



County of Santa Cruz

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2016 9 a.m.

Location: Central Fire District Headquarters - 930 17th Ave., Santa Cruz, California

I. Roll Call/Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bracamonte at 9:03 a.m.

Present: Avila; Bennett; Bertrand; Bracamonte; Logan; Whittle; Young
Guest: None
Absent: None
Staff: Tim Fillmore

II. Public Oral Communications: None

III. Additions or Deletions to Agenda: None

IV. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 27, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Motion: Bertrand
Second: Logan
Ayes: Avila; Bennett; Bertrand; Bracamonte; Logan; Whittle; Young
No's: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

V. EHS Staff Report (Fillmore):

- Over 98% of permitted facilities in Santa Cruz County have completed one or more CERS submittals. The system is fairly automated so that submittals are reviewed and processed as they come in and inspection and violation data is periodically uploaded from our local database into CERS so the information is available to users of the CERS Regulator Portal site.
- The testing phase of the electronic field inspection software is complete and the EH inspectors will begin using the new system with small tablet computers within the next couple of weeks.
- Aug. 25, 2015 meeting, the BOS directed the Dept. of Public Works to draft an ordinance to institute a product stewardship take-back program and to collect and dispose of unused/unwanted pharmaceutical and sharps waste from county residents. The ordinance went to public hearing and was approved in concept at the Nov. 10th meeting and fully approved at the December 8th meeting.
- AB 45 re: household hazardous waste collection has been amended to remove both the requirement for specific mandated % diversion amounts and the requirement to institute a curbside HHW collection program.

VI. Correspondence/Announcements:

The following correspondence items were briefly discussed:

- 2014-2015 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Annual Report

- BOS letter re: pharmaceutical and sharps product stewardship take-back program (discussed during the EHS staff report)
- Request for HMAc Biennial Report to be submitted by Jan. 31, 2016
- BOS letters regarding the HMAc appointment of Tom Avila to the City of Watsonville position and the resignation of Greg Harden from the Labor position.

VII. HMAc Goals – discussion and adoption of goals for 2016

- The members discussed the 2015 list of Commission Goals and recommended a wording change for goal #9 related to water treatment for hexavalent chromium and the addition of two new goals related to public outreach and the new county pharmaceutical ordinance. Staff was directed to update the goals and circulate the new list prior to the March meeting for formal approval.

VIII. Review of the draft 2014-2015 Biennial Report

- The draft 2014-15 HMAc Biennial Report was circulated for discussion and approval. After a brief review of the report, a motion was made to approve the report as submitted and direct staff to forward it to the BOS before the January 31st due date.

Motion: Bennett
 Second: Logan
 Ayes: Avila; Bennett; Bertrand; Bracamonte; Logan; Whittle; Young
 No's: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None

IX. Updates to HMAc Ordinance Chapter 2.92 - discussion

The current HMAc governing ordinance was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that there are currently four HMAc vacancies and that at last report the Fire Chiefs Association did not intend to recommend a replacement for the Fire Protection position, with the reasoning that Fire Protection interests have historically been adequately served by representatives from the four cities. The ordinance requires a quorum of six members present to hold a meeting, often difficult with only seven current members. After further discussion, a motion was made to direct staff to prepare necessary correspondence to request an update to Chapter 2.92 to change the Fire Protection position to a Community Representative position to allow for the vacancy to be filled. It was further recommended that prior to moving forward with the proposed change, the topic be brought to the next Fire Chiefs meeting to verify their intent regarding this issue.

Motion: Bertrand
 Second: Bennett
 Ayes: Avila; Bennett; Bertrand; Bracamonte; Logan; Whittle; Young
 No's: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: None

X. **Call for Topics:** several potential topics for a future meetings were discussed.

XI. **Next Meeting Date:** March 23, 2016 – Central Fire District Headquarters

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. by Chairperson Bracamonte.