



County of Santa Cruz

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MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Board of Supervisors Chambers – 701 Ocean Street

(note: relocated to 3rd Floor conference room prior to start of meeting)

Time: 5:00 p.m.

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Johnson at 5:16 p.m.

Present: Virginia Johnson, Dan Haifley, Sharon Sarris, Laura Kasa, Tom Rosewall, Len Beyea; and Robert Stokes.

Absent: Alan Schlenger; Betsy Herbert; and Ken Adelman.

Staff: Nancy Gordon, Director, General Services Department

Other County staff: Melodye Serino; John Ricker; Bob Kennedy; Mark Deming and Josh Reilly.

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Meeting relocated due to unanticipated site unavailability.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review minutes of May 27, 2009. Haifley moved, Rosewall seconded, to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2009 meeting. Approved unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

Bill Meyer spoke briefly about biomass availability and opportunities for use of conversion technologies. No action was taken; Mr. Meyer was asked to present during a future agenda.

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

A. Correspondence - see attached

B. Ongoing Discovery Process

1. Presentation from the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission regarding Transportation Demand Management – George Dondero, executive Director and Tegan Speiser, Senior Transportation Planner

2. PPT Presentation from Transportation and Parking Services, UCSC regarding the campus TDM program by Larry Pagelar, Director.

Discussion of TDM continued to next meeting in July.

C. Status of Committee activities

1. Green Building Task Force – Sarris/Johnson. Quarterly meeting notes from June 11th referenced. Next meeting is September 11. Johnson provided roster of previous attendees to Commissioners.
2. Climate Action Compact Working Group – Rosewall/Johnson. Johnson briefly discussed previous monthly meeting focusing on cooperative projects. Meetings are the 4th Thursday of each month.
3. Legislative Recommendations or Updates – Schlenger/Haifley/Adelman/Stokes. Liz Leavey gave presentation on the evolution of her proposal under Simitian's "There ought to be a Law" program, which is SB425 and involves trip reduction laws for companies of 100+ employees.

D. Timing and agenda for a joint meeting with the Santa Cruz County Water Commission – Herbert. Item continued to July 2009 agenda.

E. Set July 22 Agenda. Proposed items:

Rep. Farr's District Director Alec Arrao on Waxman cap and trade bill; Joint meeting with Water Commission (agenda and timing) – Herbert; discussion follow up on Transportation Demand Management; consideration of draft recommendation to the Board on strategy to evaluate County of Santa Cruz Greenhouse Gas and Economic Development policies and programs – Johnson/Rosewall; various committee reports.

F. Roundtable/announcements

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by consensus at 7:19 p.m. Next meeting is July 22, 2009.