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**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION TO MEET IN WATSONVILLE TO
DISCUSS CLIMATE ACTION TOPICS**

The County's Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment on the agenda

September 19, 2025 – Santa Cruz, CA — As California transitions to a clean energy future and prepares for the effects of climate change, the Santa Cruz County Commission on the Environment will meet in Watsonville to address local response to climate change.

WHAT: Commission on the Environment Meeting

WHERE: Watsonville Public Library, 275 Main Street, Watsonville

WHEN: Wednesday, September 24, from 5-7 p.m.

ACCESSIBILITY: Spanish translation available in person; Zoom participation available at:

<https://santacruzcounty-us.zoomgov.com/j/1616779352>

Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment Project

During this meeting, Community Development & Infrastructure's Resource Planner, David Carlson, will present on the Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment Project aimed to guide land use and development along the coast to balance environmental protection, public access, and sustainable development. The project seeks to update coastal land use policies that regulate development along the coast, ensure public access to the coast, and preserve the coastline's natural beauty for future generations. The Commission will hear an update on the project and how members of the public can get involved and provide input about the future of the Santa Cruz County coast.

Electricity grid battery energy storage systems

The Commission previously hosted a series of workshops on grid-scale battery

energy storage systems (BESS). Four subject matter experts provided a wealth of information on climate change, the role of the electrical grid, battery technology and public safety considerations. An informational report was provided to the Board of Supervisors summarizing the expert testimony received, responsive public input and the ensuing discussions. At this meeting, the Commission will discuss providing their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding any future BESS projects in Santa Cruz County.

Learn more about the Commission on the Environment and access the meeting agenda at: bit.ly/environment-commission

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