



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, July 30, 2025

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Technical Workshop – Battery Energy Storage Systems

Location:

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chambers

701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:00pm

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Hunt, Ramon, Nakahara, Perez, Culbertson, Damhorst

Absent: Commissioners Weiss, Woonink, Burns

C. Overview of workshop purpose, future workshop meeting dates/topics and time management for tonight's workshop (Chair Damhorst)

Chair Damhorst provided an overview of the workshops

II. Tonight's Workshop Topics

A. Presentation from Scott Murtishaw Executive Director of the California Energy Storage Alliance (45 minutes)

Mr. Murtishaw gave a presentation on Non-Lithium Energy Storage Technologies and responded to questions from the Commission and members of the public

No action taken

B. Presentation from Mike Nicholas Energy Storage Specialist & Fire Consultant with Hiller Companies: Battery Technology: Function and Future (45 minutes)

*Mr. Nicholas gave a presentation on Battery Energy Storage: Getting to Yes and responded to questions from Commissioners and members of the public
No action taken*

III. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00pm