



County of Santa Cruz

COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Chambers

701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

A. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm

B. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Weiss, Hunt, Perez, Culbertson, Damhorst, Burns

Absent: Woonink, Ramon, Nakahara

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of March 26th meeting

IV. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

Commissioners acknowledged the retirement from the Commission of Gine Johnson

Gine Johnson addressed the Commission.

V. BUSINESS MATTERS

A. Presentation from Information Services Department (ISD) – Tammie Weigl – 20 minutes

CAAP Objective 11: Increase internet connectivity access. – By 2030, 95% of households within Internet Service Provider coverage areas (physical access to

broadband internet service), will have an internet subscription, as measured by % of households with an internet subscription.

Tammy Weigle, Director, Information Services Department, provided a presentation on efforts to increase internet connectivity in the County.

Commissioners provided discussion and asked questions.

No action taken

B. Presentation from General Services Department – Megan Reilly – 40 minutes

CAAP Objective 2: Eliminate fossil fuel use in new and existing County facilities with efficient electric equipment.

CAAP Objective 8: Eliminate fossil fuel use from the County vehicle fleet.

CAAP Objective 9: Eliminate fossil fuel use from passenger and commercial vehicles.

CAAP Objective 22: Build and rehabilitate County infrastructure to accommodate extreme weather.

Megan Reilly, Deputy Director, General Services Department, provided a presentation on departmental CAAP Objectives.

Commissioners provided discussion and asked questions.

One member of the public provided comments

No action taken

C. Brief Overview of John Laird’s SB 283 regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

Doug Subers of the California Professional Firefighters provided an overview of SB 283

Commissioners discussed the legislation and the issues surrounding it

One member of the public provided comments

No action taken

D. Discussion of upcoming COE meeting dates and agenda items.

Chair Damhorst introduced an upcoming series of technical workshops on BESS.

No action taken

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm