



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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## WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION

701 OCEAN STREET, ROOM 312, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060  
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## AGENDA

### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Wednesday October 3, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

Fifth Floor Conference Room, Room 520 - County Governmental Center  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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A. OPENING

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 1, 2018

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on matters that are within the Commission's area of responsibility, but not on today's agenda.

D. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Opportunity for Commissioners to report on matters that are not on today's agenda.

E. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – \*indicates items for discussion

1. Pajaro Valley Groundwater Management Issues
2. Santa Margarita Groundwater Management Issues
3. Water Conservation Efforts, Countywide
4. Update on County Water Resource Management Efforts
5. Mid-County Water Issues
6. County Commission on the Environment
7. Update on Conjunctive Use and Groundwater Recharge Efforts
8. Karst protection zone proposal
9. Environmental Code Compliance
10. Water Supply Planning
11. County-wide Drought Response
12. Water Advisory Commission Attendance, Role, and Work Program
13. Cannabis Cultivation
14. Update to County Code Chapter 2.96, Water Advisory Commission
15. Potential Watermaster to Enforce Soquel Creek Adjudication
16. Updates to County Septic System Ordinance and Management Program

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Consideration of Implications Court Case Regarding Public Trust Impacts of Groundwater Extraction:** <https://www.sacbee.com/news/state/california/water-and-drought/article218300410.html>

**I. INFORMATION AGENDA**

**J. CORRESPONDENCE**

**K. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTION ON ITEMS AFFECTING WATER:**

**August 28, 2018, # 44 –**

[DOC-2018-735 : Authorize annual cost shares in the amount of \\$119,042 to Mid-County Groundwater Agency, and \\$64,724 to Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency for Fiscal Year 2018-19; approve agreement with Balance Hydrologics Inc., in the amount of \\$67,000, for groundwater and streamflow monitoring, and take related actions, as recommended by the Interim Director of Health Services](#)

**September 18, 2018, #6 –**

[DOC-2018-788 : Public hearing to consider report on the Year 2019 Growth Goal, refer the matter to the Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation to the Board, and continue the public hearing to establish the Year 2019 Growth Goal to December 11, 2018, as recommended by the Planning Director](#)

**September 18, 2018, #27 –**

[DOC-2018-770 : Adopt resolution in support of Proposition 3, the Water Infrastructure and Watershed Conservation Bond Initiative, and direct the Clerk of the Board to distribute the resolution as indicated, as recommended by Supervisor McPherson and Supervisor Friend](#)

**September 18, 2018, #33 –**

[DOC-2018-776 : Authorize fixed asset purchase of replacement mechanical water quality analysis system for Environmental Health Water Quality Laboratory; and approve transfer of budget appropriations in the amount of \\$20,000, as recommended by the Interim Director of Health Services](#)

**September 25, 2018, #6 –**

[DOC-2018-819 : Consider ordinance amending Chapters 1.01, 1.06, 1.08, 2.02, 2.03, 2.04, 2.06, 2.10, 2.12, 2.18, 2.24, 2.40, 2.42, 2.45, 2.54, 2.56, 2.58, 2.60, 2.64, 2.70, 2.78, 2.80, 2.90, 2.92, 2.96, 2.117, 2.121, 2.122, and 2.124 of the Santa Cruz County Code, to address miscellaneous code provisions, correct typographical errors, and update agency titles and statutory references; to return on the next available agenda for final adoption, as outlined in the memorandum of County Counsel](#)

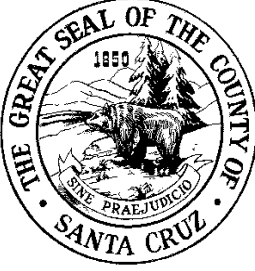
**K. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**L. ADJOURNMENT:**

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PLEASE CONTACT JOHN RICKER, (831) 454-2750, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

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## MINUTES

### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Wednesday August 1, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

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#### A. OPENING

1. Call to Order: 4:02 PM

#### 2. Roll Call:

Present: Hamilton-Monkerud, Wilson, Berry, Gregorio, Sharp, Edgemon  
Absent: Wilson (excused)  
Staff: Mark Strudley, Public Works: John Ricker, Environmental Health

#### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 6, 2018

**Motion:** Moved by Hamilton-Monkerud, seconded by Gregorio, approved unanimously, with modification to the June 6 minutes to indicate that "Discussed but No Action" instead of "No Action".

#### C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mark Strudley introduced himself as the manager of the countywide Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

#### D. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

*Discussed but No Action*

#### E. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Discussed but No Action*

Information was provided on the *Connecting the Drops* event in early February, and a recent announcement from DWR that all three regional GSAs are recommended for Prop 1 grant funding.

#### F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – \*indicates items for discussion

1. Pajaro Valley Groundwater Management Issues *Discussed but No Action*
2. Santa Margarita Groundwater Management Issues *Discussed but No Action*
3. Water Conservation Efforts, Countywide *Discussed but No Action*
4. Update on County Water Resource Management Efforts *No discussion*
5. Mid-County Water Issues *Discussed but No Action*
6. County Commission on the Environment *Discussed but No Action*
7. Update on Conjunctive Use and Groundwater Recharge Efforts *Discussed but No Action*
8. Karst protection zone proposal *Discussed but No Action*

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| 9. Environmental Code Compliance                            | <i>Discussed but No Action</i> |
| 10. Water Supply Planning                                   | <i>Discussed but No Action</i> |
| 11. County-wide Drought Response                            | <i>No discussion</i>           |
| 12. <u>Water Advisory Commission Role and Work Program*</u> | <i>Discussed but No Action</i> |
| 13. Cannabis Cultivation                                    | <i>Discussed but No Action</i> |

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Update to County Code Chapter 2.96, Water Advisory Commission\* (Attached)  
Motion by Gregorio, Second by Sharp passed unanimously to support the changes to the Chapter 2.96 recommended by staff.
2. Pure Water Soquel Draft Environmental Impact Report\* *Discussed but No Action*  
<https://www.soquelcreekwater.org/PWS-CEQA>
3. Updates to County Septic System Ordinance and Management Program\* *Discussed but No Action*

**H. INFORMATION AGENDA**

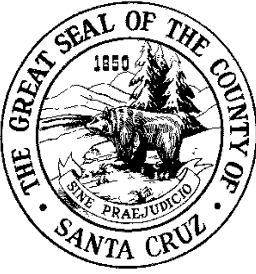
**I. CORRESPONDENCE**

**J. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTION ON ITEMS AFFECTING WATER**

**K. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**L. ADJOURNMENT: at 5:57 pm**

Minutes Prepared by: John Ricker, EH Staff



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### MINUTES

#### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Wednesday June 6, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

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#### A. OPENING

1. **Call to Order:** 4:02 PM

2. **Roll Call:**

Present: Hamilton-Monkerud, Wilson, Berry, Gregorio, Sharp

Absent: Edgemon,

Staff: John Ricker, Kristen Kittleson; Environmental Health

3. **Election of Officers: Chair and Vice-Chair\***: Motion by Wilson, seconded by Gregorio, approved unanimously to elect Berry the Chair and Wilson the Vice-Chair

#### B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 7, 2018, April 4, 2018

**Motion:** Moved by Berry, seconded by Sharp, approved unanimously, with modification to the April 4 minutes to include under I.3. the letter from the Water Advisory Commission to the Board of Supervisors

#### C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Taj Dufour of Soquel Creek Water District reported on imminent availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Pure Water Soquel project. He also reported on a private agricultural well going salty in the San Andreas Road area near Sand Dollar Beach.

#### D. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Question about ways to improve commissioner attendance.

*Discussed but No Action*

#### E. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information was provided on the *Connecting the Drops* event in early February, and a recent announcement from DWR that all three regional GSAs are recommended for Prop 1 grant funding.

*Discussed but No Action*

#### F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – \*indicates items for discussion

1. **Pajaro Valley Groundwater Management Issues**

*No discussion*

2. **Santa Margarita Groundwater Management Issues**

*No discussion*

3. **Water Conservation Efforts, Countywide**

*No discussion*

4. **Update on County Water Resource Management Efforts**

*No discussion*

5. **Mid-County Water Issues**

*No discussion*

- 6. **County Commission on the Environment** *No discussion*
- 7. **Update on Conjunctive Use and Groundwater Recharge Efforts** *No discussion*
- 8. **Karst protection zone proposal** *No discussion*
- 9. **Environmental Code Compliance** *No discussion*
- 10. **Water Supply Planning** *No discussion*
- 11. **County-wide Drought Response** *No discussion*
- 12. **Water Advisory Commission Role and Work Program\*** *No discussion*
- 13. **Cannabis Cultivation**
- 14. **Riparian Corridor Protection and Management\***: *Discussed but No Action*  
Presentation by Kristen Kittleson on County Efforts
- 15. **Groundwater, streamflow, fish and groundwater dependent ecosystems\*** *Discussed but No Action*

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. **Potential Watermaster to Enforce Soquel Creek Adjudication \*** *Discussed but No Action*
- 2. **Water Supply Requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units\*** *Discussed but No Action*

**H. INFORMATION AGENDA**

**I. CORRESPONDENCE**

**J. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTION ON ITEMS AFFECTING WATER:**

- a. May 8, 2018, #23 - Approve amendment to agreement with San Lorenzo Valley Water District, in the amount of \$109,940, for a new total of \$127,240, to develop a San Lorenzo Watershed Conjunctive Use Plan, and take related actions, as recommended by the Director of Health Services
- b. May 8, 2018, #19 - Approve agreement with Hydrometrics Water Resources, Inc., in the amount of \$85,695 to conduct hydrologic modeling for the Mid-County Groundwater Basin, and take related actions, as recommended by the Director of Health Services
- c. May 8, 2018, #18 - Adopt resolution confirming the established benefit assessments/service charges for County Service Area Number 12, Wastewater Management (CSA 12) for fiscal year 2018-19, adopt resolution setting the public hearing for June 12, 2018 on proposed FY 2018-19 Assessment/Service Charge Reports for CSA 12, and direct Clerk of the Board to publish notice of the public hearing, as recommended by the Director of Health Services

**K. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**L. ADJOURNMENT: at 6:01**

Minutes Prepared by: John Ricker, EH Staff