



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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## Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Thursday September 8, 2022

TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 AND CAL. GOV. CODE 54953, THIS WILL BE A REMOTE MEETING. NO PHYSICAL LOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT ACCESS TO THE MEETING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED.

### VIDEO CONFERENCE INFORMATION

**TO JOIN BY VIDEO:** <https://zoom.us/join>

**OR TO JOIN BY PHONE:** +1 (669) 219-2599 (dial \*6 to mute/unmute, dial \*9 to raise your hand)

**Meeting ID:** 495-687-4858

**Passcode:** 192244

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve *August 11, 2022 Minutes*
5. Public Comment: *Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed five minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission.*
6. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
  - 6.1. Kudos Awards Planning
  - 6.2. County Electronic Document Accessibility Screening Update
  - 6.3. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
7. Commission Reports
  - 7.1. History Report
    - 7.1.1. Commission History Project
8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports
  - 8.1. Recreation Subcommittee
  - 8.2. Legislative Subcommittee
9. Staff Report
10. Emerging Matters
11. Adjournment

**Next Regular Meeting:** Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 12:30 – 2:00 PM

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, August 11, 2022  
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM  
LOCATION: Remote Meeting  
PRESENT: Rebecca Haifley (*1<sup>st</sup> District*), Stacie Grijalva (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Becky Taylor (*3<sup>rd</sup> District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*Vice Chair - 4<sup>th</sup> District*), Michael Leimbach (*4<sup>th</sup> District*), David Molina (*Chair - 5<sup>th</sup> District*)  
EXCUSED: John Daugherty (*1<sup>st</sup> District*), Fay Levinson (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Richard Gubash (*3<sup>rd</sup> District*)  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)  
GUESTS: No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order  
Meeting convened at 12:36 PM.
2. Roll Call  
Commission welcomed new District 1 Commissioner Rebecca Haifley.
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve June 9, 2022 Minutes  
**Motion to Approve Minutes as written**  
Motion/Second: Molina/Gutierrez Baeza  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
5. Public Comment: None
6. New/Continuing Business:
  - 6.1. Reduction of DHCS Working Disabled Program Premiums  
Grijalva announced the recent reduction/elimination of premiums for DHCS Disabled Program participants.
  - 6.2. Consider 2022 Legislative Priorities  
Commission considered the following legislative priorities as recommended by the ad hoc Legislative Subcommittee:
    - CA – AB-1663 The Probate Conservatorship Reform and Supported Decision-Making Act
    - CA – SB-1092: Equitable Access to Services
    - CA – AB-2511 Skilled Nursing Facilities: Back-up Electrical Supply ASM Irwin
    - CA – AB-1900: Medi-Cal Income level Maintenance
    - CA – AB-2077: Personal Needs Allowance ASM Calderon
    - Federal – H.R. 431/S. 212: Access Technology Affordability Act

**Motion authorizing the Legislative Subcommittee to advocate in support of the 2022 legislative priorities established by the subcommittee.**

Motion/Second: Molina/Grijalva

**Motion passed unanimously.**

6.3. County Accessibility Standards for Electronic Documents

Commission considered opportunities for advocacy related to accessibility screening for County electronic documents created using Microsoft Office programs and Adobe Acrobat.

**Motion authorizing Chair to send letter advocating for accessibility screening of County electronic documents.**

Motion/Second: Molina/Gutierrez

**Motion passed unanimously.**

6.4. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Finding

**Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely if allowable under the provisions of AB 361**

Motion/Second: Molina/Grijalva

**Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Commission Reports:

7.1. History Report:

7.1.1. Commission History Project:

Staff reported that the internship posting is ongoing and electronic records are being categorized for research purposes.

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

8.1. Recreation Subcommittee

Molina reported that the program is underway and continues to be refined for better accessibility. Staff reported that Parks staff have been receptive to suggestions for improvements in response to community feedback. Commission agreed to send acknowledgement to Parks staff for their efforts to implement this program under difficult circumstances including a state-wide instructor shortage and pandemic closures. Commission will initiate Kudos planning at the September meeting.

9. Staff Report

Staff reported that the EEO/CC Plan is undergoing final approvals before submission to the Board potentially in September. The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Survey presentation is being finalized. Commissioners were encouraged to attend the Health Services Agency Townhall on Monkeypox.

10. Emerging Matters:

Leimbach announced his resignation from the Commission due to work-related time constraints and Commissioners thanked him for his excellent service to the Commission and the disabilities community during his term and encouraged him to re-apply in future if/when time allows. Taylor expressed appreciation for IHSS Advisory Commission Chair Michael Molesky in his efforts to initiate local support groups. Additional information on groups will be provided when it becomes available.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:26 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



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### **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES' FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**WHEREAS**, The Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 8, 2022, The Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities held a teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

**WHEREAS**, this Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities makes the following findings by a majority vote:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities.

**Section 2.** Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**Section 3.** No later than thirty (30) days from making today's findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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David Molina

*Chair, Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities*

ATTEST:

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Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

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Office of the County Counsel

Commission on Disabilities Subcommittees  
9/01/2022

Recreation Ad Hoc Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gutierrez Baeza</li><li>• Molina</li><li>• Staff</li></ul>
Accessibility Awareness Ad Hoc Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Daugherty</li><li>• Gutierrez Baeza</li><li>• Grijalva</li><li>• Staff</li></ul>
Kudos Awards Ad Hoc Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gutierrez Baeza</li><li>• Daugherty</li><li>• Taylor</li><li>• Staff</li></ul>
Housing Ad Hoc Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taylor</li></ul>
Public Awareness Ad Hoc Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gutierrez Baeza</li><li>• Taylor</li><li>• Grijalva</li><li>• Daugherty</li></ul>
Resource Directory Ad Hoc Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Molina</li><li>• Staff</li></ul>
Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Response Ad Hoc Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taylor (IHSS)</li><li>• TBD (Seniors Commission)</li><li>• Daugherty</li><li>• Molina</li><li>• Staff</li></ul>
Legislative Ad Hoc Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Molina</li><li>• Grijalva</li><li>• Staff</li></ul>



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### Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified below, regularly scheduled Commission on Disability meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thursday\*  
MONTH: Every month except July and December  
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM  
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor - Redwood Conference Room  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 **unless held remotely**

**\*Unless noted otherwise below**

Changes to the schedule, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the website at [www.scccod.net](http://www.scccod.net) as soon as information becomes available.

2022 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 13, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
February 10, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
March 10, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
April 14, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
May 12, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
June 9, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
August 11, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
September 8, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Remote
October 13, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined
November 10, 2022	12:30 – 2:00 PM	To Be Determined