



**Santa Cruz County Regional  
Transportation Commission  
Commissioner Retreat  
(Special Meeting)**

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**MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 17, 2015  
8:30 a.m.**

**Pajaro Dunes – Sand Piper Center  
105 Shell Drive  
Watsonville, CA**

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m.

Members present:

Jimmy Dutra	Cynthia Chase
Greg Caput	Dennis Norton
Ryan Coonerty	Zach Friend
Don Lane	John Leopold
Bruce McPherson	Lowell Hurst (alt.)
Ed Bottorff	Virginia Johnson (alt.)
Patrick Mulhearn (alt.)	Micah Posner (alt.)
Mike Rotkin (alt.)	

Staff Present:

George Dondero	Yesenia Parra
Karena Pushnik	Luis Mendez

1. Oral communications

**Jack Nelson**, Campaign for Sensible transportation urged Commissioner and the public to get on board the train to show leadership for climate change.

**Brian Peoples**, Aptos Rail Trail would like to partner with the Commission to help work on the stand still traffic condition. He noted he supports HOV lanes and toll roads and encouraged the Commission to take a look at vehicle technologies. He also announced the Aptos Rail Trail meeting scheduled for September 17, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Rio Sands Hotel.

**Carey Pico** Rio Del Mar Improvement Association is concerned about the way information was presented on the Rail Feasibility Study. He lives near the

tracks so if passenger rail was feasible he would support it. He does not think the Rail property is wide enough to have both rail and trail. He also does not think there is enough funding to support passenger rail.

Commissioner Leopold said that the rail line purchase brought the community together and created a topic that the community was excited about and has begun to share creative ways of using it.

2. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agendas -none

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

No consent items

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

3. Commissioner Retreat

Commissioners discussed: funding, project priorities and the importance of becoming a self help county.

4. Next meetings

The next SCCRTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Santa Cruz CA

The next meeting of the Transportation Policy Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the SCCRTC Offices, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yesenia Parra, Administrative Services Officer

Attendees:

Jack Nelson  
Brian Peoples  
Carey Pico

Campaign for Sensible Transportation  
Aptos Rail Trail  
Rio Del Mar Improvement Association