



# County of Santa Cruz

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## COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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**Regular Meeting – Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

**Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chambers**

**701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Zoom link: <https://santacruzcounty-us.zoomgov.com/j/1600303421>**

**Telephone 669 254 5252 Meeting ID 160 030 3421**

### **I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call

### **II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Minutes of July 31, 2024, September 25, 2024, November 20, 2024, and January 29, 2025 meetings

### **IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION**

### **V. BUSINESS MATTERS**

#### **A. Presentation from Community Development and Infrastructure (CDI) – 30-minute presentation – 15-minute Questions & Answers**

**CAAP Objective 1: Eliminate fossil fuel use in new buildings.** – By 2030, fossil fuel use in new building will be reduced by 8,018 MT COE<sub>2e</sub>, as measured by GHG inventory

**CAAP Objective 3: Eliminate fossil fuel use in residential buildings** – By 2030, achieve a 15% (16,357 MT COE<sub>e</sub>) reduction in the consumption of natural gas in existing residential buildings, as measured by GHG Inventory.

**CAAP Objective 4: Eliminate fossil fuel use in commercial buildings.** – By 2030, achieve 15% (8,564 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e) reduction in consumption of natural gas in existing commercial buildings, as measured by GHG inventory.

**CAAP Objective 7: Reduce vehicle miles traveled through higher density zoning for housing development along transit corridors and optimize use of remote work** – By 2028, reduce unincorporated vehicle miles traveled by 20%, as measured by overall county VMT

**B. Presentation from Central Coast Community Energy-**  
**30-minute presentation – 15-minute Questions & Answers**

Rob Shaw, 3CE Chief Executive Officer and Das Williams, Senior Advisor, Policy and Legislative Affairs

**Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)-** Informational presentation and overview of BESS and its relationship to renewable energy and decarbonizing the grid.

**C. 3CE & Podcast Updates- Kris Damhorst**

**D. Biennial Report of the Commission on the Environment**

**Next COE meeting date May 28, 2025**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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