



County of Santa Cruz
Santa Cruz County Community Corrections Partnership
DRAFT MINUTES

(Agenda revised on 4/20/26 at 11:47 a.m.)

April 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.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m.

District Attorney's Office
Health Services Agency
Sheriff's Office
Probation Department
Public Defender
Superior Court of Santa Cruz
Capitola Police Department
County Office of Education
Health Services Agency

Tara George, Chief Deputy District Attorney *
Connie Moreno-Peraza, Director of Health Services Agency *
Chris Clark, Sheriff- Coroner * (absent)
Sandra Mendez, Chief Probation Officer *
Lori Quick, Law and Motions Supervisor *
Sasha Morgan, Court Executive Officer *
Sarah Ryan, Chief of Police *
Johnny Rice, Alternative Education Executive Director II
Casey Swank, Director of Substance Use Disorders Programs
(absent)

District Attorney's Office
Human Services Department
County Executive Office
Human Services Department
Santa Cruz Volunteer Center

Laura Espindola, Manager of Victim Witness Assistance Program
Kimberly Petersen, Asst. Director of Human Services Department
Nicole Coburn, County Executive Officer
Andrew Stone, Director of Workforce Investment Board (absent)
Karen Delaney, Executive Director (absent)

*Denotes voting member

Proxy: Tara George is proxy for District Attorney Jeff Rosell, Lori Quick is proxy for Public Defender Heather Rogers, Johnny Rice is proxy for Superintendent of Schools Faris Sabbah, and Kimberly Petersen is proxy for Human Services Department Director Randy Morris

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from the CCP meeting held September 23, 2025

Motion: George

Second: Moreno-Peraza

Comments: None

Public Comments: None

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Yes: Quick, Mendez, Moreno-Peraza, Ryan, George

No: None

Abstain: Morgan

Motion Passed

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Division Director, Sarah Fletcher shared that CAFES Cohort III had a no-cost extension and will continue through June 2026. A full report will be given at the next Community Corrections Partnership meeting.

County Executive Officer, Nicole Coburn announced that Asst. Chief Probation Officer Valerie Thompson will be retiring at the end of June 2026 and thanked her for her work, impact, and contributions throughout her career.

Adult Division Director, Sara Berman introduced herself and shared that she and Juvenile Hall Division Director Sarah Fletcher recently rotated divisions.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation and Request for one-time Bridge Funding for Family Justice Center from AB109 Treatment Carryover Funds:
Asst. District Attorney, Tara George, presented – along with Walnut Avenue Family and Women’s Center Executive Director, Julie Macecevic requested one-time bridge funding of \$47,000.

Please see PowerPoint presentation. (Available upon request)

Motion: Moreno-Peraza **Second:** Chief Ryan

Comments: Several comments in support of the funding were made by the council.

Public Comments: Several comments in support of the Family Justice Center were made by the public.

Yes: Quick, Mendez, Moreno-Peraza, Ryan, George

No: None

Abstain: Morgan

Motion Passed

2. Request for one-time Funding for Juvenile Hall Plumbing:
Juvenile Hall Division Director, Sarah Fletcher presented and requested one-time funding of \$300,000 for plumbing upgrades and facility improvements to meet California Title 15 requirements.

Please see PowerPoint presentation. (Available upon request)

Motion: Moreno-Peraza **Second:** George

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Comments: A council member asked if the work would cover all of the plumbing at Juvenile Hall. Another council member requested to know the balance of the AB 109 Treatment Funds.

Public Comments: None.

Yes: Quick, Mendez, Moreno-Peraza, Ryan, George

No: None

Abstain: Morgan

Motion Passed

3. Re-establishing the Community Education Engagement Workgroup:
Volunteer Center Executive Director, Karen Delaney, was unavailable to attend. Director of Impact and Programs, Shawn Peterson, presented and asked to re-establish the Community Education Engagement Workgroup and asked for 4-6 volunteers to join the group. Mr. Peterson will send out a formal request and report back in two weeks.

Please see PowerPoint presentation. (Available upon request)

Motion: Morgan

Second: George

Comments: A council member asked if the work would be for all of the plumbing at Juvenile Hall. Another council member requested to know the balance of the AB 109 Treatment Funds.

Public Comments: None.

Yes: Quick, Morgan, Mendez, Moreno-Peraza, Ryan, George

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Report from the Chair, including update on Chief Probation Officer transition:
Chief Probation Officer, Sandra Mendez, introduced herself and shared some of the transitions happening in the department. Chief Mendez congratulated Asst. Chief Thompson on her retirement and thanked her for all her work.
2. Information Regarding Mobile Tattoo Removal Services Provider, and Possibility of Future Funding Request to the CCP:
Chief Probation Officer, Sandra Mendez, shared a synthesis about a mobile tattoo removal services provider in Madera County that her former agency contracted with. Chief Mendez highlighted the great work and positive impact it had on their clients and the community.

Chief Mendez noted Probation will look to bring these services to Santa Cruz County and may formally request funding from the CCP at a future meeting and/or open a Request for Proposals.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

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