County of Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz County Community Corrections Partnership

DRAFT MINUTES

July 23, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Santa Cruz County Probation Offices – Training Room
303 Water Street. Suite. 9, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

The three goals of the Santa Cruz County Community Corrections Partnership are:

I. *Establish an array of **effective alternatives to incarceration** to address the impacts that the realigned population will have on the county jail in order to avert crowding and poor conditions of confinement without jeopardizing public safety outcomes;*

II. *Implement **Evidence-Based Probation Supervision** that properly assesses risk factors associated with recidivism and provides effective probation interviewing, case planning, and community supervision to ensure public safety and reduce recidivism; and*

III. *Develop community partnerships for **effective intervention services** that adhere to the principles of evidence-based practices for maximum recidivism reduction.*

If you would like the full packet which includes material distributed during the Community Corrections Partnership meeting, please contact Gerardo Leon at PRB1150@santacruzcountyca.gov.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m.

District Attorney's Office	Tara George, Chief Deputy District Attorney *
Health Services Agency	Connie Moreno-Peraza, Director of Health Services Agency *
Sheriff's Office	Brian Cleveland, Chief Deputy of Corrections *
Probation Department	Sandra Mendez, Chief Probation Officer *
Public Defender	Mara Hickey, Chief Public Defender Investigator *
Superior Court of Santa Cruz	Sasha Morgan, Court Executive Officer *
Capitola Police Department	Sarah Ryan, Chief of Police * (absent)
County Office of Education	Faris Sabbah, Superintendent of Schools (absent)
Health Services Agency	Casey Swank, Director of Substance Use Disorders Programs (absent)
District Attorney's Office	Laura Espindola, Manager of Victim Witness Assistance Program
Human Services Department	Randy Morris, Director of Human Services Department (absent)
County Executive Office	Nicole Coburn, County Executive Officer
Human Services Department	Andrew Stone, Director of Workforce Investment Board (absent)
Santa Cruz Volunteer Center	Shawn Peterson, Executive Director (absent)

*Denotes voting member

Proxy: Tara George is proxy for District Attorney Jeff Rosell, Mara Hickey is proxy for Public Defender Heather Rogers, Brian Cleveland is proxy for Sheriff-Coroner Chris Clark

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from the CCP meeting held September 23, 2026

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Motion: Chief Deputy Cleveland **Second:** Moreno-Peraza
Comments: None Public Comments: None
Yes: Hickey, Morgan, Mendez, Moreno-Peraza, Cleveland, George
No: None
Abstain: None

Motion Passed

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

A couple public comments were made by the public.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Report from the Chair, including update on Assistant Chief Probation Officer transition: Chief Probation Officer Sandra Mendez

   Chief Mendez gave an update on the recent changes in the Probation Department including the selection of new Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Jose Flores.

2. Report on Proposition 47 Cohort IV grant program: Director of Mental Health Services Dr. Marni Sandoval

   Please see attached PowerPoint. Available upon request.

3. Report on CAFES Program (Proposition 47 Cohort III): Assistant Division Director Hugo Calderon

   Asst. Division Director Calderon gave an update on the ending of Prop 47 Cohort III/CAFES and how Probation will navigate continuing to provide these services.

4. Presentation – Mobile Tattoo Removal Experts (MTRE) services provider and showcase of MTRE's van: Alessa Giansante

5. Please see attached PowerPoint. Available upon request.

V. ACTION ITEMS
No Action Items

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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