



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, October 11, 2018  
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM  
LOCATION: Coastlines Conference Room, Santa Cruz County Building,  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*Co-Chair – 1<sup>st</sup> District*), Janet Crosse (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Becky Taylor  
(*3<sup>rd</sup> District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*4<sup>th</sup> District*), David Molina (*5<sup>th</sup> District*),  
Lynn Stipes (*5<sup>th</sup> District*)  
EXCUSED: Felipa de Leon (*Co-Chair – 2<sup>nd</sup> District*)  
STAFF: Britt Harmssen, EEO Officer, Kaite McGrew, Commissions Coordinator  
GUESTS: None

Call to Order: Meeting convened at 12:38

1. Roll Call

2. Approve September 13, 2018 Minutes

Motion/Second: Crosse/Molina

Abstain: Stipes

Motion passed.

3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

4. Public: Unscheduled Presentations and Announcements to the Commission

5. Staff Report – No Report

6. New Business/Action Items

6.1. Approve Social Security 2100 Act Letter

Item tabled until next meeting.

6.2. Second Story Respite

The facility was able to remain open with support from an anonymous donor.

Commission will continue to monitor the situation and revisit the topic in April 2019.

6.3. PG&E Blackouts

Commission reviewed the California IHSS Consumer Alliance's recommendations to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) designed to ensure the safety of persons with disabilities during emergency power outages. Commission also reviewed information provided by the CPUC on De-Energization. Daugherty, Molina, Stipes and Taylor will research the topic and bring recommendations to the next meeting. Staff will prepare an updated organizational chart.

Approve Formation of a Subcommittee to Address Emergency Preparedness

Motion/Second: Crosse/Taylor

Motion passed unanimously.

#### 6.4. Alternate Meeting Sites

Commission discussed scheduling meetings at alternate meeting sites in North and South County next year to coincide with aligned community events. Staff will follow up with Cabrillo College to determine if they are hosting an Accessibility Awareness event in April 2019. Commission will research sites/events in the San Lorenzo Valley as well.

#### 6.5. Voter Accessibility

Stipes updated the Commission on the County's efforts to ensure that voting is accessible to persons with disabilities. Some of the measures include surveying every polling place and making necessary improvements to accessibility where needed, additional training for poll workers, improved equipment, and curbside voting.

### 7. Commission Reports

7.1. Metro/Measure D - Daugherty discussed the potential repeal of Proposition 6 and the anticipated \$2.5M impact on Santa Cruz Metro funding.

7.2. History – Daugherty reported on the recent passing of both Jim Bosso, who is credited with developing the first wheelchair accessible taxicab in California, and former English teacher Tom Crain, who previously served on the Commission for Disabilities.

7.3. Legislation – No Report

7.4. IHSS – Taylor reported that the IHSS Commission met recently. They currently have two vacancies since Saldaña's resignation and intend to meet ten times per year starting in 2019. The IHSS Commission would like to move forward with scheduling a joint retreat for the IHSS Advisory Commission, the Seniors Commission and the Commission on Disabilities in 2019.

### 8. Subcommittee Updates

8.1. Recreation Subcommittee – Crosse invited the Commission to the LEO's Haven groundbreaking ceremony in Chanticleer Park on October 13 at 10:00 AM.

8.2. Accessibility Awareness Subcommittee - Staff read De Leon's update. De Leon and Gutierrez Baeza will participate in "Story Time" for Accessibility Awareness Month at the Watsonville library on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

8.3. Kudos Awards Subcommittee – Commissioners reviewed the most recent nomination. Nominations continue to be collected. Staff to review records of past awardees and report back to the Commission.

8.4. Housing Subcommittee– No Report

8.5. Social Media Subcommittee– No Report

8.6. Resource Directory Subcommittee - No Report

### 9. Emerging Matters that May Require Commission Action

Harmssen advised the Commission that the County's EEO Plan is nearing completion and requested feedback from the Commission.

### 10. Adjournment at 2:06 PM

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, Commissions Coordinator

**Next Meeting Scheduled for 12:30 PM Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the Regional Transportation Commission Office, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.**