



# County of Santa Cruz

Health Services Agency - Environmental Health



## Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission

701 Ocean Street, Room 312, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
(831) 454-2022 TDD/TTY - Call 711 <http://www.scceh.org>

### Meeting Minutes March 6, 2025

- 1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:33 pm
- 2. **ROLL CALL**

District	Commissioner	Status	Commissioner	Status
I	Chris Berry	P	Samuel Adelson	P
II	VACANT		David Somerton	P
III	Liz Alter	P	Jon Jankovitz	P
IV	Brooke Sampson	P	Daniela Suarez	A
V	Jenni Gomez	P	Jen Michelsen	A

P = Present R = Remote E = Excused A = Absent

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- o **Motion to Approve Minutes:** Berry, **Second:** Somerton,
- o **All Ayes:** Minutes approved

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- o None

### 5. REVIEW SIGNIFICANT TREE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE OF NEARBY JURISDICTIONS,

**CONSIDER POSSIBLE INCORPORATION FOR COUNTY ORDINANCE:** Commissioners reviewed similar ordinances for local jurisdictions and identified language that could be applicable to Santa Cruz County. Sub-committee generally felt that San Mateo County had the most applicable ordinance due to comparable land usage. Commissioners also discussed possible minor edits to the existing ordinance that would expand the scope, while also allowing exemptions that CalFire requested. Commissioners felt the existing ordinance could be altered to achieve the desired protection for large trees. Sub-committee will finalize a draft ordinance and cover letter, which will be reviewed and approved at the May meeting.

**6. REVIEW CURRENT FWAC WORKPLAN AND REVISE, AS NEEDED, FOR 2025:**

Commissioners reviewed the previous year's workplan and suggested the following potential additions; 1) add monitoring of Measure Q with Commissioner Sampson as lead, and 2) re-introduce Invasive Species item with Commissioner Adelson as lead. Commissioners will review their workplan items language and provide updates to liaison. 2025 Workplan to be approved at the May meeting.

**7. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

○ **Staff Reports:**

- Moss Landing Battery Fire update: [Santa Cruz County completed](#) surface water and soil sampling and found no elevated levels of contaminants associated with battery fire. In addition, [Monterey County found](#) impacted soils only in samples taken immediately adjacent to the battery facility.
- Notified that [applications are currently open for the Measure Q Citizens Oversight Advisory Board](#) which will, among other things, approve the 5-Year Vision Plan synthesizing local climate, recreation, and resource management strategies.
- Notified of open Commissioner seat.
- The FWAC grant recommendations were approved by the Board on February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Conflict of Interest Reports (Form 700) are due on April 1.

○ **Commissioner Reports:**

- Com Berry:
  - (1) Notified about a detection of Perchlorate in the Mount Hermon water system
  - (2) The [Salmon Restoration Federation conference](#) is coming at the end of April. The actions being taken at the federal level may lead to a large reduction in attendees this year.
  - (3) Former commissioner Jodi Frediani will be presentation that the Seymour Center on her book, [Wild Monterey Bay](#)
- Com Jankovitz:
  - (1) Santa Clara Valley Water District created an ordinance to eliminate camping in riparian areas
  - (2) [Executive Order from Governor Newsom](#) has limited permitting requirements for wildfire suppression projects.

**8. ADJOURN. Motion to Adjourn:** Gomez, **Second:** Alter  
**All Aye:** meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.