



# County of Santa Cruz

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## COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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### MINUTES

Wednesday, August 26, 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 5:03 p.m.

Present: Virginia Johnson, Dan Haifley, Sharon Sarris, Laura Kasa, Tom Rosewall, Len Beyea; Robert Stokes; Alan Schlenger; Betsy Herbert; and Ken Adelman.

Staff: Nancy Gordon, Director, General Services Department  
Other County staff: Melodye Serino; John Ricker; and Mark Deming

#### II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Gordon distributed a revised description of Item VG regarding the timing and agenda for a joint meeting with the Santa Cruz County Water Advisory Commission.

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – upon motion of Stokes, second by Haifley, minutes of June and July approved unanimously.

#### IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION – see Roundtable/announcements

#### V. BUSINESS MATTERS

A. Correspondence - see attached

B. Update: Solar Santa Cruz County – Letter to the Board. After discussion, Johnson asked that the CAO be asked for written clarification of statements made in the August 11, 2009 report in regard to the program front-end costs of 14.5%.

C. ARRA grant programs – discussed under V-H.

D. Request from UCSC regarding the Committee on Sustainability and Stewardship. Following discussion regarding a question about County participation in the university's committee, Rosewall agreed to meet with the UCSC staff to gain a better understanding of the request and attendant work scope/time commitment.

E. Status of Committee Activities

1. Green Building Task Force – Sarris/Johnson. Next quarterly lunch meeting set for 9/11/09 from noon to 1:30 pm. Reminder to RSVP to avoid quorum issues.
2. Climate Action Compact Working Group – Rosewall/Johnson. Next monthly meeting on August 27; reminder to please coordinate for quorum purposes if planning to attend.
3. Legislative Recommendations or Updates – Schlenger/Haifley/Adelman/Stokes.  
Committee recommendation made for Board taking position on Assembly Bills 560 and conditionally on 1106. After brief discussion, commissioner unanimously agreed to forward recommendation to BOS, noting time sensitivity for state legislative action.

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

Deming gave overview of meeting and follow up. After discussion, Deming and Planning Director Tom Burns were asked to present their program draft at the September COE meeting.

G. Timing and agenda for a joint meeting with the Santa Cruz County Water Advisory Commission – Herbert.

Joint meeting will be held on October 28 at 5 pm, which is the COE's regular meeting time. Agenda will be confirmed at the September meeting; title is Climate Change and Local Water Supply.

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

Rosewall gave brief presentation associated with a regional strategy and impact on local considerations. Further review of the draft Climate Action Strategy will be done during the September meeting. Gordon gave update on ARRA small cities and counties criteria for submissions.

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

Presentation by Dr. Daniel Press; Committee activities; report back on green building program by Deming and Burns; report back on CAO response to August 11 report clarification request; Regional Climate Change strategy discussion and draft consideration; legislative ideas for upcoming cycle; discussion of discovery process presentations for rest of year.

J. Commissioner announcements and roundtable discussion

A member of the public asked for clarification on earlier presentation; Johnson explained public comment process for future meetings.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by consensus at 7:22 p.m. Next meeting is September 23, 2009.