



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE Tuesday, February 21, 2023
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
LOCATION: MEETING REMOTELY

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 AND CAL. GOV. CODE 54953, THIS WILL BE A REMOTE MEETING. NO PHYSICAL LOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT ACCESS TO THE MEETING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE JOIN THE MEETING BETWEEN 12:20 AND 12:30 USING THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW:

VIDEOCONFERENCE INFORMATION

TO JOIN BY VIDEO: <https://zoom.us/join>

OR TO JOIN BY PHONE: +1 (669) 219-2599 (dial *6 to mute/unmute, dial *9 to raise your hand)

Meeting ID: 495-687-4858 **Passcode:** 192244

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approval of *December 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes*
3. Public Comment: *Any member of the public may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 5 minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission not on the agenda.*
4. New Business/Action Items:
 - 4.1. Public Guardian Advocacy Opportunities – Alicia Morales (Social Services Division Director)
 - 4.2. CORE Funding Advocacy Discussion
5. District Reports
 - 5.1. District 1
 - 5.2. District 2
 - 5.3. District 3
 - 5.4. District 4
 - 5.5. District 5
6. Senior Legislature Report
7. Staff Report
8. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: April 18, 2023 at 12:30 PM, United Way, Capitola

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, December 20, 2022

TIME: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Remote Meeting

PRESENT: Dena Taylor (*1st District*), Suzanne Doty (*1st District*), Antonio Rivas (*Vice Chair - 2nd District*), Mark Johannessen (*2nd District*), Lois Sones (*3rd District*), Enda Brennan (*3rd District*), Patricia Fohrman (*4th District*), Carol Childers (*Chair - 5th District*), Lynn McKibbin (*5th District*)

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)

GUESTS: Coco Raner-Walter (*San Lorenzo Valley Senior Center President*) and no members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:33 PM.

Commission welcomed new 1stDistrict Commissioner, Suzanne Doty.

2. Motion to Approve October 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes.

Motion/Second: Taylor/Sones

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment: None

4. New Business/Action Items:

4.1. San Lorenzo Valley (SLV) Senior Center Update

Raner-Walter updated the Commission on recent developments at the SLV Center Senior Center. The center provides a variety of resources and courses including exercise, dance, art, and multi-generational activities. The County Board of Supervisors cut CORE funding for the center in June 2022, so the center is now funded entirely by grants and donations. Meal on Wheels serves lunch at the center, provides transportation, schedules speakers including the District Attorney's office to speak on scams impacting seniors. Other District 5 senior resources include the Mountain Community Resource Center, Valley Churches United, and the Scotts Valley Senior Center. Rivas emphasized the importance of multi-generational programming.

4.2. Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings

Commission considered whether to authorize meeting remotely under the provisions of AB 361 at the next meeting.

Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of AB 361.

Motion/Second: Doty/Taylor

Motion passed unanimously.

5. District Reports:

5.1. District 1:

Taylor is working on an article for the Retired Public Servants Association highlighting the importance of senior volunteerism. encouraged the Commission to collaborate with the Mid-County Senior Center to raise of the Commission as a platform to bring awareness to issues impacting seniors. Doty shared information regarding amendments to Santa Cruz County Code Chapter 13.32 clarifying language on rent control provisions for mobile home parks. Senior mobile home parks make up a substantial portion of available affordable housing units for seniors in Santa Cruz County.

5.2. District 2:

Rivas advocated for the Live Oak Senior Center at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting and the Live Oak School Board meeting. Bulldozing was postponed until June next year to allow for further negotiations. Meals on Wheels was given a six-month extension on their eviction notice. Watsonville Senior Center is doing well under their new director's leadership. Watsonville City Council created an advisory committee of community residents to receive feedback from residents on the center's resources and programs. Johannessen reported that County HSD t has published a Master Plan for Aging Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a vendor to conduct the community needs assessment. The ratings panel is reviewing, evaluating and rating vendor proposals with vendor notifications scheduled for February.

5.3. District 3:

Sones reported that Elderday has paused in-center services because of a recent COVID-19 outbreak. They hope to restart in-center services by early January. Brennan had no report.

5.4. District 4:

Fohrman reported that District 4 has experienced an increase in vandalism and mail theft in low-income senior housing as well as an uptick in telephone scams targeting seniors. Staff will contact the District Attorney's to see if they can update the Commission on current scams.

5.5. District 5:

McKibbin reported being happy to be back after recent health concerns precluded her attending for several months. She reported receiving a great deal of support from the SLV senior center during that time. Childers reported very low temperatures in District 5 resulting in increased heating costs. Meals on Wheels staff increased in SLV, but many seniors live in homes less than ideal for aging in place.

6. Senior Legislature Report: No Report

7. Staff Report:

County Employee Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Survey results were presented to the Data Equity Committee who provided excellent feedback. The County's Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plan was accepted and adopted by the Board at the December 13th meeting. Sheriff's office retracted their arrangement allowing the Commission to book full year in advance so in-person meeting will continue to be held at the United Way.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*

**2022-23 CORE Funding Comparison
Programs Serving Older Adults & People with Disabilities**

Agency	Program	2021-22 Funding	2022-23 Request	2022-23 Allocation	2022-23 Gain/(loss)	Senior & Disability Prog +/-
C Bridges	MOW	\$ 415,000		\$ 436,222	\$21,222	\$21,222
SNS	Aging in Community	\$ 35,000	\$ 150,001		(\$35,000)	(\$35,000)
Grey Bears	Brown Bag	\$ 110,000		\$ 131,937	\$21,937	\$21,937
Sr. Legal	Expansion	\$ 62,000		\$ 77,574	\$15,574	\$15,574
SNS	ADRC Development	\$ -		\$ 50,908	\$50,908	\$50,908
Volunter Center	Empowered Aging	\$ 41,000		\$ 43,635	\$2,635	\$2,635
FSA	Suicide Prevention	\$ 38,000	\$ 47,250		(\$38,000)	(\$19,000)
Advocacy Inc	Ombudsman	\$ 59,000	\$ 79,000		(\$59,000)	(\$59,000)
C Bridges	Elderday	\$ 145,000	\$ 150,000		(\$145,000)	(\$145,000)
C Bridges	Lift Line	\$ 15,000	\$ 50,000		(\$15,000)	(\$15,000)
SLV Seniors	Gen'l Programming	\$ 15,000	\$ 148,592		(\$15,000)	(\$15,000)
Vista Center	Comprehensive Svcs	\$ 15,000	\$ 22,800	\$ 22,800	\$7,800	\$7,800
Seniors Council	Foster Grandparent Recruitment	\$ -	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000	\$23,000	\$23,000
Project SCOUT	Tax assistance	\$ 15,000	\$ 22,000		(\$15,000)	(\$15,000)
Cabrillo Stroke Center	Stroke Recovery	\$ 44,000			(\$44,000)	(\$44,000)
					\$0	
TOTAL					\$0	(\$203,924)
					\$0	



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Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified, regularly scheduled Seniors Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Third (3rd) Tuesday
MONTH: Every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December)
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
LOCATION: **United Way of Santa Cruz County***
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

* 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.sccseniors.org as soon as information becomes available.

2023 Meeting Dates		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 21, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
April 18, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
June 20, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
August 15, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
October 17, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way
December 19, 2023	12:30 – 2:30 PM	United Way

Public Participation

- Please check the meeting agenda to learn details about how to participate in the commission meeting.
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