



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Meeting Location

Santa Cruz County Government Center

Basement Community Room

701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

Zoom and telephone links were provided on the agenda for the meeting

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

A. Call to Order

Meeting began at approximately 5:00pm

B. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Weiss, Hadinger, Wooninck, Hunt, Ramon, Nakahara, Perez, Culbertson, Damhorst, Burns

Absent: None

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of May 28, 2025 meeting

Motion to approve by Commissioner Culbertson, second by Commissioner Hunt

Ayes: Commissioners Weiss, Hunt, Perez, Culbertson, Damhorst, Burns

Abstain: Commissioners Hadinger, Wooninck, Ramon, Nakahara

B. Minutes of June 25, 2025 meeting

Motion to approve by Commissioner Hunt, second by Commissioner Damhorst

Ayes: Commissioners Weiss, Woonink, Hunt, Ramon, Nakahara, Perez, Culbertson, Damhorst, Burns

Abstain: Commissioner Hadinger

C. Minutes of July 30, 2025 meeting

Motion to approve by Commissioner Damhorst, second by Commissioner Hunt

Ayes: Commissioners Hunt, Ramon, Nakahara, Perez, Culbertson, Damhorst

Abstain: Commissioners Weiss, Hadinger, Wooninck, Burns

D. Minutes of August 20, 2025 meeting

Motion to approve by Commissioner Hunt, second by Commissioner Wooninck

Ayes: Commissioners Weiss, Woonink, Hunt, Perez, Damhorst

Abstain: Commissioner Hadinger, Ramon, Nakahara, Culbertson, Burns

E. Minutes of September 24, 2025 meeting

Motion to approve by Commissioner Wooninck, second by Commissioner Culbertson

Ayes: Commissioners Weiss, Woonink, Nakahara, Culbertson, Damhorst, Burns

Abstain: Commissioner Hadinger, Hunt, Ramon, Perez

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

Six members of the public addressed the Commission regarding battery energy storage systems

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

A. Presentation from Tatiana Brennan, OR3, on CAAP Climate Resilience Project Inventory – 5:30pm to 6:10pm

The Commission received a presentation from OR3 staff and the CAAP Working Group on the updated CRPI. The Commission discussed the information and provided feedback. No action.

B. Presentation from CDI Public Works with updates on CAAP Strategies related to transportation, stormwater and sanitation, and recycling and solid waste – 6:10pm to 6:40pm

The Commission received a presentation from CDI-Public Works staff on CAAP strategies for the department. The Commission discussed the information and provided feedback. No action.

C. BESS Ordinance update – Kris Damhorst – 6:40pm to 6:55pm

No action

D. Annual attendance report and Brown Act updates – staff 6:55pm to 7:00pm

A minor correction was made to the attendance report staff provides to the Board of Supervisors annually. No action

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00pm

Next COE meeting date - March 25, 2026

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