energy.

- D. Report on "A Santa Cruz Like Me" initiative (Commissioner Damhorst 10 minutes)

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Damhorst on the "A Santa Cruz Like Me" project to increase participation on commission sand committees by under-represented groups. The County held a series of workshops recently and Commissioner Perez participated in the workshop in Watsonville.

- E. Report on inter-commission coordination working group (ICCWG) (Commissioner Hunt 10 minutes)

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Hunt on issues considered by this inter-commission work group including the significant tree ordinance and ongoing impacts to riparian corridors from camping.

F. Discuss future agenda topics (10 minutes)

The Commission discussed various future agenda topics including an examination of the existing Significant Tree Ordinance and possibly expanding the scope of the ordinance and consideration as a CAAP implementation measure.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment at 7:11 PM