



**Santa Cruz County  
Regional Transportation Commission  
Special Meeting**

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**MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 16, 2023  
9:00 a.m.**

**In-Person Meeting**

METRO Admin Offices  
110 Vernon Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Remote Participation**

RTC Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87885864298>  
Dial-in: +1 669 444 9171  
Webinar ID: 878 8586 4298

1. Roll call.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Members present:

Sandy Brown	Manu Koenig
Kristen Brown	Larry Pageler (Alt)
Alexander Pedersen	Andy Schiffrin (Alt)
Eduardo Montesino	Judy Gittelsohn (Alt)
Randy Johnson	Gine Johnson (Alt)

Staff present:

Yesenia Parra	Shannon Munz
Krista Corwin	Sarah Christensen
Amy Naranjo	Cindy Convisser
Brianna Goodman	Riley Gerbrandt
	Steven Mattas (RTC Counsel)

2. Approved AB2449 request(s) - *none*
3. Additions or deletions to consent and regular agenda - *none*

4. Oral communications

Received public comment from:

Ben Vernazza

Michael Saint

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*No consent items*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

5. Review of items to be discussed in closed session

RTC Counsel Steve Mattas communicated that there may be reportable action resulting from closed session discussions.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Commission entered closed session at 9:10 a.m.

6. Public Employment  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)  
Title: Executive Director
7. Public Employment/Public Employee Appointment  
(Pursuant to Government code Section 54957)  
Title: Interim Executive Director
8. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)  
Agency Designated Representatives: Tony Harris and Jesse Lad  
Employee Organizations: CORE and RAMM
9. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))  
SCCRTC v. Kajihara et. al. Case No. 21CV00211

**OPEN SESSION**

10. Report of items discussed in closed session

RTC Counsel Steve Mattas announced that the RTC is continuing to seek an Interim Executive Director and that, on a unanimous vote, the Commission appointed Deputy Director Luis Mendez to serve as Acting Interim Executive Director effective December 2, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

11. Next meetings

The next RTC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 07, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., at the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers located at 1 Civic Center Drive, Scotts Valley, CA.

The next Transportation Policy Workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at a location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Corwin, Administrative Assistant

Attendees:

Ben Vernazza

Barry Scott

Michael Saint

Sean

Nadene Thorne

Heather Adamson, AMBAG

Joni

Brian

Joan

Lowell Hurst