



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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DRAFT MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Call to order 5:03 PM

Present: Commissioners Nuñez, Scholar, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Culbertson, Damhorst, Bruce

Absent: Wise-West, Gregorio

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Kippen to approve the minutes of the COE meeting of July 28, 2021

Ayes: Commissioners Nuñez, Scholar, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Culbertson, Damhorst, Bruce

Noes: None

Abstain: None

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

- A. Discussion of outline for Climate Action Strategy annual report and update process (Planning Department and OR3 staff and Commission, 30 minutes)

[Draft Board memo outline](#), [Attachment A](#), [Attachment B](#)

Staff presentation and Commission discussion on annual report and update process, including GHG inventory update factors, updated goals, and grant opportunities. An ad hoc committee was established to follow this project consisting of Commissioners Bruce, Clark, Culbertson, Scholar, and Damhorst.

- B. Discussion of draft Commission environmental justice workplan and operating principles (Commissioners, 30 minutes)

[Draft environmental justice workplan](#)

Presentation by Commissioner Kippen on Draft Environmental Justice Work Plan and Commission discussion, including but not limited to, discussion of funding sources for EJ initiatives and outreach, related work by County departments, and the RTC, and identification of disadvantaged communities. Establishment of ad hoc subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Kippen, Wise-West, Nuñez, and Scholar

- 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

Discussion of various topics for future agendas

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM