



PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 20, 2025

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER

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
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

None

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

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

15 people addressed the Board in chambers
10 people addressed the Board via Zoom

6. ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 21-51)

REGULAR AGENDA

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

7. Presentation by Rob Darrow, Chair of the Santa Cruz Pride 50 Committee, recognizing 50 years of Pride celebrations in Santa Cruz County (Board of Supervisors - Fifth District)

Actions:

Presentation from Rob Darrow, Chair of the Santa Cruz Pride 50 Committee, recognizing 50 years of Pride celebrations in Santa Cruz County.

Public Comment:

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

8. Consider adopting resolution renewing the County's uncodified ordinance that adopted and approved a Military Equipment Use Policy for the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office (Ord. 5435), make findings based on the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office Annual Military Equipment Report for 2024, and take related actions (Sheriff-Coroner)

Actions:

1. Adopted resolution 85-2025 renewing the County's uncodified ordinance that adopted and approved a Military Equipment Use Policy for the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office (Ord. 5435) and make findings based on the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office's Annual Military Equipment Report for 2024; and
2. Approved Sheriff's Office's 2024 Assembly Bill 481 Annual Report on Military Equipment Acquisition and Use.

Public Comment:

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

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

9. Hold a public hearing to consider resolution confirming fiscal year 2025-26 benefit assessment rates and service charge reports proposed for County Service Areas No. 53, No. 53N, and No. 53S for Mosquito & Vector Control, and take related actions (Agricultural Commissioner)

Actions:

1. Opened the public hearing; heard objections or protests, to the proposed 2025-26 benefit assessment/rate reports for North and South County Mosquito and Disease Control Assessments and Mosquito Abatement / Vector Control Assessment for County Service Area No. 53; closed the public hearing; and
2. Adopted resolution 86-2025 confirming the benefit assessment/rate reports for County Service Areas 53, 53N and 53S for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Public Comment:

1 person addressed the Board in chambers
2 people addressed the Board via Zoom

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

10. Hold a public hearing to approve a proposed resolution to implement the Mills Act Program, confirm the proposal is exempt from requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)

Actions:

1. Conducted a public hearing to review the proposed Mills Act Property Program (Mills Act);
2. Determined that the proposed program is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
3. Adopted Resolution 87-2025, recommending that the Board of Supervisors implement the Mills Act program; and
4. Directed staff to prepare and finalize the application, guidelines, and contract template needed for implementation.

Public Comment:

- 1 person addressed the Board in chambers
2 people addressed the Board via Zoom

RESULT: **Approved [5 to 0]**

MOTION AND SECOND: De Serpa, Koenig

AYES: Koenig, De Serpa, Cummings, Martinez, Hernandez

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

11. Consider approving in concept an "Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz Amending Santa Cruz County Code Chapters 12.10, 13.10, 13.20, 14.01, 15.10, 16.42, and 18.10, and Amending the Zoning Map to Change the Zoning of Parcel APN 070-281-01, to Ensure Compliance with State and Federal Law and to Improve Clarity, Accuracy, and Consistency within Santa Cruz County Code", confirm the proposal is exempt from requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)

Actions:

1. Held a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Santa Cruz County Code (SCCC), General Plan/Local Coastal Program (LCP), and proposed Zoning Map amendment;
2. Adopted Resolution 88-2025 amending General Plan/LCP Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 5;
3. Approved in concept an "Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz Amending Santa Cruz County Code Chapters 12.10, 13.10, 13.20, 14.01, 15.10, 16.42, and 18.10, and Amending the Zoning Map to Change the Zoning of Parcel APN 070-281-01, to Ensure Compliance with State and Federal Law and to Improve Clarity, Accuracy, and Consistency within Santa Cruz County Code";

4. Determined that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3);
5. Directed the Clerk of the Board to publish and post the Notice of Proposed Ordinance Summary pursuant to applicable legal requirements;
6. Directed the Clerk of the Board to schedule second reading and final adoption of the Ordinance on June 10, 2025; and
7. Directed staff to submit the proposed amendments to the General Plan/LCP and coastal-implementing code amendments to the California Coastal Commission for certification.

Public Comment:

No one addressed the Board in chambers

1 person addressed the Board via Zoom

Additional Direction:

Directed staff to remove section 13.10.616(e) from the update for further review and consideration by the Planning Commission

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

12. Consider approving in concept an "Ordinance Amending Section 7.92.307.2 of the Santa Cruz County Code (Fire Code) Regarding the Definition of Open Burn Season and Permits Required to Kindle Fires", confirm the proposal is exempt from requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and take related actions (General Services Department)

Actions:

1. Adopted the attached resolution 89-2025 finding adoption of the proposed ordinance is exempt from further environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), directing staff to file the CEQA Notice of Exemption, and making findings regarding administrative and technical amendments of the California Building Standards Code;
2. Approved in concept "An Ordinance Amending Section 7.92.307.2 of the Santa Cruz County Code (Fire Code) Regarding the Definition of Open Burn Season and Permits Required to Kindle Fires;"
3. Scheduled the ordinance for a second reading and final adoption on June 10, 2025;
4. 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 June 5, 2025, pursuant to Government Code Section 25124; and
5. Directed the Director of General Services Department to mail a copy of

the technical amendments to the California Building Standards Commission and obtain a file-stamped endorsed copy for retention with the Santa Cruz County Fire 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: Cummings, Koenig

AYES: Koenig, De Serpa, Cummings, Martinez, Hernandez

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

13. Consider approving in concept “An Uncodified Ordinance Designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones Within the Unincorporated Areas of County Service Areas 4 (CSA 4) and 48 (CSA 48) Under the Jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz County Fire Department”, confirm the proposal is exempt from requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and take related actions (General Services Department)

Actions:

1. Approved in concept an “Uncodified Ordinance Designating Fire Hazard Severity Zones Within the Unincorporated Areas of County Service Areas 4 (CSA 4) and 48 (CSA 48) Under the Jurisdiction of the Santa Cruz County Fire Department”, and approved the CEQA Notice of Exemption;
2. Scheduled the ordinance for a second reading and final adoption on June 10, 2025;
3. 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 June 5, 2025, pursuant to Government Code Section 25124; and
4. Directed the Director of General Services Department to transmit a copy of the adopted ordinance to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection within 30 days of adoption, pursuant to Government Code section 51179 subdivision (c).

Public Comment:

1 person addressed the Board in chambers

1 person addressed the Board via Zoom

RESULT: **Approved [5 to 0]**

MOTION AND SECOND: Koenig, Hernandez

AYES: Koenig, De Serpa, Cummings, Martinez, Hernandez

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

14. Consider approving in concept an “Ordinance Amending Section 4.65.060(A)(3) 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. Accepted and filed the status report on the Measure Q implementation update; and
2. Approved the Bylaws of the Measure Q Citizens Oversight Advisory Board (Bylaws); and
3. Approved in concept an “Ordinance Amending Section 4.65.060(A)(3) of the Santa Cruz County Code Relating to the Santa Cruz County Safe Drinking Water, Clean Beaches, Wildfire Risk Reduction, And Wildlife Protection Act” (Ordinance) related to the publication date of Vision Plan, as set forth in attachment, incorporated herein by reference; and
4. Scheduled the Ordinance for a second reading and final adoption on June 10, 2025; and
5. 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; and
6. Directed staff to return on or before November 18, 2025 with an update.

Public Comment:

2 people addressed the Board in chambers

1 person addressed the Board via ## people addressed the Board via Zoom

Additional Direction:

Directed staff to hold a community meeting in the Third District.

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

15. Consider approving in concept "Ordinance Amending Section 1.04.140 of the Santa Cruz County Code Relating to Definitions of Director of the Personnel Department, Personnel Director, and Personnel Department," and take related actions (Personnel)

Actions:

1. Approved in concept "Ordinance Amending Section 1.04.140 of the Santa Cruz County Code Relating to Definitions of Director of the Personnel Department, Personnel Director, and Personnel Department," to reflect proposed changes to associated classification titles and department name of the Personnel Department;
2. Scheduled the ordinance for final adoption on June 10, 2025;
3. 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 June 5, 2025, pursuant to Government Code Section 25124; and

4. Authorized the Personnel Director, the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector, and the County Executive Officer to take all necessary administrative steps to effectuate the changes as described in this ordinance.

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

16. Consider approving in concept an "Ordinance Amending Sections 1.13.070 (A)(3), 7.20.220(B), and 7.20.440(A) of the Santa Cruz County Code Regarding Fines for Illegal Dumping," and take related actions (Board of Supervisors - Fourth District)

Actions:

1. Approved in concept, an "Ordinance Amending Sections 1.13.070(A)(3), 7.20.220(B), and 7.20.440(A) of the Santa Cruz County Code Regarding Fines for Illegal Dumping;" and
2. Directed the Clerk of the Board to schedule the ordinance for a second reading and final adoption on June 10, 2025; and
3. 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 second reading and final adoption, no later than June 4, 2025, pursuant to Government Code Section 25124.

Public Comment:

No one addressed the Board in chambers

1 person addressed the Board via Zoom

Additional Direction:

The board directed staff to conduct outreach with Santa Clara, San Benito, and Monterey County to understand how often fines are administered and the impact the fee structure has had on illegal dumping and bring back information on that and also directed staff to give an update at the mid-year budget on how many fines have been issued and who those fines have been issued to and the amount of illegal dumping materials that have been associated with those fines.

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

17. Consider authorizing the issuance of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$42,000,000, and take related actions (Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector)

Actions:

1. Authorized the Auditor-Controller to proceed with necessary actions to secure the 2025-26 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$42,000,000; and
2. Adopted the attached resolution providing for the issuance and sale of 2025-26 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes in an amount not exceeding \$42,000,000 and approving the execution and delivery of a continuing disclosure certificate, approving an Official Notice Inviting Bids, A Notice of Intention to Sell Notes, an Official Statement, a Continuing Disclosure Certificate and certain other matters relating thereto.

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

18. Consider report on proposed integration of a Health in All Policies (HiAP) framework with County strategic initiatives, including the Strategic Plan refresh and community indicators, and take related actions (County Executive Office)

Actions:

1. Accepted and filed a report on the proposed integration of a Health in All Policies (HiAP) framework with County strategic initiatives, including the Strategic Plan refresh and community indicators;
2. Directed the County Executive Office to receive input on the proposed community indicators during the Strategic Plan refresh community engagement process and return on or before December 16, 2025, with any revisions to be included in the proposed 2026-2032 Strategic Plan; and
3. Directed the County Executive Office and Health Services Agency to return on or before December 16, 2025, with implementation options and resource needs to further integrate HiAP principles with County strategic initiatives.

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

Scheduled Item -- 10:45 AM

Scheduled and Regular Departmental items – 10:45 AM or thereafter

19. 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 5 to convene and carry out a regularly scheduled meeting (Clerk of the Board of Supervisors)

Scheduled Items -- 1:00 PM

Scheduled and Regular Departmental items – 1:00 PM or thereafter

20. Consider update on the California Governor's May Revision to the Proposed 2025-26 Budget (County Executive Office)

Actions:

Accepted and filed update on the California Governor's May Revision to the Proposed 2025-26 Budget and applicable analysis.

Public Comment:

1 person addressed the Board in chambers

2 people 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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Item 46 – Supervisor Martinez abstained

Item 49 – Supervisor Cummings registered a no vote

21. Approval of Minutes
Minutes of April 29, 2025
Minutes of May 6, 2025 (Clerk of the Board of Supervisors)
22. Accept claims as approved by the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector
(Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector)
23. Adopt an “An Ordinance Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Santa Cruz Amending The County Zoning Map And Changing The Zone District Designations For 43 Parcels (APNs 025-111-15, 025-361-01, 025-361-03, 026-111-40, 026-261-13, 026-261-16, 029-111-60, 029-162-08, 029-162-44, 029-181-43, 029-181-44, 029-182-15, 029-191-38, 029-192-07, 029-192-15, 029-192-27, 029-193-03, 029-391-08, 030-031-04, 030-092-01, 030-121-61, 030-221-46, 030-241-13, 030-241-14, 030-253-72, 030-281-08, 030-281-34, 031-113-10, 031-113-12, 031-113-48, 031-152-03, 032-041-44, 032-041-67, 032-041-68, 037-112-16, 037-191-08, 039-201-36, 039-201-37, 050-041-38, 050-041-45, 050-041-46, 053-011-01, AND 053-011-09) To Implement The 2023 Housing Element; And Accepting The Addendum To The Sustainability Update Environmental Impact Report As Adequately Addressing The Impacts Of The Zoning Map Amendments Under The California Environmental Quality Act” (Approved in concept April 29, 2025) (Clerk of the Board of Supervisors)

Ordinance 5482
24. Adopt an “Ordinance Amending Sections 5.60.020 and 5.60.090(A) of the Santa Cruz County Code Regarding Administration of Tobacco Retailing License Ordinance,” (Approved in concept April 29, 2025) (Clerk of the Board of Supervisors)

Ordinance 5483
25. Adopt an “Ordinance Amending and Restating Chapter 2.14 of the Santa Cruz County Code Regarding the Director of the Department of Community Development and Infrastructure” (Approved in concept April 29, 2025) (Clerk of the Board)

Ordinance 5483
26. Adopt an “Ordinance Adding Chapter 2.15 to the Santa Cruz County Code to Define the Legal Authorities of the Director of the Department of General Services” (Approved in concept April 29, 2025) (Clerk of the Board of Supervisors)
Ordinance 5484

27. Adopt 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" (Approved in concept May 6, 2025) (Clerk of the Board of Supervisors)

Ordinance 5485

28. Accept and file Tourism and Marketing District Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25 for Visit Santa Cruz County (County Executive Office)
29. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish a notice of public hearing for June 10, 2025, concerning the approval of a lease financing by the County of Santa Cruz and the Santa Cruz County Capital Financing Authority (County Executive Office)
30. Approve transfer of \$446,260 from fund balance for replacement of network infrastructure equipment (Information Services Dept.)

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31. Defer to August 5, 2025, the status report on blockchain-based digital wallet development with HUMBL Inc. (Information Services Dept.)
32. Defer to on or before September 30, 2025, the contract award for the Next Generation P25 Countywide Radio System Request for Proposal (Information Services Dept.)
33. Approve appointment of Kevin Butler as the First District appointee to the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2029 (Board of Supervisors - First District)
34. Direct the Chair of the Board to send a letter expressing support for Assembly Bill 996 to the bill's author, Assemblymember Pellerin, and to other members of our legislative delegation (Board of Supervisors - Third District)
35. Direct the Chair of the Board to send a letter expressing opposition to Assembly Bill 770 to the bill's authors and to our legislative delegation (Board of Supervisors - Third District)
36. Direct the Chair of the Board to send a letter of support for Senate Bill 457 (Becker), which clarifies provisions of the Housing Accountability Act related to housing element compliance, to the bill's author and to our legislative delegation (Board of Supervisors - Third District)
37. Direct County staff to work with the Third District office to coordinate efforts with local stakeholders to explore ways to accommodate increased visitation around the 2026 Super Bowl and the 2026 World Cup, and take related actions (Board of Supervisors - Third District)

- 38. Approve appointment of Joanne Brown as the Fifth District appointee to the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission for a term to expire April 1, 2029 (Board of Supervisors - Fifth District)
- 39. Approve third amendment to agreement with Karpel Solutions, increasing the amount by \$36,750 for a new contract total of \$154,700, for the District Attorney's Office case management system, and take related actions (District Attorney)

Contract 25C4539

- 40. Authorize grant application in the not-to-exceed amount of \$8 million to the California Board of State and Community Corrections Proposition 47 Grant Program, Cohort V, to enhance mental health, substance use disorder, and diversion services for individuals involved in the criminal justice system, and take related actions (Probation)
- 41. Direct the Board Chair to send a letter to the State legislative delegation in support of funding for indigent defense (Public Defenders Office)
- 42. Accept and file report on the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund for calendar year 2024 (Sheriff-Coroner)
- 43. Approve amendment to agreement with Accela Inc., to increase the compensation amount by \$34,496, and extend the term to December 31, 2025, for the Envision-Connect software platform used to manage the Environmental Health Division regulatory programs, and take related actions (Health Services Agency)

Contract 25H3000

- 44. Schedule a public hearing pursuant to Beilenson Act requirements for Health Services Agency radiology and laboratory redesign, and take related actions (Health Services Agency)
- 45. Approve the program year 2025-28 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Local and Regional Plans, and take related actions (Human Services Department)
- 46. Ratify draft regulatory agreement for the Freedom House project (Human Services Department)

Agreement

Supervisor Martinez abstained from this item.

- 47. Approve an extension for the on-call environmental consulting services list, and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)
- 48. Appointment of Second District and Fourth District nominations for non-voting members to the County of Santa Cruz Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 7 Board (Community Development and Infrastructure)

49. Schedule a public hearing on June 24, 2025, at 9:00 AM or thereafter, to consider Coastal Commission modifications to the Senate Bill 9 implementing ordinance, which includes adding Santa Cruz County Code Sections 13.10.327 and 13.10.328, allowing two-unit residential developments and urban lot splits in unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County, and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)

Supervisor Cummings registered no vote for this item.

50. AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DAVENPORT COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT: Accept the improvements and approve the final cost of \$1,070,217.95 for the Davenport Water Storage Tanks-Phase 2 project, and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)
51. AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PAJARO STORM DRAIN MAINTENANCE DISTRICT: Approve an extension for the on-call environmental consulting services list, and take related actions (Community Development and Infrastructure)

Adjournment at 4:25PM

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 June 24, 2025.