



Santa Cruz County Commission on Justice and Gender

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Minutes - Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

Release and Reentry Subcommittee

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023
Time: 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Location: Monarch Services
550 Water Street
Suite J3

1. Roll Call – 12:05
 - 1.1. Present
 - Esmerelda Torres, Kristie Clemens, Stacey Palau, Tara George, Polly Schulze, Jessie Silva, Jody Biehl, Susan Greene
2. Agenda Review
3. Announcements
 - 3.1. Jail Numbers – 21 women in custody, 11 in Blaine, and 10 in Main in G unit.
 - 3.1. 9 women participated in Cabrillo Success in the Workplace Workshop over two weekends at Blaine. Received Cabrillo Student ID (includes free bus fare), Certificate from Cabrillo, Milestone Certificate, and physical resume.
 - 3.1. Still no contact visits at any of the jail facilities.
 - 3.1. Friends of Santa Cruz Public Library fundraising campaign for women and youth.
 - 3.1. Library participating in MAH women’s history event in March to raise awareness about incarcerated women.

3.1. January 27th Bench warrant clearance day in Watsonville. 10am-2pm Luna y Sol, 15 Madison Street.

4. Public Comment – No public comment

Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 3 minutes on matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

5. Approval of Minutes (Action)

6. Discussion of Release and Reentry priorities for 2024

6.1. From Jan 1 – December 4 2023, 69 women on list of people made releasable to a program by the court.

Total of 1,609 days in custody after made releasable.

Average 23 days.

29% not released to a program .

7. Adjournment – 1:33 pm

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