



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE: Thursday, November 13, 2025
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Coastlines Conference Room
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

****As a courtesy to those who are affected, kindly attend the meeting *scent-free* and *smoke-free*.****

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Agenda Review
3. Approve *October 9, 2025 Minutes*
4. Public Comment: *Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed three minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission.*
5. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
 - 5.1. County Strategic Plan Presentation – Sven Stafford (*CEO Principal Administrative Analyst*)
 - 5.2. Santa Cruz County Employment Services Awards Ceremony Report
6. Commission Priority Reports
 - 6.1. Accessibility Awareness Report
 - 6.2. Accessible Recreation Report
 - 6.3. Affordable Accessible Housing Report
 - 6.4. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report
7. Correspondence
8. Staff Report
9. Announcements/Emerging Matters
10. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 8, 2026, from 12:30 – 2:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, October 09, 2025
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor – Coastlines Conference Room
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PRESENT: John Daugherty (*1st District*), Tymothie Hale (*2nd District*), Becky Taylor (*3rd District*), Richard Gubash (*3rd District*), Jessica Liddy Hayford (*4th District*), David Molina (*5th District Co-Chair*),
EXCUSED: Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*4th District Co-Chair*), Mitali Weiglein (*5th District*)
ABSENT: Jonathan Zinnanti (*2nd District*)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: Rina Solorio (*Assistant Operations Manager, METRO ParaCruz*), Art Hulscher (*CEO/President, ADARide*), Michael Bois (*METRO Communications & Marketing Manager*), Margo Ross (*METRO Chief Operations Manager*), Daniel Zaragoza (*METRO Operations Deputy Director*), and Gina De Martini-Kuhns (*CEO Senior Administrative Analyst*). No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
Meeting convened at 12:43 PM.
2. Agenda Review
3. Approve September 11, 2025 Minutes
Motion to approve minutes as written
Motion/Second: Daugherty/Hale
Motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment: None
5. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:

5.1. METRO ParaCruz Eligibility Process Presentation

Solorio and Hulscher presented an overview of the ParaCruz eligibility process. Applications can be submitted online or on paper and require two forms: the application and medical verification of disability, with a 21-day processing period beginning once both have been received. The WAG2-compliant website provides accessibility accommodations for a range of disabilities. Eligibility is determined by specially trained ADA Paratransit medical staff who consider both physical and cognitive barriers a specific rider could experience across the entire transit system if using the regular bus service. Verification requires documentation from an appropriate medical professional, such as a physician, therapist, or other licensed provider, including Regional Center staff in Santa Cruz County. Spanish language support is available. Once eligible, riders may access services nationwide with proof of eligibility

provided in onboarding packets. The current denial rate is 4%, with abandoned application rates not specified. Current fares are set at \$4 each way (\$8 for premium service), and recertification is generally every three years, with automatic renewal for riders with permanent disabilities. METRO is recruiting for a mobility trainer position who will meet riders in the field to assist them with accessing the bus system. Commissioners are encouraged to send follow-up questions to Staff.

6. Commission Reports

6.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report:

Gubash reported that the next meeting is not until May of 2026. Molina requested that the item be removed from the agenda until the June meeting.

7. Commission Priority Reports:

7.1. Accessibility Awareness Priority Report: No Report

7.2. Accessible Recreation Priority Report: No Report

7.3. Affordable Accessible Housing Report: No Report

7.4. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report

Hale reported that he is waiting to apply to serve on the METRO Board at the request of Supervisor De Serpa.

8. Correspondence: None

9. Staff Report: None

10. Announcements/Emerging Matters:

De Martini-Kuhns updated the Commission on the County's Strategic Planning efforts including a focus on affordable transportation. Unfortunately, the survey did not capture disability data. The CEO's office will send a representative to the Commission to share objectives and collect feedback.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



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Scheduled Meetings

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

DAY: Second (2nd) Thursday*
MONTH: Every month except July and December
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor – Board Chambers or Redwood Room*
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

***Meetings will be held in either of these rooms 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 as soon as information becomes available.

2026 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 8, 2026	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Coastlines Room
February 13, 2026	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Coastlines Room
March 12, 2026	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Coastlines Room
April 9, 2026	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Coastlines Room
May 14, 2026	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Coastlines Room
June 11, 2026	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Coastlines Room
August 13, 2026	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Coastlines Room
September 10, 2026	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Coastlines Room
October 8, 2026	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Coastlines Room
November 12, 2026	12:30 – 2:00 PM	Coastlines Room

Public Participation

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