



**Santa Cruz County
Regional Transportation Commission
Measure D Taxpayer Oversight Committee**



**Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, April 1, 2026
5:30 p.m.**

This meeting was held in person at the RTC Offices, 1101 Pacific Ave #250, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Remote participation was via Zoom and followed AB 2449 requirements.

1. Call to Order: Chair Hodsdon called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
2. Roll Call/Introductions

Members Present (all in person):

Frederick Harron, District 1 (Vice-Chair)
Mark Johannessen, District 2
Philip Hodsdon, District 3 (Chair)
Antonio Rivas, District 4
Jennifer Merchant, District 5

Excused Absences:

RTC Staff:

Italo Jimenez, Finance and Budget Officer
Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner

Guests:

Jim Malberg, City of Capitola
Kailash Mozumder, City of Capitola
Casey Carlson, County of Santa Cruz
Nelly Park, County of Santa Cruz
Claire Gallogly, City of Santa Cruz
Edward Torres, City of Santa Cruz
Murray Fontes, City of Watsonville
Miguel Lizarraga, City of Watsonville
Chris Miranda, City of Watsonville
Joey Nolasco, City of Watsonville

3. Consider AB2449 request(s) to participate in the meeting remotely due to emergency circumstances (a physical or family medical emergency)

that prevents a member from attending in person): None

4. Additions, deletions, or other changes to consent and regular agendas:
None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion (Merchant/Johannessen) was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously with members Harron, Johannessen, Hodsdon, Rivas, and Merchant voting in favor.

5. Approved Minutes of the June 10, 2025 Oversight Committee Meeting

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Overview of Committee Purpose, Scope of Responsibilities, Membership Composition and Bylaws

No presentation.

7. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Measure D Audits and Expenditure Reports for Direct Recipient Agencies

Representatives from the City of Capitola, County of Santa Cruz, City of Santa Cruz, and City of Watsonville described the projects and services for which they used their formula shares of Measure D funds in FY24/25.

Individual Committee members posed several questions and made comments to the representatives related to aspects of the expenditure reports and audits including using Measure D funds as leverage to secure outside funding, recipients' planned uses of funds, and certain terms used in the audits. An error was identified in the County of Santa Cruz's categorization of debt in their Maintenance of Effort report. Capitola was asked to correct their website so that their 5-Year Plan is accessible to the public.

Committee members expressed appreciation for the City of Santa Cruz's reporting and for the City of Watsonville's presentation.

For future years, they requested that staff request, as part of the question on Planned Use of Fund Balances & Potential Liabilities, information on encumbrances. Staff will also clarify expenditure report fields related to secured grants received, and ensure that recipients use the latest templates for reporting consistency.

8. Oversight Committee Annual Report
No presentation. Annual Report preparation will be discussed at next meeting.
9. Oral Communications: None.
10. Adjourn: Chair Hodsdon adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tommy Travers, Transportation Planner

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