



Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission Transportation Policy Workshop

MINUTES

Thursday, September 16, 2010
9:00 a.m.

NOTE LOCATION THIS MONTH
SCCRTC Conference Room
1523 Pacific Ave
Santa Cruz Ca

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
Kurtis Alexander

Big Trees Railroad
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