



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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MINUTES

Wednesday, December 9, 2009
Board of Supervisors Chambers – 701 Ocean Street
Time: 5:00 p.m.

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Johnson at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Virginia Johnson, Sharon Sarris, Laura Kasa, Robert Stokes; Alan Schlenger; Dan Haifley and Betsy Herbert

Absent: Len Beyea; Kenneth Adelman and Tom Rosewall

Staff: Nancy Gordon

Other County staff: Enrique Sahagun; Melodye Serino; Mike Cloud; and Mark Deming

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Upon motion of Haifley, second by Sarris, Commission unanimously made findings to add two items to agenda in the interests of urgency to act:

A1. Discussion on public participation options with Commission - Johnson

A2. Board of Supervisors request to Commission re: single use bags ban - Kasa

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – upon motion of Stokes, second by Sarris, minutes of September approved unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

none

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

A. Correspondence - see hard copy file (retained in General Services offices).

A1. Public Participation options discussion

Public members Jean Brocklebank, Michael Lewis and Patricia Matejcek addressed the Commission.

A2. Board of Supervisors request to Commission re: single use bags ban.

Kasa and Melodye Serino discussed work to date of Integrated Waste Management Task Force and Board's request for Commission to work with IWTF to formulate recommendation for Board action. After discussion, Commissioners Kasa and

Schlenger agreed to attend and report back to Commission at January 2010 meeting.

- B. Update: Request from UCSC regarding the Committee on Sustainability and Stewardship.
Schlenger will attend next meeting and bring back information to Commissioners.

- C. ARRA grant programs – status
Johnson provided update on statewide AB811 pilot program, which now has 14 counties and 146 cities participating. California Energy Commission award will be determined in February 2010. Gordon reported on small county competitive EEBG program and deadlines. Sarris reported on possible grant funding for regional effort to establish electric vehicle charging stations at strategic locations.

During oral comments, Public member Matejcek addressed the Commission.

- D. Status of Various Commission Activities

1. Green Building Task Force (Johnson/Sarris) – No meetings scheduled
2. Climate Action Compact Working Group (Johnson) – At November 19, meeting, group discussed ARRA grant opportunities.
3. Legislative Recommendations – none at this time.

- E. Comments on joint meeting with the Water Advisory Commission
After discussion, Commissioners agreed to consider another joint meeting at end of summer 2010.

- F. Consideration of 2010 meeting calendar
Upon motion of Sarris, second by Haifley, proposed 2010 meeting calendar was approved unanimously.

- G. Set January 2010 agenda.
Agenda items to include: presentation by Dr. Press on cap and trade/renewable energy credits; status report on single use bag ban; draft 2009 annual report; and proposed 2010 Commission work plan.

H. Commissioner Announcements

Kasa informed fellow commissioners of documentary film **No Impact** at Del Mar Theatre this evening.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by consensus at 6:15 p.m. Next meeting is January 27, 2010 at 5 pm.