



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

January 28, 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 Felipe Hernandez, Fourth District Supervisor Monica Martinez, Fifth District Supervisor
Absent	None

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CONSIDERATION OF LATE ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA; ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS ANNOUNCEMENT BY BOARD MEMBERS OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT TO REGULAR AGENDA

Revision on item 35 (packet pages 730-731 revised memo and revised resolution attachment)

Revision on item 40 (revised attachment 2025 BOS Appointments)

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

Item 15 was moved to Regular Agenda as Item 6.2

Item 17 was moved to Regular Agenda as Item 6.1

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

18 people addressed the Board in chambers

15 people addressed the Board via Zoom

6. ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 15-55)

- 6.1 Adopt "Ordinance Amending Chapter 7.70 of the Santa Cruz County Code Relating to Wells and Borings" and an "Ordinance Amending Chapter 7.73 of the Santa Cruz County Code Relating to Individual Water Systems" (Approved in Concept December 10, 2024)

**Recommended Actions:**

1. The Board DID NOT ADOPT "Ordinance Amending Chapter 7.70 of the Santa Cruz County Code Relating to Wells and Borings" as approved in concept on December 10, 2024; and,
2. Adopted "Ordinance 5471 Amending Chapter 7.73 of the Santa Cruz County Code Relating to Individual Water Systems" as approved in concept on December 10, 2024.

**Additional Direction:**

Directed the board to approve recommended action two for item 17 "Adopting Ordinance 5471 Amending Chapter 7.73 of the Santa Cruz County Code Relating to Individual Water Systems" and approve in concept "Ordinance Amending Chapter 7.70 of the Santa Cruz County Code Relating to Wells and Borings" with the additional amendment and have that ordinance come back for second reading and final adoption on February 11, 2025.

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

- 6.2 Approval of Minutes  
December 10, 2024 9:00 AM  
December 17, 2024 9:00 AM  
December 27, 2024 10:00 AM  
January 14, 2025 9:00 AM

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

**Amendment to December 10, 2024 Minutes for Item 13.4:** Minutes should read "Directed the CAO to include \$150,000 for the long-term recovery group in the 2025-26 proposed budget without reducing OR3 funding for discussion as part of the budget hearings and to work with the long-term recovery group to address concerns and complaints regarding rebuilds, and to provide quarterly updates."

**REGULAR AGENDA**

7. Consider oral report on response and recovery activities from Moss Landing Vistra Power Plant Fire (Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience)

**Recommended Actions:**

Accepted and filed oral report on response and recovery activities associated with the Moss Landing Vistra Power Plant Fire.

**Public Comment:**

3 people addressed the Board in chambers

6 people addressed the Board via Zoom

**Additional Direction:**

Directed the Chair to write a letter to the CPUC requesting an independent investigation of the Moss Landing Vistra fire and to write a letter to the California Energy Commission requesting that they evaluate similar energy battery storage systems throughout the state and consider requiring immediate safety improvements to prevent similar events. Directed county staff and designees to assist in soil testing efforts within Santa Cruz County.

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

8. Consider selection of Justin Francavilla as the public artist for the Floral Park Public Art Project, adopt resolution accepting unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$9,000, and take related actions (Parks, Open Spaces, and Cultural Services)

**Recommended Actions:**

1. Approved the transfer of budget appropriations in the amount of \$9,000 within the Parks Capital Project Fund budget;
2. Adopted resolution 3-2025 accepting unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$9,000 from Parks Capital Projects Fund for the Floral Park Public Art Project;
3. Approved the selection of Justin Francavilla as the public artist for the Floral Park Public Art Project;
4. Approved an agreement with Justin Francavilla for a total amount not to exceed \$8,250;
5. Authorized the Director of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services to sign the agreement; and take necessary actions related to the agreement on behalf of the County.

**Public Comment:**

No one addressed the Board in chambers

No one addressed the Board via Zoom

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

9. Consider adopting a resolution reaffirming Santa Cruz County's commitment to protect, serve, and support LGBTQ+ individuals and women in their pursuit of health and happiness, and their private exercise of bodily autonomy, and take related actions (Board of Supervisors - Fifth District)

**Recommended Actions:**

1. Adopted resolution 4-2025 reaffirming Santa Cruz County's commitment to protect, serve, and support LGBTQ+ individuals and women in their pursuit of health and happiness, and their private exercise of bodily autonomy;
2. Directed the County Administrative Officer to work with County departments and community partners to identify opportunities and resources to ensure LGBTQ+ individuals and women continued access to the services they need to lead healthy, happy, lives free of fear of retaliation or discrimination, and to ensure that the County is actively communicating this commitment in a manner that effectively reaches impacted community members;
3. Directed the County Administrative Officer to work with County departments to identify any policy of the state or federal government that will impact the funding or continuation of services in accordance with the County's commitment to the wellbeing, privacy, and autonomy of LGBTQ+ individuals and women ("Conflicting Policy"); and
4. Directed the County Administrative Officer to bring to the Board recommended actions with the goal of upholding the County's Strategic Plan and previous commitments of the County as soon as possible after identifying any Conflicting Policy, including by requesting that the Chair call a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors if timely action is needed.

**Public Comment:**

5 people addressed the Board in chambers  
3 people addressed the Board via Zoom

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

10. Consider implementation update report for the Santa Cruz County Safe Drinking Water, Clean Beaches, Wildfire Risk Reduction and Wildlife Protection Act, and take related actions (Office of Response, Recovery and Resilience)

**Recommended Actions:**

1. Accepted and filed the Santa Cruz County Safe Drinking Water, Clean Beaches, Wildfire Risk Reduction and Wildlife Protection Act (WWWPA) implementation update report;
2. Accept notification of vacancy on the Citizens Oversight Advisory Board (COAB), with each board member submitting up to three nominations for appointments to be received in time to reviewed by the board at the March 11th meeting and then select one of their three nominations to be considered for appointment by the board at the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting;
3. Approved transfer funds in the amount of \$160,000 from General Fund Contingencies to fund the County's unanticipated efforts to implement the WWWPA that will be repaid from WWWPA revenues once realized in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26;
4. Directed the County Administrative Office to include the General Fund repayment for WWWPA implementation in FY 2025-26 departmental supplemental budgets to be presented during budget hearings; and
5. Directed staff to return on or before April 29, 2025, with an update on WWWPA implementation.

**Public Comment:**

2 people addressed the Board in chambers

3 people addressed the Board via Zoom

**Additional Direction:**

Directed staff to submit a matrix showing where the nominees fall into categories of expertise that board members can use to select their final nominee for the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and have that matrix posted online when it's provided to the board.

**RESULT:**

**MOTION AND SECOND:**

**AYES:**

**NAYES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**Approved [3 to 2]**

Cummings, Koenig

Koenig, Cummings, Hernandez

De Serpa, Martinez

None

11. Consider options to allow cannabis consumption at retail locations and potential cannabis business tax revisions related to consumption and non-cannabis goods (County Administrative Office)

**Recommended Actions:**

- 1) Directed staff to pursue option one for onsite consumption at existing retail sites;
- 2) Directed staff to pursue option two for cannabis business tax changes as defining ancillary products as those produces that derive from cannabis or products containing cannabis and to allow for non-cannabis goods to be excluded from the cannabis business tax and to set the tax rate at 1% for cannabis products sold at lounges and receive an update on revenues from cannabis lounge sales during the annual cannabis; and
- 3) Directed staff to return with a scheduled public hearing to consider amendments to Santa Cruz County Code (SCCC) Chapter 7.130 and Chapter 4.06.

**Public Comment:**

3 people addressed the Board in chambers

7 people addressed the Board via Zoom

**Additional Direction:**

**Substitute Motion (Motion Failed):**

Direct the board to postpone any decisions on onsite consumption at retail outlets today and direct the Cannabis Licensing Officer to conduct several community based townhalls to explain the options of consumption lounges to the public and take input and to include input from our Health Director and staff in a report to the board and on future reports regarding cannabis ordinance changes. The next report to the board should be timed with the policy questions regarding onsite consumption at farms so collectively we can understand the differences and implications of all the policies that we are enacting.

**Motion:**

Directed staff to allow that the Health Services Agency provide additional feedback when the board considers a lounge ordinance and at the same or separate meeting date that the Health Services Agency also provide recommendations for reducing underage cannabis consumption in our community.

**RESULT:**

**MOTION AND SECOND:**

**AYES:**

**NAYES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**Approved [2 to 3]**

Cummings, Koenig

Cummings, Hernandez

Koenig, De Serpa, Martinez

None

12. Consider approving in concept "An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Plan and Map to Add Parcels in Las Cumbres Subdivision to the Open Space Easement Combining District Pursuant to Section 13.10.185 of the Santa Cruz County Code", approve California Environmental Quality Act exemption, and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)

**Recommended Actions:**

- 1) Accepted the Planning Commission resolution, dated November 13, 2024;
- 2) Determined the proposal is exempt from further Environmental Review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15317 (Open Space Contracts) and 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan or Zoning);
- 3) Accepted the Amended Open Space Easement Contract for the Las Cumbres Subdivision;
- 4) Approved in concept "Ordinance 5472 Amending the Zoning Plan and Map to Add Parcels in Las Cumbres Subdivision to the Open Space Easement Combining District Pursuant to Section 13.10.185 of the Santa Cruz County Code" to rezone APN's 088-111-32, 088-141-63, 088-141-64, 088-241-23, 088-241-24, and 088- 241-25 to include an Open Space Easement "O" Combining district designation;
- 5) Approved application 231323 to amend the Las Cumbres Planned Unit Development Permit 4286-U based on the staff report findings and conditions;
- 6) Scheduled the ordinance for a second reading and final adoption on February 11, 2025; and
- 7) Directed the Clerk of the Board to publish the Notice of Proposed Ordinance Summary in a newspaper of general circulation at least five days prior to the scheduled second reading and final adoption, no later than February 1, 2025, pursuant to Government Code Section 25124.

**Public Comment:**

No one addressed the Board in chambers

No one addressed the Board via Zoom

**RESULT:**

**MOTION AND SECOND:**

**AYES:**

**NAYES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**Approved [5 to 0]**

Cummings, Hernandez

Koenig, De Serpa, Cummings, Hernandez, Martinez

None

None

13. Consider update on County strategic initiatives, including the County Strategic Plan refresh, County Operational Plan, and performance management, and take related actions (County Administrative Office)

**Recommended Actions:**

1. Accepted and filed update on County strategic initiatives, including an update on the County Strategic Plan refresh, and the biannual progress report on the County Operational Plan and performance management; and
2. Directed the CAO to return on or before August 19, 2025, with the next update.

**Public Comment:**

No one addressed the Board in chambers

No one addressed the Board via Zoom

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

**CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

14. 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 LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))**

*Nesibe Oya Soysal v. County of Santa Cruz, et al;* United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 23CV03610-PCP.

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

**(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))**

*Justin and Tracy Walker v. County of Santa Cruz, et al.,* Santa Cruz County Superior Court Case No.24CV00556

**C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES**

**(Government Code Section 54957(a))**

Consultation with: Sheriff-Coroner – Sheriff's Sergeants

Report of County Counsel – no reportable actions.



**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

15. Item 15 pulled from Consent Agenda; Added to Regular Agenda as Item 6.2
16. Accept claims as approved by the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector
17. Item 17 pulled from Consent Agenda; Added to Regular Agenda as Item 6.1
18. Adopt "An Ordinance Amending Section 13.10.650(C) of the Santa Cruz County Code Regarding Non-Retail Commercial Cannabis Operations" and "An Ordinance Amending Section 7.128.110(C)(1) of the Santa Cruz County Code Regarding Non-Retail Commercial Cannabis Operations" (Approved in concept December 10, 2024)  
  
Ordinance 5469  
Ordinance 5473
19. Adopt "Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.82 of the Santa Cruz County Code Related to the Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission" (Approved in Concept January 14, 2025)  
  
Ordinance 5468
20. Accept and file the Treasurer's Investment Transaction Report for the month of November 2024
21. Accept and file the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024
22. Accept and file the first biannual report for Fiscal Year 2024-25 on Cannabis Licensing Office operations, and take related actions
23. Defer to on or before March 25, 2025, a public hearing to consider amendments to Santa Cruz County Code (SCCC) Chapter 13.10.640 and 13.10.372
24. Approve appointment of Monica Rocha as the Middle Management Association's representative to the Deferred Compensation Advisory Commission, in accordance with the County Code Chapter 2.88
25. Adopt resolution approving the updated County Bail Schedule for 2024-25, and take related actions  
  
Resolution 5-2025
26. Approve recommended Board of Supervisors Chambers conceptual layout for the Government Broadcasting Revitalization Project, approve transfer of funds and adopt resolution accepting unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$2,310,500 from Digital Infrastructure Video Competitor Act / Public Education Government fees, and take related actions

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Resolution 6-2025

27. Approve amendment to design services agreement with 19six Architects, for design services of the Children's Crisis Center, increasing the total amount to \$1,347,250, and take related actions  
  
Contract 23D0832 – Amendment 3
28. Defer to on or before May 20, 2025, the contract award for the Next Generation P25 Countywide Radio System Request for Proposal
29. Approve agreement with Abaxent Leasing LLC, in the amount of \$604,590, for upgraded Palo Alto Networks cybersecurity infrastructure, and take related actions  
  
Contract Abaxent Leasing LLC
30. Approve appointment of Sandy Brown as the alternate to Supervisor Cummings on the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council
31. Approve appointment of Sean McGowen as the Third District appointee to the Arts Commission, for a term to expire April 1, 2027
32. Approve appointment of Celia Barry as the Third District appointee to the Emergency Medical Care Commission, for a term to expire April 1, 2027
33. Approve appointment of Sandy Brown as the Third District alternate member to the Planning Commission, for a term to expire January 4, 2027
34. Approve appointment of James Nakahara as the Third District appointee to the Commission on the Environment, for a term to expire April 1, 2027
35. Adopt resolution in support of Senate Bill 48 - Immigration Enforcement Prohibitions on School Sites, and take related actions

Resolution 7-2025

36. Approve appointment of Timothy Lydgate as the Fifth District appointee to the Library Advisory Commission, for a term to expire April 19, 2028
37. Accept and file the Arts Commission report for calendar years 2023 and 2024, and take related actions
38. Approve appointment of Rae Spencer-Hill as the Alternate Director representing the County on the Santa Margarita Groundwater Agency
39. Approve appointment of Shane Mckeithen as the Alternate Director representing the County on the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency
40. Approve the Board of Supervisors 2025 Agency, Committee, and Commission appointments
41. Accept and file report on 2024 wildfire resilience activities funded by 22 CAL FIRE Wildfire County Coordinator-Northern Grant Program

42. Approve amendment to agreement with Nurse-Family Partnership Organization to implement Nurse-Family Partnership Expansion Initiative services, and take related actions

Amendment 25H0114 Nurse-Family Partnership

43. Approve agreement with Central California Alliance for Health in the amount of \$50,000 from the Medi-Cal Capacity Healthcare Technology Program grant funding to replace the outdated electronic health record system used by the Medical Therapy Unit, and take related actions

Resolution 8-2025

Contract 25R0478 Central California Alliance for Health

44. Ratify three grant applications to Mental Health Oversight Services and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) for Mental Health Student Services Act Round 4 funding, approve agreements with MHSOAC in the amounts of \$500,000, \$800,000 and \$450,000 to increase navigation and access to behavioral health services for students and families, and take related actions

Contract 25R0480 Mental Health Services, Oversight and Accountability Commission

Contract 25R0481 Mental Health Services, Oversight and Accountability Commission

Contract 25R0482 Mental Health Services, Oversight and Accountability Commission

45. Defer to on or before June 24, 2025, ratification of the Privacy and Security Agreement with the California Department of Social Services

46. Adopt resolution approving panel recommendation of 2025-26 Santa Cruz County Poet Laureate, and take related actions

Resolution 9-2025

47. Approve revised bylaws of the Santa Cruz County Arts Commission

48. Accept and file the Park and Recreation Development Impact Fees - Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

49. Ratify contract with Bouthillier's Construction, Inc. for the March 2023 Winter Storm emergency projects, and take related actions

Contract 24D1000 Bouthillier's Construction, Inc.

50. Appropriate existing Housing fund balances in the amount of \$187,917 for Professional and Special Services related to the ADU Incentives Program and reallocate appropriations of existing Housing fund balances in the amount of \$75,000 from Affordable Housing Programs and Projects to Professional and Special Services to assist in the cost of the Affordable Housing nexus/impact fee study

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51. Approve contract agreement with Dokken Engineering in the amount of \$518,563.87 for engineering and environmental services related to 2017 Storm Damage, and take related actions  
Contract 25D1137 Dokken Engineering, Inc.
52. Approve contract agreement with T.Y. Lin International in the amount of \$163,855.70 for engineering and environmental services related to 2017 Storm Damage, and take related actions  
Contract 25D1136 T.Y. Lin International
53. Accept the improvements and final construction cost of \$221,447.63 for the Schulties Road Post Mile 0.56 Emergency Project, and take related actions
54. Defer status report on the 2016-17 and 2023 Winter Storm projects and take related actions

**Adjournment – 5:05 PM**

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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 February 25, 2025.