



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting – January 26, 2011 at 5 p.m.

Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Fifth Floor

I. Roll Call/Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m.

Present: Haifley; Johnson; Herbert; Adelman; Sarris; Rosewall; Schlenger; Stokes and Kasa. Excused Absence: Beyea

II. Additions/Changes to Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2010

Approved minutes of December 8, 2010 with correction of error (Stokes cited as present under item V.F.1).

Motion: Schlenger

Second: Herbert

Ayes: Haifley; Johnson; Adelman; Sarris; Rosewall; Schlenger; Stokes; Herbert and Kasa

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Beyea

IV. Public Input/Oral Communications

V. Business Matters

A. Presentation – Dr. Gary Griggs, Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences and Director of Institute of Marine Sciences, UC Santa Cruz. Summary report on potential impacts of global climate change on the County.

B. County Climate Action Strategy development; presentation by Planning Director Kathy Previsich.

Motion made that the Commission make written recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to direct the Planning Department to move forward with their proposal as outlined to the Commission this evening, specifically that:

- (1) Planning will develop a Climate Action Strategy for the County by Earth Day, 2012;
- (2) The design of the strategy will work toward the goal of eventually becoming a part of the County's updated General Plan and in compliance with appropriate CEQA and other regulations; and
- (3) Request that the Board support the Planning Department's work by devoting the necessary staff resources.

Motion: Johnson
Second: Sarris
Ayes: Haifley; Stokes; Johnson; Adelman; Sarris; Rosewall; Schlenger;
Herbert and Kasa.
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Beyea

C. Consideration of draft 2010 Annual Report and 2011 Work plan.

Motion made to approve draft 2010 Annual Report, with direction to add June 2010 meetings' information under accomplishments.

Motion: Stokes
Second: Sarris
Ayes: Haifley; Stokes; Johnson; Adelman; Sarris; Rosewall; Schlenger;
Herbert and Kasa.
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Beyea

D. Updates from Commissioners

- (1) Climate Action Compact Working Group
- (2) Monterey Regional Development Committee
- (3) Green Building Task Force

E. Legislative recommendations

F. Set next agenda

G. Commissioner Announcements

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. Next regular meeting scheduled for March 23, 2011.