



# County of Santa Cruz

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## COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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### MINUTES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Board of Supervisors Chambers – 701 Ocean Street

Time: 5:00 p.m.

#### I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Johnson at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Dan Haifley; Virginia Johnson, Sharon Sarris, Laura Kasa; Alan Schlenger; Betsy Herbert; Kenneth Adelman and Tom Rosewall.

Absent: Robert Stokes and Len Beyea.

Staff: Nancy Gordon

Other County staff: Bob Kennedy

#### II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

none

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – upon motion of Schlenger, second by Kasa, minutes of March 2010 approved, with two abstentions (Rosewall and Adelman).

#### IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

none

#### V. BUSINESS MATTERS

- A. Presentation by John Doughty, AMBAG Executive Director, with update on the AMBAG regional program to develop GhG profiles and community-wide Climate Action Plans for each jurisdiction in the tri-County area, and planned process for assigning/determining GhG reduction goals to each jurisdiction.

During oral comments, community member Dave Reid addressed the Commission.

- B. UCSC Committee on Sustainability and Stewardship (Schlenger)  
Schlenger reported that he had attended campus meeting on April 27. Draft report has been released for comment to campus constituents. Objective is to have final edition of sustainability plan ready by end of summer.

- C. Single Use Bag Ban (Schlenger and Kasa)  
Kasa provided an update of Board of Supervisors actions that included directing Public Works to begin the CEQA process. In discussion, commissioners asked

that the minutes reflect their appreciation of the work performed by the Integrated Waste Task Force in this effort.

D. Updates from Commissioners

- (1) Climate Action Compact Working Group (Johnson)- Johnson reported meeting would be held on 4/29, with topics to include discussion regarding the establishment of a community green fund.
- (2) Monterey Regional Development Committee (Johnson) – Johnson reported on proposal development with the Strategic Growth Council. Recent submissions include urban greening projects due to availability of grant funds in that subject area.

E. Status of ARRA funding requests (Gordon)

Gordon reported that the CEC has approved the County's block grant application; official notification is still pending.

F. Legislative recommendations

Gordon reported that the Board of Supervisors would consider support of AB 1998 and SB 722 at their May 4 meeting. Commissioners discussed AB 2139 and SB 1100 recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. On motion of Haifley, second by Sarris, motion passed unanimously. Gordon will prepare letter for chair's signature.

G. Artificial Turf Committee – possible membership nomination

Gordon offered letter from Board on invitation to join the Artificial Turf Committee, with appointment information needed by Board by June 7. Following discussion regarding potential Commission involvement, the item was continued to next agenda for action.

H. Annual Election of Officers – Chair and Vice Chair

Following nomination by Kasa, second by Sarris, Dan Haifley was elected the Commission's Chair. Following nomination by Johnson, second by Herbert, Alan Schlenger was elected the Commission's Vice Chair.

Johnson was thanked for her outstanding work as Chair of the Commission.

I. Set May 26, 2010 agenda

Items to include presentation by Dr. Lisa Sloan (invitations to be extended to Fish and Game Advisory Commission, Water Advisory Commission and Emergency Management Council), update from Bill Monning's staff on state environmental legislation and discussion on Artificial Turf Committee.

J. Commissioner Announcements

Herbert reported that the Land Trust is sponsoring a presentation on the Conservation Blueprint Project, to be held on 4/29 at 6 pm at the Seymour Center. Johnson reported that she would be meeting with County staff to facilitate next steps in the development of a local Climate Action Plan. She also provided brief update on the California First program, which is the largest of its kind in the US; launch date is targeted for end of the summer 2010. Sarris reported that the electric vehicle grant awards have been postponed by the state due to workload.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:37 pm. Next regular meeting is May 26, 2010.