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KEN KIMES, Chairperson
ELLEN RINDE, Vice Chairperson
DAVID SANFORD, Executive Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

April 16, 2026
1:30 PM

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

Present: Ken Kimes, Mike Manfre, Ellen Rinde, Bruce Dau

Absent: Jerold O'Brien

Others: Evan Ditmars, Donovan Arteaga, Walter Mayeda, Robert Kitayama, Sam LoForti

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:37 P.M.
2. Additions and Corrections to Agenda: None
3. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications: None related to items on the agenda. Commissioner Kimes reported speaking to his Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisor's analyst, the host of a radio show, and a writer for an army newsletter about a proposed battery facility.
4. Announcement by Commission members of items removed from Consent to Regular Agenda: None
5. Public Comment: Public comments were made during the April 16, 2026 meeting; public comments were closed at 1:51 P.M.
6. Action on Consent Agenda (Items 7)
7. Approval of Minutes: Approve minutes of February 19, 2026 meeting.

ACTION: Approve consent agenda items.

MOTION/SECONDED: Manfre/Rinde

AYES: Rinde, Manfre, Dau, Kimes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: O'Brien

8. 251499 489 San Andreas Road, Watsonville, CA 95076 APN:046-151-36, 046-151-37

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposal to complete a lot line adjustment between two parcels zoned CA (Commercial Agricultural). Project includes a reconfiguration of the dividing boundary and a transfer of 45.49-acres from APN 046-151-36 to APN 046-151-37, resulting in an 85.97-acre and a 137.96-acre parcels and requires consideration of an Agricultural Viability Determination regarding whether the lot line adjustment adversely affects continued agricultural viability of the land.

PROJECT PLANNER: Evan Ditmars, 454-3227

EMAIL: Evan.Ditmars@santacruzcountyca.gov

ACTION: Approve staff recommendation for project 251499

MOTION/SECONDED: Manfre/Dau

AYES: Rinde, Manfre, Kimes, Dau

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: O'Brien

9. APAC Commissioner Presentations: None

10. Updates from Staff Planner: The next scheduled APAC meeting is in June and will be held at the South County Government Center at 500 Westridge Drive in Watsonville, in the community meeting room. The application for the battery site may be superseded by the state application process, the planning department is still looking into what role the county and potential county ordinance would have. The battery facility ordinance is still in development so it has not made it to APAC.

11. Agricultural Commissioner's Report: Strawberry export season has arrived. Significant increase in Florida origin shipments and significant increase in pest finds on the incoming shipments. We are in the process of bringing on an intern to work on invasive shothole borer surveillance.

12. Written Communications: None

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 P.M.