1. Introductions

Commissioner Randy Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

Members present:
Dene Bustichi          Don Lane
Neal Coonerty          John Leopold
Gustavo Gonzalez (Alt.) Kirby Nicol
Norm Hagen (Alt)       Ellen Pirie
Randy Johnson

Members absent:
Ron Graves             Antonio Rivas
Mark Stone

Staff present:
George Dondero         Karena Pushnik
Luis Mendez            Yesenia Parra
Gini Pineda            Cory Caletti

2. Oral communications

Executive Director George Dondero said that a $5 million “X Prize” was awarded to the designers of the “Edison 2”, a super efficient car that is supposed to get 100 mpg. The car is not yet ready for production.

3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas - none
CONSENT AGENDA

No consent items

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

The Commission adjourned into closed session 9:11 am.

CLOSED SESSION

5. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8 relating to the freight easement: Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line from Watsonville Junction to Davenport

   Agency Negotiator:  Kirk Trost, Miller Owen & Trost
   Negotiation Parties: SCCRTC, Sierra Northern Railway
   Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

OPEN SESSION

The Commission reconvened into open session at 10:04 am.

6. Report on closed session

   There was nothing to report.

7. Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line acquisition – Administration, Coordination and License Agreement

   Deputy Director Luis Mendez said that the revised staff recommendation is to delay a decision on the agreement to a future meeting, after further negotiations have been held.

   Commissioner Bustichi moved and Commissioner Lane seconded to approve the revised staff recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Next meetings

   Rosemary Sarka, Roaring Camp and Big Trees Railroad, said that Roaring Camp has released its right of first refusal to purchase the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line to indicate a public show of support of the RTC’s efforts to purchase the Branch Line.

   The meeting adjourned at 10:09 am.
The next SCCRTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main St, Watsonville, CA.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop is scheduled for October 21, 2010 at 9:00 am at the SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Respectfully submitted,

Gini Pineda, Staff

ATTENDEES

Rosemary Sarka  Big Trees Railroad
Kurtis Alexander  Sentinel