



PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 6, 2025

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 AM

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Manu Koenig, First District Supervisor Kimberly De Serpa, Second District Supervisor Justin Cummings, Third District Supervisor Monica Martinez, Fifth District Supervisor Felipe Hernandez, Fourth District Supervisor

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CONSIDERATION OF LATE ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA; ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS

Revision Sheet

Item 37 (Packet Pages 985-988 replaced)

4. ANNOUNCEMENT BY BOARD MEMBERS OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT TO REGULAR AGENDA

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

19 people addressed the Board in chambers

6 people addressed the Board via Zoom

6. ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 17-44)

REGULAR AGENDA

Scheduled and Regular Departmental items – 9:00 AM or thereafter

7. Hold a jurisdictional hearing to consider whether to take jurisdiction of appeal of Development Permit Application 221049, regarding a proposed wireless communication facility located at 186 Summit Drive (Assessor's Parcel Number 080-062-02), and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)

Actions:

1. Held a jurisdictional hearing to consider whether to take jurisdiction of the appeal of Application Number 221049, a proposed wireless communication facility;
2. Took jurisdiction of the appeal of Application Number 221049;
3. Scheduled a "de novo" public hearing for June 10, 2025;

4. Directed the Clerk of the Board to provide written notice as required by County Code Section 18.10.340(E)(1) and publish the Notice of Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation at least 21 days in advance of the public hearing; and
5. Directed Community Development and Infrastructure staff to provide additional notice as required by 18.10.117 (A) at least 10 calendar days prior to the hearing.

Failed Motion:

Directed staff to take jurisdiction of the appeal and refer the matter back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration, incorporating the new evidence provided by the Bonny Doon residents, and that the commission's decision be final and subject to a new appeal under Santa Cruz County Code section 18.10.340(D)(2).

RESULT:	Failed [0 to 0]
MOTION AND SECOND:	Cummings, De Serpa
AYES:	None
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Public Comment:

4 people addressed the Board in chambers
4 people addressed the Board via Zoom

RESULT:	Approved [4 to 1]
MOTION AND SECOND:	Koenig, Martinez
AYES:	Koenig, De Serpa, Martinez, Hernandez
NAYES:	Cummings
ABSTAIN:	None

8. Hold a jurisdictional hearing to consider whether to take jurisdiction of appeal of the incompleteness determination on Application 241450, a Minor Land Division and Coastal Development Permit to demolish an existing single family dwelling and construct three new dwellings on each of the newly formed parcels located at 22702 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz (Assessor Parcel Number 028-242-25), and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)

Actions:

1. Held a jurisdictional hearing to consider whether to take jurisdiction of appeal of the Planning Commission's action to uphold staff's incompleteness determination regarding Application 241450, a proposal to divide an approximately 16,200 square foot parcel into three parcels and construct a single-family dwelling on each of the newly created parcels at 22702 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz; and
2. Declined to take jurisdiction of the appeal of Application Number 241450.

Public Comment:

No one addressed the Board in chambers

2 people addressed the Board via Zoom

RESULT:	Approved [4 to 0]
MOTION AND SECOND:	Martinez, Cummings
AYES:	Cummings, Martinez, Hernandez
NAYES:	Koenig
ABSTAIN:	De Serpa

9. AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DAVENPORT COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT: Hold public hearing, adopt resolution setting 2025-26 water and sewer service charges, effective July 1, 2025, set a public hearing on June 10, 2025, at 9:00am or thereafter, to adopt a resolution confirming the water and sewer service charge reports, and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)

Actions:

1. Opened a public hearing and hear objections or protests, if any, to the proposed charges;
2. Closed the public hearing, and upon its conclusion;
3. Adopted resolution 73-2025 setting the 2025-26 water and sewer service charges;
4. Set June 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter, as the date and time for a public hearing on the service charge reports; and
5. Directed the Clerk of the Board to publish the notice of public hearing once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date of the hearing, as required by Government Code Section 6066 and County Code Chapter 4.26.

Public Comment:

No one addressed the Board in chambers
No one addressed the Board via Zoom

RESULT:	Approved [5 to 0]
MOTION AND SECOND:	Cummings, Martinez
AYES:	Koenig, De Serpa, Cummings, Martinez, Hernandez
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

10. AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FREEDOM COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT: Hold a public hearing, adopt a resolution setting 2025-26 sewer service charges, effective July 1, 2025, set a public hearing on June 10, 2025, at 9:00am or thereafter, to adopt a resolution confirming the sewer service charge report, and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)

Actions:

1. Opened a public hearing and hear objections or protests, if any, to the proposed charges;
2. Closed the public hearing, and upon its conclusion;
3. Adopted resolution 74-2025 setting the 2025-26 sewer service charges;
4. Set June 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter, as the date and time for a public hearing on the service charge reports; and
5. Directed the Clerk of the Board to publish the notice of public hearing once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date of the hearing, as required by Government Code Section 6066 and County Code Chapter 4.26.

Public Comment:

No one addressed the Board in chambers
No one addressed the Board via Zoom

RESULT:	Approved [5 to 0]
MOTION AND SECOND:	De Serpa, Hernandez
AYES:	Koenig, De Serpa, Cummings, Martinez, Hernandez
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

11. Consider approving in concept an “Ordinance Amending Section 4.65.030 Of The Santa Cruz County Code Relating To The Santa Cruz County Safe Drinking Water, Clean Beaches, Wildfire Risk Reduction, And Wildlife Protection Act”, and take related actions (Parks, Open Spaces, and Cultural Services)

Actions:

1. Approved in concept an “Ordinance Amending Section 4.65.030 Of The Santa Cruz County Code Relating To The Santa Cruz County Safe Drinking Water, Clean Beaches, Wildfire Risk Reduction, And Wildlife Protection Act” related to the collection of the Special Parcel Tax, as set forth in attachment, incorporated herein by reference;
2. Scheduled the ordinance for a second reading and final adoption on May 20, 2025; and
3. Directed the Clerk of the Board to publish the Notice of Proposed Ordinance Summary in a newspaper of general circulation, pursuant to Government Code Section 25124.

Public Comment:

No one addressed the Board in chambers

No one addressed the Board via Zoom

RESULT:	Approved [5 to 0]
MOTION AND SECOND:	De Serpa, Hernandez
AYES:	Koenig, De Serpa, Cummings, Martinez, Hernandez
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

12. Consider the proposed Santa Cruz County Operational Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-27, and take related actions (County Executive Office)

Actions:

1. Accepted and filed the proposed Santa Cruz County Operational Plan for Fiscal Years 2025–2027;
2. Directed staff to incorporate objectives as follows; and
 1. The Community Development and Infrastructure Department will complete the Cement Plant Road Bike Pedestrian Project feasibility study by June 2026.
 2. The Community Development and Infrastructure Department will develop a parking project proposal for the Shark Fin Cove area and apply for Coastal Conservancy planning grant during the 2025-26 Fiscal Year.
 3. The Community Development and Infrastructure Department will process a Coastal Development Permit for nighttime parking restrictions on the north coast and take related actions within 1 year.
 4. The Information Services Department will develop a communications plan to address gaps in service for Bonny Doon and the north coast.
 5. The Sheriff's Office will open the Sheriff's Davenport Service Center during the 2025-26 Fiscal Year.
3. Directed the County Executive Office to return on June 24, 2025, with the final plan for Board approval.

Public Comment:

No one addressed the Board in chambers
No one addressed the Board via Zoom

RESULT:	Approved [5 to 0]
MOTION AND SECOND:	Cummings, Hernandez
AYES:	Koenig, De Serpa, Cummings, Martinez, Hernandez
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

13. Consider adopting a resolution pursuant to Government Code Sections 7522.56

and 21224 exempting the hire of an Extra-Help Retired Annuitant from 180-day waiting period as a critical support for the Personnel Department (Personnel)

Action:

Adopted resolution 75-2025 approving the hire of a retired Equal Employment Opportunity Officer (County of Santa Cruz) to an extra help position as an Equal Employment Opportunity Officer pursuant to Government Code 7522.56 and 21224 to provide critical part time administrative staffing to the Personnel Department.

Public Comment:

No one addressed the Board in chambers

No one addressed the Board via Zoom

RESULT:	Approved [5 to 0]
MOTION AND SECOND:	Martinez, De Serpa
AYES:	Koenig, De Serpa, Cummings, Martinez, Hernandez
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

14. Consider approving the appointment of Laura Bowers to the position of Santa Cruz County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector (Board of Supervisors - Fourth District)

Action:

Approved the appointment of Laura Bowers to the position of Santa Cruz County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector effective 5:00pm on July 3, 2025.

Public Comment:

2 people addressed the Board in chambers

No one addressed the Board via Zoom

RESULT:	Approved [5 to 0]
MOTION AND SECOND:	Martinez, Hernandez
AYES:	Koenig, De Serpa, Cummings, Martinez, Hernandez
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Scheduled Item -- 10:45 AM

15. The Board of Supervisors shall recess in order to permit the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District – Zone 7 to convene and carry out a regularly scheduled meeting (Clerk of the Board of Supervisors)

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

16. SCHEDULE A CLOSED PERSONNEL AND LITIGATION SESSION TO BE HELD AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE BOARD'S CONSENT OR REGULAR AGENDA, OR AT ANY OTHER TIME DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING ANNOUNCED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator: County Executive Officer and Director of Personnel.

Employee Organization: Government Attorneys Association.

Report of County Counsel - No reportable actions.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: Approved [5 to 0]
MOTION AND SECOND: Koenig, Cummings

AYES: Koenig, De Serpa, Cummings, Martinez, Hernandez
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Item 44 – Additional Direction

17. Accept claims as approved by the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector (Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector)
18. Accept and file the Treasurer's Investment Transaction Report for the month of March 2025 (Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector)
19. Accept and file the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2025 (Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector)
20. Accept and file report for the 3rd Quarter Review of the Statement of Assets in the County Treasury (Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector)
21. Accept and file the Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 (Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector)
22. Accept and file the report on Whistleblower Hotline activity for calendar year 2024 (Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector)
23. Accept and file FY 2023-2024 Annual Report for Community Facility District No. 1 Felton (Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector)
24. Approve addition of 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) Sr. Accountant-Auditor and deletion of 1.0 FTE Accountant, and take related actions (Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector)
25. Adopt resolution to participate in the Help America Vote Act Election Security Program, approve a grant agreement in the amount of \$15,789, and take related actions (County Clerk/Elections)

Resolution 76-2025
State Agreement 24G27144

26. Adopt resolution opposing federal cuts to safety net programs that would result in increased state costs, lower benefit levels, and reduced eligibility for services, and economic harm, and take related actions (County Executive Office)

Resolution 77-2025

27. Adopt resolution to accept unanticipated revenues and transfer various funds from Capital Fund Contingency in the amount of \$1,545,000 for emergent facilities capital projects, and take related actions (General Services Department)

Resolution 78-2025
AUD 74

28. Approve appointment of Brian Woodward as the Second District appointee to the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission, for a term to expire April 1, 2029 (Board of Supervisors - Second District)

29. Direct the Community Development and Infrastructure Department (CDI) to add the Cement Plant Road bike and pedestrian path feasibility study to the CDI 2025-2026 work program, and take related actions (Board of Supervisors - Third District)
AUD 74
30. Approve appointment of Lourdes Barraza as the Fourth District appointee to the Mental Health Advisory Board, as a representative of the general public, for a term to expire April 1, 2027 (Board of Supervisors - Fourth District)
31. Direct the Chair of the Board to send a letter of support to the author of Senate Bill 283, and take related actions (Board of Supervisors - Fourth District)
32. Direct the Chair of the Board to send a letter to our state legislative delegation, Governor Newsom, and the California State Association of Counties requesting that essential Medi-Cal funding be preserved in the State's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget (Board of Supervisors - Fifth and Fourth District)
33. Accept nomination of Carol Berg for reappointment to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, as the at-large representative of the City of Santa Cruz, for a term to expire May 21, 2029 (Board of Supervisors)
34. Approve final appointment of Nicole Pfeil for appointment to the Integrated Community Health Centers Co-Applicant Commission, as an at-large patient representative, for a term to expire December 11, 2026 (Clerk of the Board of Supervisors)
35. Approve final appointment of Richard F. Schmale for reappointment to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, as an at-large tenant representative over the age of 62, for a term to expire May 12, 2027 (Clerk of the Board of Supervisors)
36. Approve five-year agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the total amount of \$637,578 for electronic evidence collection, storage, and processing, and take related actions (District Attorney)
Agreement Axon
37. Adopt resolutions for County Service Area 12, Wastewater Management (CSA 12) for Fiscal Year 2025-26 confirming established benefit assessments/service charges, and setting public hearing for June 10, 2025, on proposed Assessment/Service Charge Reports, and take related actions (Health Services Agency)
Resolution 79-2025
Resolution 80-2025
38. Authorize Health Services Agency to serve as Host County for all Medi-Cal Administrative Activities and Targeted Case Management programs for three fiscal years, approve two agreements for County-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities and/or Targeted Case Management and Mental Health Medi-Cal

Administrative Activities programs, and take related actions (Health Services Agency)

Contract 26R0238

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39. Adopt resolution transferring funds from the roads restricted General Fund contingencies to the Road Fund for the emergency 180 Seacliff Drive Culvert Replacement project, and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)

Resolution 81-2025

40. Approve agreement with Grey Bears in the amount of \$409,003 for recycling center operation services, and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)

Contract 26D2738 Grey Bears

41. Approve plans, specifications and engineer's estimate for the Upper East Zayante Road PM 1.68 & 2.51 Storm Damage Repair Projects, Federal Project No. ER-32L0(262) & ER-15J7(150), set bid opening for 2:00 p.m. on June 5, 2025, and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)

Plans PM 1.68

Plans PM 2.51

Resolution 82-2025

42. Approve plans, specifications and engineer's estimate for the Casserly Road PM 2.93 and 3.39 Storm Damage Repair Project, Federal Project No. ER-32L0(094,104), set bid opening for 2:00 p.m. on June 6, 2025, and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)

Plans PM 2.93 & 3.39

Resolution 83-2025

43. Approve revenue agreements with the Pajaro Valley Unified School District totaling \$171,600 for summer programming, and take related actions (Parks, Open Spaces, and Cultural Services)

Agreement PVUSD

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44. Approve agreement with Lewis Tree Service in the amount of \$300,000 for vegetation management efforts at Moran Lake County Park, and take related actions (Parks, Open Spaces, and Cultural Services)

Additional Direction:

Directed staff as follows:

1. The Parks, Open Spaces and Cultural Services permit application for this work will explicitly include, in the project description, the replanting plan for the 40 Moran Way parcel that includes approximately 45 native trees;
2. That an amendment be added to the agreement with Davey Tree Expert Company Attachment A Scope of Work Number 2 that the reduction will be accomplished only by a reduction of height and not by limbing up the trees from the base, and that no tree will be reduced in height to less than eighty (80) feet; and,
3. Authorizing the Santa Cruz County Parks Commission to make amendments to the Scope of Work in the future if needed.

Contract 25C5097 Lewis Tree
Resolution 84-2025

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Approved: _____
Felipe Hernandez, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Juliette Rezzato, Clerk of the Board

Date: _____

NOTE: This set of Board of Supervisors Minutes is scheduled for approval by the Board on May 20, 2025.