



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION

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AGENDA

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Wednesday February 3, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Please see information on meeting access and procedures on the last page.

- A. **OPENING**
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** December 16, 2020

- 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. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. **Presentation by Dr. Audrey Levine on the County Water Quality program and updated laboratory capabilities***

- G. **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
 - 10. **Septic System Management and draft Local Area Management Plan (LAMP)***
 - 11. **Fire Impacts on Water***
 - 12. **Homeless encampments and Water Issues***

G. INFORMATION AGENDA

H. CORRESPONDENCE

I. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTION ON ITEMS AFFECTING WATER:

Jan 26, 2021

11. [10035 : Consider the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement by and among the City of Watsonville, the County of Monterey, the County of Santa Cruz, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, and Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone No. 7, to form the Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency; authorize the Chair to sign the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement; consider the Indemnity Agreement regarding the Pajaro River Flood Risk Management Project; and authorize the Chair to sign the Indemnity Agreement, as outlined in the memorandum of the Deputy CAO/Director of Public Works](#)

37. [10095 : Approve agreement with Balance Hydrologics in the amount of \\$164,975.20 for the development and installation of a Monitoring Network to track success towards groundwater sustainability, and take related actions, as recommended by the Director of Health Services](#)

K. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

L. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE CONTACT SIERRA RYAN (831) 345-5202, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

Commissioner and Public Participation Information and Guidelines

Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health, the California Governor's Office, and Santa Cruz County Health Officer, in order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting will be held virtually. You will NOT be able to attend the meeting in person as per Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 and N-25-20.

The public may conference into the meeting by clicking the link below or calling in (audio only) using the Conference ID:

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- If disruptive sound is coming from your device/phone line, the moderator will mute your device and you will have to unmute yourself to participate.
- If you are dialing in by phone, press *9 to raise your hand and *6 to unmute yourself.

Commissioners are expected to join with a video camera. Public attendees may choose to have their cameras on or off.

Please join the meeting a few minutes BEFORE 4:00 pm so that we can start at 4:00 pm. Staff will open the video conference at 3:50 pm. Feel free to chat and say hello before 4:00 pm.

Meeting Roles and Rules:

- All meeting attendees should keep their microphones on mute unless they are speaking.
- Cherie Bobbe, Chair, will lead the meeting. Chair Bobbe will announce each agenda item, identify who will be leading an item and introduce discussion and public comment periods.
- Sierra Ryan, staff, will assist with roll call, note taking, and tracking who wants to speak. Please allow time for staff to make notes about any decisions. Sierra will monitor her email during the meeting.
- There will be a public comment period for each item and the Chair will invite the public to participate at the appropriate time.
- During a discussion, if 2 or more people speak at the same time, please defer to the person who speaks first. In any moment where we have some confusion due to multiple people wanting to speak, please pause and let the Chair take the lead. The Chair will call on someone to speak. Also please "raise your hand" to speak by clicking on the hand symbol in the upper right.
- If you are having any trouble joining you can send a message to Sierra (email sierra.ryan@santacruzcounty.us or text 831-345-5202. There will be a public comment period for each item. You can also contact Sierra on technical issues.



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MINUTES

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday December 16, 2020, 4:00 p.m.
Video Teams Meeting (See email invite for connection)

If you would like to participate in this meeting and have not received an invitation, send an email request to john.ricker@santacruzcounty.us

Please see information on meeting access and procedures on the last page.

A. OPENING

1. Call to Order: 4:10 PM

2. Roll Call:

Present: Monkerud, Wilson, Sharp, Berry, Lockwood, Largay (Departed at 5:30)

Absent: Bobbe (excused)

Staff: John Ricker, Sierra Ryan, Environmental Health

Others: Piret Harmon (Scotts Valley Water District; Tim Carson, Regional Water Management Foundation; Rose Marie McNair, Board of Realtors; Michael Lewis, Jean Brocklebank, Jessica; Hannah Hagemann, S.C. Sentinel; Becky Steinbruner attempted to join but had technical difficulties and submitted email comments.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 7, 2020 *Lockwood moved, Monkerud seconded, Approved unanimously (Berry abstained)*

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

D. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

E. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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| 1. <u>Pajaro Valley Groundwater Management Issues</u> – | No Discussion |
| 2. <u>Santa Margarita Groundwater Management Issues</u> – | No Discussion |
| 3. <u>Mid-County Groundwater Mgt</u> – | No Discussion |
| 4. <u>County Environmental Code Compliance</u> | No Discussion |
| 5. <u>Karst Protection and General Plan Update</u> | No Discussion |
| 6. <u>Pajaro River Flood Control</u> | No Discussion |
| 7. <u>Coordination with Other Commissions</u> | No Discussion |

- 8. **Water Supply for Cannabis Operations** *No Discussion*
- 9. **Water Advisory Commission Work Program and agenda streamlining** *No Discussion*
- 10. **Septic System Management and draft Local Area Management Plan (LAMP)***

[https://www.scceh.org/Home/Programs/LandUse,SewageDisposalWasteWaterManagement/LocalAreaManagementPlan\(LAMP\).aspx](https://www.scceh.org/Home/Programs/LandUse,SewageDisposalWasteWaterManagement/LocalAreaManagementPlan(LAMP).aspx)

Staff provided an update on progress of this effort, Commissioners and members of the Public offered comments. The possibility for holding a special Commission meeting to further discuss this topic was discussed, but is contingent on the overall schedule for follow up action and adoption. Staff will notify Commissioners in the next several days what the schedule will be. (Subsequent to the meeting, staff determined that the LAMP will not be considered by the Regional Board until at least April and there will be more time for discussion without a special meeting.)

- 11. **Potential Modification of Water Supply Watersheds in General Plan*** - *Staff met with a subcommittee of Chris Berry, Bryan Largay and Brian Lockwood, and forwarded individual comments to Planning Department Staff. There will be more opportunity for review and comment when the public draft comes out.*
- 12. **Fire Impacts on Water*** - *Staff and Commissioner Berry reported on preliminary results of water quality sampling of runoff from the fire are during the initial light storms. Some elevated levels of metals and PFAS were detected. Monitoring and dealing with impacts will be a learning experience. Concern was also expressed by the extensive tree-cutting being done by PG&E and the potential for damaging debris flows.*

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **Annual 2020 Water Resources Status Report – Draft*** - *Commissioners and members of the public offered comments on the draft Annual report that had been circulated prior to the meeting.*
- 2. **Homeless Encampments and Water Issues*** - *Tim Carson reported that the Central Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Group will be holding a mini-summit on issues regarding homeless communities and water resources, including both potential impacts and the need to provide homeless individuals adequate safe water supply and wastewater disposal capabilities. This is being funded through the Disadvantaged Community grant.*
- 3. **Caltrans herbicide application*** - *Commissioner Berry reported that there had been concerns expressed about Caltrans applying herbicide along Highway and potential impacts on water quality and fish in the San Lorenzo River. These applications have been done within the law and according to label instructions and the resource agencies can not take any action.*

H. INFORMATION AGENDA

No Discussion

I. CORRESPONDENCE

No Discussion

J. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTION ON ITEMS AFFECTING WATER:

No Discussion

October 6, 2020

- 19. [ORD-5350 : Adopt ordinance adding Chapter 16.13 to the Santa Cruz County Code to implement changes to the Local Coastal Program/General Plan relating to Floodplain Regulations \(approved in concept September 15, 2020\) Adopted By Consent Vote \[Unanimous\]](#)
- 20. [ORD-5351 : Adopt ordinance amending Chapter 16.20 of the Santa Cruz County Code, to implement changes to the Local Coastal Program/General Plan relating to Grading Regulations \(approved in concept September 15, 2020\) Adopted By Consent Vote \[Unanimous\]](#)
- 21. [ORD-5352 : Adopt ordinance amending Chapter 16.22 of the Santa Cruz County Code to implement changes to the Local Coastal Program/General Plan relating to Erosion Control \(approved in concept](#)

September 15, 2020 *Adopted By Consent Vote [Unanimous]*

40. DOC-2020-800 : Adopt resolution designating the Agricultural Commissioner to be the local public entity to receive funds allocated by the California Department of Food and Agriculture for implementation of the Pierce's Disease Control Program, its vectors and other designated pests and diseases, and take related actions, as recommended by the Agricultural Commissioner *Approved By Consent Vote [Unanimous]*

October 20, 2020

8. DOC-2020-874 : Consider adoption of an urgency ordinance adding Chapter 7.140 to the Santa Cruz County Code to establish a debris removal program related to the CZU August Lightning Complex Fires, as outlined in the memorandum of the Director of Health Services *Adopted [Unanimous]*

20. DOC-2020-821 : Accept and file quarterly report on Cannabis Licensing Office operations, and direct staff to return in January 2021 with the next quarterly report for fiscal year 2020-21, as recommended by the County Administrative Officer *Approved By Consent Vote [Unanimous]*

69. DOC-2020-871 : AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREEDOM COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT: Adopt resolution adopting the 2019 Pajaro River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, and take related actions, as recommended by the District Engineer *Adopted By Consent Vote [Unanimous]*

November 10, 2020

7. DOC-2020-915 : Consider adoption of an urgency ordinance adding Chapter 7.142 to the Santa Cruz County Code allowing the Director of Emergency Services to authorize clearance of stream channels on private property addressing immediate threats to life, health, and public safety related to debris flows stemming from the CZU August Lightning Complex Fires, as outlined in the memorandum of the Deputy CAO/Director of Public Works *Adopted [Unanimous]*

8. DOC-2020-919 : Consider report on the establishment of the Office of Response, Recovery and Resiliency (OR3), approve transfer of funds from Contingencies in the amount of \$600,959 for the OR3 in Fiscal Year 2020-21, approve addition of 2.0 full-time equivalent positions to staff OR3 programs and operations, and take related actions, as outlined in the memorandum of the County Administrative Officer *Approved [Unanimous]*

December 8, 2020

9. DOC-2020-1035 : Presentation of proclamation honoring Water Quality Division Director John Ricker on his retirement from the County of Santa Cruz, as outlined in the memorandum of Chairman Caput *Approved [Unanimous]*

12. DOC-2020-1041 : Continued public hearing to consider report on the Year 2021 Growth Goal (continued from October 6, 2020), adopt a resolution establishing a growth rate of 0.25% for Year 2021 in the unincorporated portion of the County, and authorize Planning staff to file the CEQA Notice of Exemption, as outlined in the memorandum of the Planning Director *Adopted [Unanimous]*
15. APPT-2020-20 : Consider final re-appointment of Thomas Broz to the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Board of Directors, for a term to expire November 30, 2022, (nomination accepted November 10, 2020) *Appointed [Unanimous]*
16. APPT-2020-21 : Consider final re-appointments of Michael Manfre, Howard Liebenberg, and John Ricker to the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County Board of Directors for terms to

[expire November 26, 2024 \(nominations accepted November 10, 2020\)](#) Appointed [Unanimous]

18. [DOC-2020-1038 : Consider resolution to support the County of Santa Cruz filing a formal complaint against PG&E with the California Public Utilities Commission, and take related actions, as outlined in the memorandum of Supervisor McPherson and Supervisor Coonerty](#) *Adopted [Unanimous]*
47. [DOC-2020-988 : Direct the Office of Response, Recovery and Resiliency \(OR3\) to investigate a project to increase fire safety on the north coast areas served by the City of Santa Cruz Water Department's treated water pipeline by considering to provide additional water supply facilities solely for fire-fighting purposes, as recommended by Supervisor Coonerty](#) *Approved By Consent Vote [Unanimous]*
59. [DOC-2020-1000 : Approve agreement with KISTERS North America in the amount of \\$149,500 for the development of a Regional Data Management System, and take related actions, as recommended by the Director of Health Services](#) *Approved By Consent Vote [Unanimous]*

K. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

L. ADJOURNMENT: at 6:00 pm

Minutes prepared by John Ricker, EH staff.