



# County of Santa Cruz

## COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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### AGENDA

Regular Meeting – August 26, 2009

Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Fifth Floor

Time: 5:00 p.m.

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 24, 2009 and July 22, 2009

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

A. **Correspondence** - see attached list

B. **Update: Solar Santa Cruz County - Letter to the Board** (Johnson)

C. **ARRA grant programs - status and preliminary recommendations**  
(Johnson/Gordon)

D. **Request from UCSC regarding the Committee on Sustainability and Stewardship** - see attached email and one page outline re: CSS (Johnson)

E. **Status of Committee Activities:**

1. Green Building Task Force (Sarris/Johnson)  
Next quarterly lunch meeting set for 9/11/09 223 River Street 12 to 1:30  
Agenda attached.
2. Climate Action Compact Working Group (Johnson/Rosewall)  
Meeting notes from 7/9/09 meeting  
Next monthly meeting set for August 27<sup>th</sup> 223 River Street 3-5PM  
Agenda attached.
2. Legislative Committee (Schlenger/Haifley/Adelman/Stokes)  
Recommendation attached

F. **Report regarding 8/13/09 meeting with County Planning and local building professionals about the County's proposed Green Building Program.**  
(Sharon Sarris and Mark Deming)

**G. Timing and agenda for a joint meeting with the Santa Cruz County Water Commission** - (Betsy Herbert and John Ricker)

- Topic discussed at the May 27, 2009 meeting – Water Supply
- Best timing discussed at the May 27, 2009 meeting – October
- Process to include Capitola COE and other interested stakeholders
- Agenda items, including a report from John Ricker on the State's new gray water building code

**H. Regional Climate Change Considerations** (Rosewall/Johnson)

- (1) Brief presentation – Factors to consider in supporting the Board of Supervisors on a regional basis; status of CARB's regional target setting process; how it might influence future local considerations (Rosewall)
- (2) Review and discuss draft Climate Action Strategy toward making recommendations to the Board (Johnson/Rosewall)

**I. Set September 23, 2009 agenda. Proposed items:**

- (1) Dr. Daniel Press, Department Chair, Environmental Studies, UCSC regarding carbon cap and trade and renewable energy credits
- (2) Committee Activities
- (3) Discussion of COE work plan/mandatory versus desired goals.
- (4) Confirm interest in "Discovery Process" presentations for the remainder of the year and early 2010 as listed below and discuss any other requests from Commissioners for informational presentations:
  - a. Amendments to local logging protocols resulting in more reduction of GhG
  - b. 2009 update to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan presented by the SCCRTC, George Dondero.
  - c. Discussion with SCCRTC and UCSC staff regarding TDM presentation to the COE at 6/24/09 meeting and next steps.
  - d. Results of CARB's Regional Target Advisory Committee work regarding GhG reduction criteria for local regions. (Invite CARB staff to present).
  - e. Bill Meyer biomass conversion technology presentation.

**J. Commissioner Announcements and Roundtable Discussion**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next regular meeting - Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 5 pm**

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