



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Meeting Location

Santa Cruz County Government Center

Basement Community Room

701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

A. Call to Order

Meeting began at approximately 5:00pm

B. Roll Call

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

Absent: Commissioner Wooninck

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of January 28, 2025, meeting

Motion to approve by Commissioner Hunt, second by Commissioner Perez

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

Abstain: Commissioner Burns

Absent: Commissioner Wooninck,

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

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

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

- A. Presentation from CDI Planning with updates on CAAP Strategies related to land use and building codes – 5:15pm to 6:00pm

The Commission received a presentation from CDI staff on CAAP strategies related to land use policy and permitting. The Commission discussed the information and provided feedback. No action.

Two members of the public provided comments.

- B. COE discussion regarding outreach and education topics – 6:00pm to 6:45pm

This item was combined with Item D

Motion by Commissioner Nakahara, seconded by Commissioner Culbertson to form an ad hoc subcommittee to draft an updated Work Plan for consideration by the Commission.

One member of the public provided input on topics to address in the Work Plan update.

- C. Announcement: Opportunity to comment on proposed Oil and Gas Lease Sales in Northern, Central, and Southern California. Link to submit comments:

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/BOEM-2025-0681-0001/comment>

Commissioner Weiss provided background and information on how to participate in the current comment period.

One member of the public provided input

- D. Commission follow up on past agenda items and discussion of future agenda topics

This item was combined with Item B.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00PM

Next COE meeting date – May 27, 2026