



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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MINUTES

**Regular Meeting – September 25, 2013 at 5 p.m.
Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Fifth Floor**

I. Roll Call/Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Clark; Kasa; Christensen; Pepping; Johnson; Culbertson; Hunt; and Haifley.
Excused Absence: Ketley; Wise-West.

II. Additions/Changes to Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes – July 24, 2013

Approved minutes of July 24, 2013

Motion: Haifley
Second: Kasa
Ayes: Haifley; Kasa; Clark; Hunt; Johnson and Culbertson.
Noes: none
Abstain: Pepping.
Absent: Wise-West; Ketley; and Christensen.

IV. Public Input/Oral Communications

V. Business Matters

A. Report on County water overdraft status – John Ricker, Environmental Health.

B. Activity update on County Climate Action Strategy interdepartmental Task Force – David Carlson.

C. Legislative Recommendations

- Continued discussion on model carbon fee and dividend legislation, consideration of recommendation – Santa Cruz County Chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby.
- Discussion of agenda timing strategy and Commissioner task assignments (*item continued*)
- Update on state cap and trade legislative efforts – Tim Goncharoff

Action: Motion to approve development of correspondence to Board of Supervisors affirming support to include a full time Sustainability Coordinator executive position with County wide interdepartmental and community scoped objectives in FY 2014-15 budget cycle, including seeking shared funding from other County jurisdictions.

Motion: Haifley
Second: Christensen
Ayes: Haifley; Kasa; Clark; Hunt; Johnson; Pepping; Christensen
and Culbertson.
Noes: none
Absent: Wise-West; Ketley.

D. Updates from Commissioners

- i. Climate Action Compact Working Group (Johnson)
- ii. Green Building Task Force (Johnson)
- iii. AMBAG Sustainable Communities, Regional Advisory Committee (Johnson)
- iv. Community Choice Aggregation (Clark/Johnson)
- v. CaliforniaFIRST (Clark)
- vi. Plastic bag ban (Kasa)

E. Set next agenda

F. Announcements

VI. Adjournment

Adjourned by consensus at 7:22 p.m.

Next regular meeting is December 4, 2013