



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting – January 22, 2014 at 5 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Fifth Floor

I. Roll Call/Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:06 p.m.

Present: Clark; Kasa; Pepping; Johnson; Hunt; Ketley; and Wise-West.

Absent: Christensen and Culbertson.

II. Additions/Changes to Agenda

By consensus, Commissioners approved following changes to agenda: Item VB.Update on 1998 watershed elements report continued to March meeting. Kasa asked to give update on plastic bag ban; and Pepping asked to give update on San Lorenzo River Alliance effort.

III. Approval of Minutes – December 4, 2013

Approved minutes of December 4, 2013

Motion: Wise-West

Second: Pepping

Ayes: Pepping; Kasa; Clark; Hunt; Ketley; Wise-West; and Johnson.

Noes: none

Absent: Culbertson and Christensen.

IV. Public Input/Oral Communications

V. Business Matters

A. Solar permitting process and County streamlining efforts – Tony Falcone, County Planning

B. Item continued to March 26, 2014 meeting.

C. Discussion – proposal for Sustainability Manager position – Ross Clark.

Action – Direct COE chair to send correspondence to County Administrative Officer reiterating support for position in FY 2014-15 budget and availability to discuss benefits; copy to Board of Supervisors.

Motion: Johnson

Second: Hunt

Ayes: Pepping; Kasa; Clark; Hunt; Ketley; Wise-West; and Johnson.

Noes: none

Absent: Culbertson and Christensen.

D. Updates from Commissioners

- i. Climate Action Compact Working Group (Clark)
- ii. Green Building Task Force (Johnson)

- iii. Community Choice Aggregation (Johnson)
- iv. Public Outreach (Wise-West)
- v. California FIRST (Clark)
- vi. Carbon fee dividend legislation (Hunt)
- vii. Rail corridor (Culbertson)
- viii. Plastic bag ban (Kasa)
- ix. San Lorenzo River Alliance (Pepping)

E. Announcements

VI. Adjournment

Adjourned by consensus at 7:05 p.m.

Next regular meeting is March 26, 2014