



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION

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AGENDA

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Wednesday December 4, 2019, 4:00 p.m.

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

A. OPENING

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 2, 2019

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 more in-depth discussion

1. Pajaro Valley Groundwater Management Issues
2. Santa Margarita Groundwater Management Issues
3. Mid-County Groundwater Mgt
4. County Environmental Code Compliance
5. Karst Protection and General Plan Update
6. Pajaro River Flood Control
7. Coordination with Other Commissions
8. Water Supply for Cannabis Operations
9. Water Advisory Commission Work Program and agenda streamlining

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Septic System Management
2. Report Back on Meeting Regarding Homeless and Water Quality
3. Potential introduction of beavers

H. INFORMATION AGENDA

I. CORRESPONDENCE

J. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTION ON ITEMS AFFECTING WATER:

1. October 8, 2019, Item 11:
[DOC-2019-816 : Public hearing to consider resolution amending the General Plan/Local Coastal Program Public Safety Element, Conservation and Open Space Element and CEQA Notice of Exemption determination; ordinance amending Santa Cruz County Code Chapters 16.10 Geologic Hazards, 16.13 Floodplain Regulations, 16.20 Grading Regulations, and 16.22 Erosion Control, continue the Board of Supervisors public hearing to November 5, \[\(amended by BOS\) December 10,\] 2019, and take related actions, as outlined in the memorandum of the Planning Director](#) *Approved as amended [Unanimous]*
11. [DOC-2019-816 : Public hearing to consider resolution amending the General Plan/Local Coastal Program Public Safety Element, Conservation and Open Space Element and CEQA Notice of Exemption determination; ordinance amending Santa Cruz County Code Chapters 16.10 Geologic Hazards, 16.13 Floodplain Regulations, 16.20 Grading Regulations, and 16.22 Erosion Control, continue the Board of Supervisors public hearing to November 5, \[\(amended by BOS\) December 10,\] 2019, and take related actions, as outlined in the memorandum of the Planning Director](#) *Approved as amended [Unanimous]*

K. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

L. ADJOURNMENT

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

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MINUTES

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A. OPENING

1. Call to Order: 4:03 PM

2. Roll Call:

Present: Hamilton-Monkerud, Wilson, Berry, Bobbe, Lockwood, Sharp

Absent:

Staff: John Ricker, Environmental Health; Mark Strudley, Public Works

Others: Becky Steinbruner

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 7, 2019

Motion: Moved by Hamilton-Monkerud, seconded by Bobbe, approved unanimously.

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

Comments were made regarding future topics for Commission discussion: the Water Resources Annual Status Report should be reviewed by the Commission, the Commission should discuss water rights including prescriptive rights

D. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Some Discussion but No Action

E. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – *indicates items for more in-depth discussion

1. Pajaro Valley Groundwater Management Issues* -

Commissioners discussed the Final EIR for College Lake project and next steps

2. Santa Margarita Groundwater Management Issues

Staff described progress in the Santa Margarita Groundwater Basin toward development of a groundwater sustainability plan.

3. Mid-County Groundwater Mgt*

Staff provided a brief update on the release and revision of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

4. County Environmental Code Compliance

No Discussion

5. Karst Protection

No Discussion

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| 6. Pajaro River Flood Control | <i>No Discussion</i> |
| 7. Coordination with Other Commissions | <i>No Discussion</i> |
| 8. Water Supply for Cannabis Operations | <i>No Discussion</i> |
| 9. Water Advisory Commission Work Program and agenda streamlining | <i>No Discussion</i> |

G. NEW BUSINESS

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| 1. <u>Monitoring and occurrence of PFAS</u> | <i>Discussion but no action</i> |
| 2. <u>CEC's and water quality impacts of septic systems</u> | <i>Discussion but no action</i> |
| 3. <u>Potential introduction of beavers</u> | <i>Discussion but no action</i> |

H. INFORMATION AGENDA

No Discussion

I. CORRESPONDENCE

No Discussion

J. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTION ON ITEMS AFFECTING WATER:

No Discussion

1. August 27, 2019, # 59.

[DOC-2019-665](#) : [Accept and file report on the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Mid-County Groundwater Basin, authorize expenditures in the amounts of \\$49,304 to the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency and \\$65,041.50 to the Mid-County Groundwater Agency as the County's contribution for Fiscal Year 2019-20, as recommended by the Director of Health Services](#) *Accepted and filed By Consent Vote [Unanimous]*

2. September 24, 2019, #10.

[7493](#) : [Public hearing to consider report on the Year 2020 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 2020 Growth Goal to December 10, 2019, as outlined in the memorandum of the Planning Director](#) *Continued the public hearing [Unanimous]*

3. September 24, 2019, #12.

[DOC-2019-782](#) : [Conduct study session to discuss the Sustainability Policy and Regulatory Update, review the scope and contents of the General Plan/Local Coastal Program policies and County Code amendments, and review how recent changes in state laws and County codes related to housing influence the effort, as outlined in the memorandum of the Planning Director](#) *Study Session*

K. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Constituents of Emerging Concern

L. ADJOURNMENT: at 5:55 pm

Minutes prepared by John Ricker, EH staff.