



# County of Santa Cruz

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### AGENDA

Regular Meeting – September 23, 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 - August 26, 2009

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

**A. Correspondence** - see attached list

CAO Response – clarification on information in the August 11 Solar Santa Cruz County Report to the Board (Johnson)

**B. Discovery Process presentation - Joel Kaufman, Local Solar Expert**

Snapshot of a typical Central Coast residence and commercial property on energy usage, solar feasibility and cost justification in the context of financing the system through a Special Finance District.

**C. Request from UCSC regarding the Committee on Sustainability and Stewardship - (Rosewall)**

**D. Status of Committee Activities:**

1. Green Building Task Force (Sarris/Johnson)
  - September 11, 2009 meeting canceled due to local government furloughs
2. Climate Action Compact Working Group (Johnson/Rosewall)
  - August 27<sup>th</sup> notes and next meeting date/time agenda
3. Legislative Committee (Schlenger/Haifley/Adelman/Stokes)
  - Status -- 3<sup>rd</sup> session of 2009 State Legislative Session
  - Ideas for consideration during 2010 Legislative Session

**E. Status report - County's proposed Green Building Program.**

(Tom Burns/Mark Deming)

**F. County Climate Action Strategy -- Discuss draft document toward making recommendations to the Board and/or next steps. (Johnson/Rosewall)**

### **G. Upcoming United Way Community Assessment Project Annual Event**

Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am until noon, lunch is served. Scotts Valley Community Center. Celebrating the 2009 Santa Cruz Community Heroes. The 2009 CAP report will also highlight the County COE as a community group “making a difference” in meeting the Natural Environment CAP goals.

### **H. Upcoming Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission workshop**

SCCRTC will host a team from Portland, Oregon to present a workshop on the new program they are developing: Sustainable Transportation and Access Rating System (STARS, program intended to be the transportation counterpart to the LEED system for buildings, and will be considered as a tool to help inform the RTC projects currently being developed on Hwy 1. October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12 noon at 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz.

### **I. Set future agendas and prioritize future “Discovery Process” presentations.**

#### **Proposed items:**

- (1) October – confirm agenda for joint session with Water Commission
- (2) December – Draft 2009 report to the Board and proposed 2010 work plan
- (3) 2010 agenda priorities, including Committee activities
- (4) Confirm interest in future “Discovery Process” as listed below and discuss any other requests from Commissioners for informational presentations:
  - a. County ICLEI inventory report
  - b. Amendments to local logging protocols resulting in more reduction of GhG
  - c. 2009/2010 update to the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan presented by the SCCRTC, George Dondero.
  - d. Discussion with SCCRTC and UCSC staff regarding TDM presentation to the COE at 6/24/09 meeting and next steps.
  - e. Results of CARB’s Regional Target Advisory Committee work regarding GhG reduction criteria for local regions. (Invite CARB staff to present?).
  - f. Bill Meyer biomass conversion technology presentation.
  - g. John Ricker, County Environmental Health on State grey water building code
  - h. Dr. Daniel Press, Department Chair, Environmental Studies at UCSC; regarding carbon cap and trade and renewable energy credits. (January)

### **J. Commissioner Announcements and Roundtable Discussion**

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next regular meeting - Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 5 pm. This meeting will be a joint meeting with the Santa Cruz County Water Advisory Commission.**

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