



County of Santa Cruz

BRUCE DAU, Chairperson
KEN KIMES, Vice Chairperson
DAVID SANFORD, Executive Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

February 15, 2024

1:30 PM

Aptos Village County Park Meeting Room
100 Aptos Creek Road
Aptos, California

Present: Bruce Dau, Ken Kimes, Ellen Rinde, Jerold O'Brien

Absent: Mike Manfre

Others: Sheila McDaniel, Mark Connolly, Walter Mayeda

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes and Modifications

(a) Additions/Corrections to Agenda: None

(b) Approved minutes from the November 11, 2023 hearing.

MOTION/SECONDED: Kimes/Rinde

AYES: Dau, Rinde, Kimes, O'Brien, Manfre

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

(c) None

3. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications: None

4. Oral Communication: None

5. APAC Commissioner Presentations: None

6. Updates from the Agricultural Commissioner's Office: Entering permit and operator identification number renewal season. Pest detection season has wrapped up without a find of quarantine importance.

7. Updates from the Staff Planner: APAC meetings will continue to take place at current location until determined

otherwise. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, but there are no items currently set for that date. The clerk of the Board of Supervisors updated the by-laws to require election officers every April. At the next meeting the chair and vice chair will be appointed. The new by-laws require rotating chairs of the APAC board.

Sustainability update: The department has been working for a decade on updating ordinances. On December 5, the Coastal Commission reviewed and commented with amendments which were approved by the Board of Supervisors and will soon go back to the Coastal Commission. The final passing is anticipated in mid-March. We will discuss what the effect the updates will have on agriculture in the next meeting.

8. Public hearing to consider proposed County Ordinance Amendment to create Santa Cruz County Code Chapter 13.10.695 for a new Low Impact Camping Ordinance (LICO) and provide APAC recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

- (a) Presentation by Mark Connolly, Principal Planner in Policy.
- (b) Motion to recommend additions to proposed ordinance:
 - (1) Requirement of 200 foot buffer setbacks to adjacent ag resource land.
 - (2) Prohibition of pets within 200 feet of ag resource land.
 - (3) Require permittee participant properties within 200 feet of other ag resource land to sign acknowledgement.

MOTION/SECONDED: Kimes/Rinde

AYES: Dau, Rinde, Kimes, O'Brien

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.