



# County of Santa Cruz

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## COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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### MINUTES

**Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

**Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Board of Supervisors Chambers**

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

**(In-person meeting only, no virtual option available)**

#### **I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

A. Call to Order

*Call to order at approximately 5:08 PM*

B. Roll Call

*Present: Commissioners Weiss, Hunt, Woonink, Perez, Culbertson,  
Damhorst Johnson*

*Absent: Commissioners Camacho, Ramon*

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

*Staff informed the Commission the previously authorized letter from the Chair to the Board of Supervisors regarding support for the work of CORA was submitted to the Board of Supervisors.*

*Item V.B. was cancelled*

*Staff presented the 2024 meeting schedule of regular Commission meetings*

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

A. Minutes of November 8, 2023 meeting

*Motion by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Hunt to approve the November 8, 2023 meeting minutes*

*Ayes: Commissioners Weiss, Hunt, Woonink, Perez, Culbertson, Damhorst, Johnson*

*Abstain: Commissioner Johnson*

*Absent: Commissioners Ramon, Camacho*

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

##### **V. BUSINESS MATTERS**

A. County Commission Restructuring (staff, 20 minutes)

*Staff presented a revised purpose statement for the Commission and provided explanation in the context of the overall commission restructuring project*

B. CAAP-Related: Regional Climate Project Working Group Grants and Climate Internship Program (staff, 20 minutes)

*This item was deleted*

C. SB 54 Plastic Producer Responsibility (Commissioner Damhorst, 20 minutes)

*Commissioner Damhorst provided information to the Commission regarding this recently enacted state legislation*

D. CORA Recommendations Regarding Pesticides (Commissioner Damhorst, 20 minutes)

*The Commission voted unanimously to refer CORA to the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission (APAC) as the appropriate venue to address County policy regarding pesticide use*

E. 3CE Report (Commissioner Damhorst, 10 minutes)

*Commissioner Damhorst provided updates*

F. COE Podcast (Commissioner Damhorst, 10 minutes)

*Commissioner Damhorst provided updates*

G. Attendance Report to Board of Supervisors (staff, 5 minutes)  
*Staff reviewed the attendance report for 2023 meetings to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors*

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM*

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