

Board of Supervisors

Santa Cruz County

LUIS CARLOS DAVIS
District 1

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AGENDA

March 4, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Santa Cruz County Complex
2150 N. Congress Drive, Room 120
Nogales, AZ 85621

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Submit comments or questions by email to clerkoftheboard@santacruzcountyaz.gov by no later than March 3, 2026, at 5:00 PM for the March 4, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.

Please include the following in your email:

- The meeting date(s)
- The relevant agenda item number and title (if applicable)
- Your full name and phone number
- Your comment or question

A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

D. CURRENT EVENTS

1. Board of Supervisors
2. Manager

E. FLOOD CONTROL

1. Director's/Project Report
2. Monthly Report from City of Nogales
3. Monthly Report from the Town of Patagonia
4. Public Comment

F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Finance: cash & investments, expenditures & revenue reports
2. Department(s) update
3. Awards, Recognitions & Accomplishments:
 - a Recognition of Isabella Felix, a eighth-grade student from Patagonia Middle School, for her exemplary achievement as the Champion of the 2026 Santa Cruz County Spelling Bee, earning the honor by correctly spelling the championship word “supplicate” in the 10th round of competition (Req: Chairman Molera)
 - b Recognition of Shulamithy Battu, a seventh-grade student from Coatimundi Middle School, for her exceptional performance as the Runner-Up of the 2026 Santa Cruz County Spelling Bee (Req: Chairman Molera)
 - c Recognition of Edgardo Muñoz for his exemplary dedication, leadership, and significant contributions to the community through his “I Love Nogales” initiative, including community engagement, improvement efforts, and the promotion of civic pride (Req: Chairman Molera)

G. STUDY SESSION

1. Early Actions Community Investment Agreement with the City of Nogales, Town of Patagonia, and South32 presented by Chris Young, Deputy County Manager (Req: County Manager)
2. From Insight to Infrastructure Santa Cruz County’s Health Priorities & Measurable Path Forward 2025–2030 by JoAnn Andrews, CEO of Ascendant Healthcare Partners (Req: Health Department)
3. Government 101:
 - a Roles and Responsibilities of the Public Fiduciary Department by Cecilia Mejia and staff

H. JAIL DISTRICT

ACTION TAKEN

1. Discussion/possible action for authorization to fill two (2) vacant Detention Officer positions (Req: Sheriff) _____

I. ACTION ITEMS

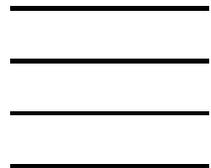
1. Discussion/possible action to approve Early Actions Community Investment Agreement with City of Nogales, Town of Patagonia and South32 for community projects and planning and authorize the County Manager to sign the agreement (Req: Deputy County Manager) _____
2. Discussion/possible action to approve Proclamation declaring March 2026 as Santa Cruz County Government Employee Appreciation Month (Req: County Manager) _____

J. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda will be considered as a group and acted on by one motion with no separate discussion unless by the request of a Board Member. Upon the request of an item to be removed from the Consent Agenda, the item will be placed under the regular Action Items section of the agenda.

1. Discussion/possible action for authorization to fill vacant: (Req: Sheriff)
 - a Three (3) Deputy Sheriff positions _____
 - b Deputy Corporal position _____
2. Discussion/possible action to approve a Professional Services Agreement with the Sonoran Institute to develop the Economic Development Recompete initiative through Corridors and Pathways, effective through June 30, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$90,000 (Req: Deputy County Manager) _____
3. Discussion/possible action to approve Professional Service Agreement with SER-Jobs for Progress of Southern Arizona, Inc. to provide work-experience services from March 5, 2026 through May 29, 2026 for a total program cost of \$49,499.82, or a cost per participant in the amount of \$4,949.98 (Req: WIOA) _____
4. Discussion/possible action to approve Application for Fireworks Display at the Tubac Golf Resort on April 3, 2026 (Req: Clerk) _____

- 5. Approval of Tax Valuation Adjustments: (Req: Assessor)
 - a 101-45-071 - Moving Forward Properties LLC, Resolution No. 57369
 - b 101-45-071 - Moving Forward Properties LLC, Resolution No. 57370
- 6. Approval of Minutes: 02/18/2026
- 7. Approval of Demands



K. ADJOURNMENT

Posted: 02/27/2026 at 4:20 p.m. by NB

Alma Schultz, Clerk of the Board

The Board of Supervisors may vote to hold an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's Attorney on any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

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Town of Patagonia, City of Nogales,
Santa Cruz County, South32

Early Actions Community Investment Funding Agreement



Early Actions Funding Agreement

- This is not the CPBA. The CPBA will be completed once we have the FEIS and Biological Opinion from the federal agencies.
- This funding agreement is the same format as other funding agreements between South32 and government entities.
- Includes Early Actions based on the University of Arizona Gap Analysis and local topic-specific focus groups.
- Development of the Early Actions Protection Roadmap.

Early Actions

- Each Early Action will require a scope of work before proceeding, including cost.
- Early Actions include:
 - Protections Roadmap
 - Emergency Service
 - Community Health Infrastructure
 - Early Education and Childcare
 - Nature Based Restorative Economy/ Recreation
 - Affordable Housing
 - Other

Protections Roadmap

Task Name	Lead Entity	2025				2026				2027				2028			
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4												
Task 1. ENGAGE																	
Engage facilitator/liaison (F/L)	CPBA, Expert Consultant																
Define roles and responsibilities	CPBA, Expert Consultant																
Define schedule and deliverables	CPBA, Expert Consultant																
Task 2. DEFINE GOALS																	
Develop a vision statement	CPBA, Expert Consultant, F/L																
Define goals	CPBA, Expert Consultant, F/L																
Task 3. DATA REQUESTS																	
Detailed technical review	Expert Consultant																
Data availability analysis	Expert Consultant																
Task 4. EXPLORE PROTECTION OPPORTUNITIES																	
Develop and execute plan to enhance	Expert Consultant																
Improve monitoring	Expert Consultant																
Improve preparedness	Expert Consultant																
Task 5. MONITOR & COMMUNICATE PROGRESS																	
Bi-annual written updates from Hermosa	South32																
Annual update from CPBA	CPBA																
Annual summary from F/L	F/L																
Include dashboard on public facing website	TBD																
Task 6. ANNUAL REVIEW																	
Establish Technical Review Board (TRB)	TRB																
TCRB visit site annually	TRB																
TCRB develop recommendations	TRB																

Final EIS February 2026

ROD July 2026

Emergency Services

- **Independent Emergency Services Audit: assess the readiness, gaps, and coordination capabilities of emergency services in the region (Countywide).**
- **Expand fire and EMS, infrastructure (Patagonia).**
- **Designs to expand Patagonia main office to create a space for the local Marshall's Office (Patagonia).**
- **Patagonia Flood Control Study Phase II (Facilitated by County) (Patagonia).**

Community Health

- **Funding to support Mariposa mobile clinic for remote and underserved areas. (Includes equipment and possibly staffing) (Countywide).**
- **Purchase County Mobile Health Vehicle/Clinic to increase convenient access to primary care, immunizations, screenings, and health education (Countywide).**
- **Housing Project study and design for Mariposa residency program (Countywide).**
- **Vehicle purchase for Mariposa Clinic transportation programs. (Countywide).**
- **Design for expansion of clinic for imaging, ER, and crisis counseling in Patagonia (Patagonia).**

Education/Early Education

- **Create a strategic childcare plan for the entire County. Work toward solutions for capacity, affordability, and quality. Will look for partnerships from private business, government, and nonprofits (Countywide).**
- **Design and concept drawings for Patagonia daycare birth to 5. (Patagonia).**

Nature Based Restorative Economy/ Recreation

- **County wide parks, recreation, and open space master plan. This covers parks, birding, trails (horse, hiking, walking), cycling, sports facilities, natural open spaces, and recreation programming. Includes inventory and needs assessment, economic impact, possible impacts from growth, environmental considerations, and a strategic plan with a CIP (Countywide).**

Affordable Housing

- **Design and engineering for Affordable Housing Project (Patagonia).**
- **Update current Santa Cruz County Housing Strategy 22-27 and create an implementation strategy which includes regulatory changes, affordable housing projects, environmental considerations, and infrastructure expansion with CIP. Would emphasize housing for middle income professions such as teachers (Countywide).**

Other

- Reimbursement for the Sewer and water engineering study (Nogales) .