



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION

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AGENDA

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY WATER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Wednesday February 6, 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:** December 5, 2018

- 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 discussion**
 - 1. Pajaro Valley Groundwater Management Issues
 - 2. Santa Margarita Groundwater Management Issues
 - 3. Update on County Water Resource Management Efforts*
 - 4. Mid-County Water Issues
 - 5. Update on Conjunctive Use and Groundwater Recharge Efforts
 - 6. Water Advisory Commission Work Program and agenda streamlining*
 - 7. Soquel Creek Adjudication*

- G. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Water Supply for Cannabis Operations*
 - 2. Update of General Plan policies related to water*

- H. **INFORMATION AGENDA**

- I. **CORRESPONDENCE**

J. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTION ON ITEMS AFFECTING WATER:

1. January 15, 2019: Approve appointment of Cherie Bobbe as the First District appointee to the Water Advisory Commission, for a term to expire April 1, 2021, as recommended by Supervisor Leopold

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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A. OPENING

1. Call to Order: 4:00 PM

2. Roll Call:

Present: Hamilton-Monkerud, Wilson, Berry, Sharp, Gregorio

Absent: Edgemon

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

Others: Tim Carson, Reg. Water Mgt. Foundation; Rich Casale, Becky Steinbrunner, Richard Hodge, Fred Yukic

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 3, 2018

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

C. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Becky Steinbruner described recent discussion regarding housing and water.

D. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Discussed but No Action

It was mentioned that water is now flowing from Santa Cruz to Soquel as part of the pilot water transfer, the City is now starting the CEQA review process for its water rights update, with an EIR to be done in the fall of 2019.

E. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discussed but No Action

Staff mentioned that LAFCO will be doing a service review of sanitation districts.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – *indicates items for discussion

1. Pajaro Valley Groundwater Management Issues

No Discussion

2. Santa Margarita Groundwater Management Issues

No Discussion

3. Water Conservation Efforts, Countywide

No Discussion

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| 4. Update on County Water Resource Management Efforts | <i>No Discussion</i> |
| 5. Mid-County Water Issues | <i>No Discussion</i> |
| 6. County Commission on the Environment | <i>No Discussion</i> |
| 7. Update on Conjunctive Use and Groundwater Recharge Efforts | <i>No Discussion</i> |
| 8. Karst protection zone proposal | <i>No Discussion</i> |
| 9. Environmental Code Compliance | <i>No Discussion</i> |
| 10. Water Supply Planning | <i>No Discussion</i> |
| 11. County-wide Drought Response | <i>No Discussion</i> |
| 12. <u>Water Advisory Commission Role and Work Program*</u> | |

Commissioners reviewed draft work plan and made tentative assignments of responsible Commissioner to take lead for each item, discussion to continue at next meeting

13. Soquel Creek Adjudication *

Discussion of Resource Conservation District effort to organize adjudication information, outreach to potential diverters and assistance to reduce summer diversions. Current adjudication is problematic in that it does not reserve environmental flow. Although most legal users do not presently divert stream water, they could do so more if groundwater management results in fees charged for groundwater extraction. Commissioners heard about experience with American River adjudication. Discussion to be continued at next meeting.

G. NEW BUSINESS

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| 1. <u>Update of General Plan policies related to water*</u> | <i>Discussed, but No Action</i> |
| 2. <u>Agenda streamlining*</u> | <i>It was determined that some items that are rarely discussed could be eliminated from the routine agenda. Agenda items may be tied back to the workplan once that is finalized.</i> |

H. INFORMATION AGENDA

I. CORRESPONDENCE

J. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTION ON ITEMS AFFECTING WATER

K. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

L. ADJOURNMENT: at 5:59 pm

Minutes Prepared by: John Ricker, EH Staff