



# County of Santa Cruz

## COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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### MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

This meeting was conducted as a video conference on Microsoft Teams.

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

*Call to order 5:03 PM*

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

*Absent: None*

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

*None*

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

*Motion by Commissioner Kippen, seconded by Commissioner Bruce to approved the minutes of the COE meeting of May 26, 2021*

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

*Noes: None*

*Abstain: None*

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

One person addressed the Commission regarding the City of Santa Cruz outreach activities related to the update of the City's Climate Action Plan.

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

- A. Response from the Board to recent advisory letters (Board of Supervisors staff, 30 minutes)

*Gine Johnson from Supervisor McPherson's office gave an informal response to recent advisory letters. No action*

- B. Presentation on Climate Action Strategy annual report, greenhouse gas emissions update, and CAS update process (Planning Department staff, 30 minutes)

*Planning Department staff presented information to the Commission and received feedback regarding the CAS update related to staff resources, potential grant resources, updated emissions reduction goals, and new/updated strategies. One member of the public provided feedback regarding consumption based GHG inventory. No action*

- C. Proactive discussion regarding net new issues (Commission, 15 minutes)
- 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

*Commissioner Hunt provided update on Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission interest in address impacts on riparian corridors from camping*

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Adjourned at 7:00 PM*

## **Commissioner and Public Participation Information and Guidelines**

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Please join the meeting a few minutes before 5:00 pm so that we can start at 5:00 pm. Staff will open the video conference at 4:50 pm. Feel free to chat and say hello before 5:00 pm.

### Meeting Roles and Rules:

All meeting attendees should keep their microphones on mute unless they are speaking.

The Chair of the Commission will lead the meeting. The Chair will announce each agenda item, identify who will be leading an item and introduce discussion and public comment periods.

County staff will assist with roll call, note taking, and tracking who wants to speak. Please allow time for staff to make notes about any decisions.

There will be a public comment period for each item and the Chair will invite the public to participate at the appropriate time.

During a discussion, if 2 or more people speak at the same time, please defer to the person who speaks first. In any moment where we have some confusion due to multiple people wanting to speak, please pause and let the Chair take the lead. The Chair will call on someone to speak.