



# County of Santa Cruz

## COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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### MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

#### **I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

*Call to order at 5:04 pm.*

*Present: Commissioners Pepping, Orbuch, Wise-West, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Gregorio, Culbertson, Trenchard, Bruce*

#### **II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

*Discussed timing of previously authorized advisory letter to Board of Supervisors on sustainable food policy*

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion to approve minutes of meetings of 5/27/20, 8/4/20, and 9/23/20: Commissioner Hunt*

*Second: Commissioner Orbuch*

*Ayes: Commissioners Pepping, Orbuch, Wise-West, Hunt, Kippen, Clark, Culbertson, Trenchard, Bruce*

*Nos: None*

*Abstain: Gregorio, Trenchard (5/27/20 only), Pepping (9/23/20 only)*

#### **IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION**

#### **V. BUSINESS MATTERS**

- A. Draft Biennial Report (Commission staff, 15 minutes)

*Various minor changes noted; unanimous consent to submit report to Board of Supervisors. Report submitted 11/19/20.*

- B. Update Work Plan (Commission, 45 minutes)

*Discussion of work plan updates; motion by Commissioner Pepping, seconded by Commissioner Hunt, to form an ad hoc committee (Wise-West, Orbuch, Hunt) to develop new work plan document for review by the Commission at the January 2021 meeting*

- C. Local Solar Generation Advisory Letter (Commissioner Clark, 30 minutes)

*Discussion of draft letter; motion by Commissioner Bruce, seconded by Commissioner Orbuch, to revise letter with ad-hoc committee (Clark, Wise-West, Bruce, Trenchard), coordinate with the office of Supervisor McPherson and 3CE staff, bring back to the Commission in January*

D. Proactive discussion regarding net new issues (Commission, 15 minutes)

- Discussion of issues identified
- Action on whether to agendaize for a future COE meeting
- 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

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm*

### **Commissioner and Public Participation Information and Guidelines**

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Please join the meeting a few minutes BEFORE 7:00 pm so that we can start at 7:00 pm. Staff will open the video conference at 6:50 pm. Feel free to chat and say hello before 7:00 pm.

#### Meeting Roles and Rules:

All meeting attendees should keep their microphones on mute unless they are speaking.

The Chair of the Commission will lead the meeting. The Chair will announce each agenda item, identify who will be leading an item and introduce discussion and public comment periods.

County staff will assist with roll call, note taking, and tracking who wants to speak. Please allow time for staff to make notes about any decisions.

There will be a public comment period for each item and the Chair will invite the public to participate at the appropriate time.

During a discussion, if 2 or more people speak at the same time, please defer to the person who speaks first. In any moment where we have some confusion due to multiple people wanting to speak, please pause and let the Chair take the lead. The Chair will call on someone to speak.