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KEN KIMES, Chairperson
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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

February 19, 2026
1:30 PM

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

Present: Ken Kimes, Mike Manfre, Ellen Rinde, Jerold O'Brien, Bruce Dau
Absent: None
Others: Evan Ditmars, Donovan Arteaga, David Sanford

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M.
2. Additions and Corrections to Agenda: Commissioner O'Brien correction to votes on Item 9 (Page 3 of draft minutes) to revise "ABSENT: None" to "ABSENT: Bruce Dau"
3. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications: None
4. Announcement by Commission members of items removed from Consent to Regular Agenda: None
5. Public Comment: Six members of the public spoke in opposition to the battery energy storage project at 90 Minto Road, with several requests that the agricultural viability study and/or the project be brought up on special consideration by the Commission. Public comments were closed at 1:58 P.M.
6. Action on Consent Agenda (Items 7)
7. Approval of Minutes: Approve minutes of October 16, 2025, meeting, with the correction to reflect that Bruce Dau was absent for the vote on Item #9.

