



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 13, 2019  
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM  
LOCATION: Regional Transportation Commission Office  
1523 Pacific Avenue, 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*), Lynn Stipes (*5<sup>th</sup> District*), David Molina (*5<sup>th</sup> District*)  
EXCUSED: Stacie Grijalva (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*)  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)  
GUESTS: (4) Chuck Julian, Maria Magaña (*CCIL*), Satya Orion (*EMF Aware*), community member

1. Call to Order: Meeting convened at 12:40 PM.

2. Roll Call

3. **Approve April 11, 2019 Minutes**

Motion/Second: Molina/Crosse

**Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

5. Public Comment

Community members from the *EMF Aware* and *5G Aware* organizations spoke on electromagnetic sensitivity (EMS) awareness.

6. New Business/Action Items

6.1. Leadership Priorities

Commission reviewed the four leadership priorities established by the Co-Chairs for their new term, including increased Commission visibility, increased collaboration with other Commissions and community partners, increased influence/impact, and acknowledgement of past achievements and challenges.

6.2. SCMTD Board Seats Appointed by the County Board of Supervisors

Commission discussed the recent Board of Supervisors decision to broaden the definition of qualified appointees to the SCMTD Board of Directors. The decision eliminated the prior requirement that at least one SCMTD Board member be a person with disabilities that uses public transportation as their primary means of transport.

**Authorize Daugherty and Stipes to draft a letter responding to the decision.**

Motion/Second: Stipes/Molina

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## 7. Commission Reports

### 7.1. Metro/Measure D

Daugherty reports that Metro is considering a new bid and has made minor changes to the new Headways master schedule which is now available.

### 7.2. History

Commission reviewed the Commission history project internship position description. Volunteers are needed to assist with tabling opportunities. Commissioners will draft a tabling schedule for the next meeting. Daugherty reports that the ADA will soon celebrate its 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### 7.3. Legislation

Magaña reported that the State's sunset date for funding Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) services has been eliminated, thereby securing support for these programs and services indefinitely. Commission discussed Jon Stewart's impassioned plea to Congress to continue services for 911 first responders with long-term health concerns.

### 7.4. IHSS

Taylor reported that the IHSS Advisory Commission will follow up on the scarcity of providers issue from the recent joint retreat and encouraged Commissioners to apply for the vacant seat reserved for a Commission on Disabilities member.

## 8. Subcommittee Updates

### 8.1. Recreation Subcommittee

Molina has located a Scotts Valley pool that has weekly hours for people with disabilities, but no swimming instructors for children with developmental disabilities. Options for securing swimming instructors are being considered.

### 8.2. Accessibility Awareness Subcommittee – No Report

### 8.3. Kudos Awards Subcommittee

Stipes reports that Supervisor McPherson may not be able to MC and the Commission is considering other options before the August meeting. The Scotts Valley Public Library Fireside Room has been reserved for November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### 8.4. Housing Subcommittee – No Report

### 8.5. Media Subcommittee

Staff will follow-up with KSQD get more information on station requirements to air a pre-produced podcast.

### 8.6. Resource Directory Subcommittee – No Report

### 8.7. Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee – No Report

## 9. Staff Report

9.1. Planning for the UCSC meeting celebrating Disability Employment awareness Month in October is ongoing.

9.2. There have been two more applications to serve on the Commission submitted.

9.3. Sheriff's deputies receive 120 hours of training annually, including extensive training on serving and interacting with people with disabilities. Additionally, they receive specialized training in working with people with mental and developmental disabilities, and those on the autism spectrum.

## 10. Emerging Matters that May Require Commission Action - None

Adjournment at 2:05 PM

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*