



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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Minutes

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Board of Supervisors Chambers

701 Ocean St., 5th Floor, Santa Cruz, CA

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Call to Order 5:05 pm

Present: Commissioners Orbuch, Wise-West, Hunt, Clark, Johnson, Kippen, Culbertson

Absent: Commissioners Pepping, Bruce

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Staff reviewed County protest of BLM RMPA for Oil and Gas Leasing and Development

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of May 22, 2019 Meeting

Motion to approve by Commissioner Clark, second by Commissioner Hunt

Ayes: Unanimous

Abstain: Commissioner Culbertson

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

- A. Election of Vice Chair (Commission, 10 minutes)

Motion by Commissioner Orbuch to nominate Commissioner Culbertson as Vice Chair

Second by Commissioner Clark

Ayes: Unanimous

- B. Update on Plastics Regulation (Tim Goncharoff, 20 minutes)

An updated was provided by staff and the Commissioners provided comments

Three (3) members of the public spoke in favor of plastics regulation

C. Legislative Update (Tim Goncharoff, 20 minutes)

An update was provided by staff and Commissioners questions and comments were address by staff

D. Climate Action Manager Letter (Commission 20 minutes)

Motion by Commissioner Orbuch, second by Commissioner Hunt to direct the Chair to send the letter as drafted to the Board of Supervisors

E. Proactive discussion regarding net new issues (Commission, 15 minutes)

- Discussion of issues identified
- Action on whether to agendize for a future COE meeting
- Possible future agenda topics:
 - Work Plan items
 - Staff reports back to the COE from prior COE actions
 - State and Federal legislation
 - Ad hoc Inter-Commission coordination

Discussion of HR 763 Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019

Motion by Commissioner Orbuch, second by Commissioner Johnson to direct staff to invite representative from Citizens Climate Lobby to present to the Commission at the September meeting information on carbon fee and dividend, and direct staff to invite Commissioner Bruce to present information on the California cap and trade system.

Discussion of advancement of 5G technology – no action

Discussion of agendas for the Water Advisory Commission and Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn at approximately 7:05 p.m.