



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, September 25, 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 at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Pepping, Wise West, Kippen, Gregorio, Culbertson, Johnson, Bruce
Absent: Commissioner Orbuch, Hunt, Clark

Introduction of new Commissioner Tony Gregorio.

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Continued to next meeting

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

A. Climate Action Manager Letter (Commissioner Johnson 15 minutes)

Commissioner Johnson announced an item on the Board of Supervisors agenda October 8, 2019 recommended by Supervisors McPherson and Leopold directing the CAO to investigate establishing a Climate Action Manager position and report back to the Board by October 24, 2019.

B. Commissioner Update (Commissioner Johnson – 15 minutes)

Commissioner Johnson announce her resignation from the commission and introduced her replacement to be recommended for appointment by the Board of Supervisors on October 8, 2019. Beth Trenchard addressed the commission about her appointment.

C. Presentation on CA Cap and Trade System (Commissioner Bruce – 30 minutes)

Commissioner Bruce gave a presentation on the California Cap and Trade system.

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

- Discussion of issues identified
- Action on whether to agendaize 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

The following topic were discussed for future agenda items:

Carbon fee and dividend legislation
City of Santa Cruz Resilient Coast project
MBCP Electrification Strategic Plan and micro-grids
PG&E Public Safety Power Shut-Off Program
Master Calendar items

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn at 6:20