



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Call to order 5:03 PM

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

Absent: Commissioners Culbertson, Gregorio

Staff informed Commission of 2022 meeting schedule created pursuant to Commission bylaws.

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Bruce, seconded by Commissioner Kippen to approve the minutes of the COE meeting of September 22, 2021

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

- A. Introduction of Tatiana Brennan, Senior Administrative Analyst – Recovery and Resilience, Office of Response Recovery and Resilience (OR3) (approx. 10 minutes)

Introduction of Tatiana Brennan and role in OR3 and Commission discussion.

- B. Discuss scheduling a special meeting in December or early January on initial framework for a new Climate Action Strategy (approx. 20 minutes)

Staff tasked with creating Doodle poll to schedule December Special Meeting.

- C. Report out from ad hoc committee on environment justice (approx. 40 minutes)

Commission received a presentation from ad hoc subcommittee on implicit and explicit bias.

- D. 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 GHG inventories and carbon intensity, Commissioner Clark requested inviting a representative of AMBAG or 3CE to provide information/update on carbon electricity of 3CE energy portfolio at next meeting.

Commissioner Nuñez suggested that County ordinances related to plastic pollution need to be reviewed for alignment with new State laws.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at approximately 6:57 PM