



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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## Meeting Minutes

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DATE: Thursday, October 10, 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*), Nancy Yellin (*1<sup>st</sup> District*), Janet Crosse (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Stacie Grijalva (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Becky Taylor (*3<sup>rd</sup> District*), Richard Gubash (*3<sup>rd</sup> District*), Lynn Stipes (*5<sup>th</sup> District*), David Molina (*Co-Chair – 5<sup>th</sup> District*)  
EXCUSED: Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*4<sup>th</sup> District*), John Lechtenberg (*4<sup>th</sup> District*)  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*),  
GUESTS: Tory Del Favero (*Census Bureau Partnership Specialist*)

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:33 PM. Commission welcomed new 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner, Richard Gubash. Agenda revised to remove Public Health Emergency Preparedness presentation.

### 2. Approve August 8, 2019 Minutes

Minutes amended to reflect that Daugherty abstained from voting on the SCMTD Board representation letter.

**Motion to approve as amended/Second: Yellin/Crosse**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### 3. Public Comment

Commission observed a minute of silence to acknowledge the passing of former Commissioner Felipe de Leon.

### 4. New Business/Action Items

#### 4.1. 2020 Census Community Outreach

Tory Del Favero (*Census Bureau Partnership Specialist*) reported on the confidentiality of the census process and the importance of having a complete and accurate count. Commission discussed the accessibility of self-reporting options, and the impact of accurate reporting on diversity, funding and districting.

**Authorize letter to the Board of Supervisors in support of 2020 Census participation**

Motion/Second: Yellin/Gubash

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### 5. Commission Reports

#### 5.1. Metro/Measure D

Daugherty reported that individual Commissioners reviewed and provided feedback on the proposed policy providing a fare waiver for community members living with legal blindness. Metro staff is reworking the policy based on community feedback. Daugherty will follow-up with Metro staff to determine if the Commission will be able to review the revised policy.

#### 5.2. History

Commission received contact from a potential intern, but the candidate did not apply.

#### 5.3. Legislation: No report.

#### 5.4. IHSS: No report.

## 6. Subcommittee Updates

### 6.1. Recreation Subcommittee

Molina and Staff met with County Parks leadership to draft an adaptive swim program proposal including group classes, one-on-one classes, and regular equipment safety checks by an outside vendor. Parks staff support the concept pending further exploration into associated costs and vendors. Staff is in contact with the Kerns Adaptive Swim Program in Monterey who will work with us to draft a phased implementation approach for consideration at the November meeting. The Kerns Board of Directors fully supports the collaboration. Implementation date is projected for late Spring/early Summer 2020.

### 6.2. Accessibility Awareness Subcommittee

Commissioners have signed up for a *Story Time* event at the Watsonville Public Library and are considering tabling options at local farmers markets. Stipes and Yellin were appointed to the subcommittee.

### 6.3. Kudos Awards Subcommittee

Commission reviewed nominations for 2019 Kudos Awards.

**Approve list of 2019 Kudos Awards recipients**

Motion/Second: Crosse/Yellin

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### 6.4. Housing Subcommittee: No Report

### 6.5. Media Subcommittee: No Report

### 6.6. Resource Directory Subcommittee: No Report

### 6.7. Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee: No Report

## 7. Staff Report

7.1. Baurmeister will provide a status report on the County *EEO/Cultural Competence Plan* when additional information becomes available.

## 8. Emerging Matters that May Require Commission Action

Gubash requested that the Commission consider recommending an expansion of Paracruz transportation hours to allow people living with disabilities to participate in evening events. The item will be added to the November agenda.

Adjournment at 2:07 PM

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*