



County of Santa Cruz

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes – December 6, 2017 9 a.m.

City of Santa Cruz Fire Department Training Room – 230 Walnut, Santa Cruz, California

I. Roll Call/Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bennett at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Bennett; Logan, Bracamonte, Delemus, Glucs, Frawley, Bertrand

Absent: Young, Whittle, Avila

Staff: Rebecca Supplee

II. Public Oral Communications: None

III Addition/Deletion to Agenda: None

IV Adoption of September Meeting Minutes – with minor corrections of date of next meeting.

Motion: Logan

Second: Bracamonte

Ayes: Bennett; Logan, Bracamonte, Frawley, Delemus, Glucs, Bertrand

No's: None

Abstain: None

V Environmental Health Service Report (Supplee)

Environmental Health has filled one of the vacancies in the Hazardous Materials Program with a new CUPA inspector, Derek Prestesater. He is from Humboldt County Environmental Health and is fully trained and is conducting CUPA inspections in the South County. He also has a lot of experience with illegal cannabis grow operations. He will begin the oncall rotation for emergency response the beginning of 2018 and the Program Manager will be discontinuing being oncall for emergency response. We still have one vacancy in the CUPA Program.

Environmental Health has been working with the Santa Cruz County Cannabis Licensing Office to provide input to the Draft Ordinance Adding Chapter 7.132 to the Santa Cruz County Code Regarding Licenses for Commercial Cannabis Manufacturing Facilities. Program Manager, Rebecca Supplee, also participated on a Cannabis Enforcement Working Group that included the Cannabis Licensing, Santa Cruz County Planning Department, and County Council. The goal is to have sufficient enforcement to make people in the cannabis industry want to come out of the shadows and become legal and regulated. There are some real challenges to enforcement including providing sufficient staffing, and locating and obtaining access to cultivation and manufacturing sites.

California State Hazardous Materials Legislation Report

AB 444 has moved to the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality. It would authorize the California EPA to develop a statewide program for the collection, transportation, and disposal

of home generated medical waste.

AB 474 was approved by Governor Brown. It exempts the brine solutions, that are the by products of the treatment of Chromium VI, from Hazardous Waste Control Law requirements if certain conditions are met. However, Commissioner Bracamonte pointed out that the State Supreme Court has invalidated the hexavalent chromium maximum contaminant level (MCL) because they failed to properly consider the economic feasibility of complying with the MCL. Most water districts in the County are below the current MCLs. Soquel Creek Water District plans to continue its project to treat for Chromium IV.

VI Correspondence - Announcements.

- Staff member Supplee emailed requests to the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council and Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau requesting applications to the Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission for the Labor Representative. The Monterey Bay Central labor Council indicated that they would find someone for the Commission.
- Supervisor Leopold sent out a reminder for advisory bodies to submit the biannual report for the HMAc by January 31, 2018. The report will be prepared by staff and sent to the Commissioners prior to the January meeting for their review and approval.

VII Discussion on Draft Ordinance adding Chapter 7.132 to the Santa Cruz County Code Regarding Licenses for Commercial Cannabis Manufacture facilities.

Staff member Rebecca Supplee reported that she has brought to the attention of the Santa Cruz County Licensing Office the following issues: 7.132.070 –

1. Creation of the Cannabis Manufacturing Licensing Program (7) Should add Hazardous Materials/Hazardous Waste /Underground Storage Tanks 7.100 under “Health and Safety Regulations under SCCC Title 7”
2. (G) Restrictions Related To All Cannabis Manufacturing Facility Operations (4) Requires “only those trained by the equipment manufacturer or authorized trainer who are trained to use the equipment may enter the extraction room to operate equipment.” What about inspectors? Will they need this training as well? Also, is this training really available?
- 3 Under the same section above (G) (11) it lists agencies that facilities must comply with and one of the agencies is “County of Santa Cruz Fire Department.” There is no such agency, but rather there are multiple fire jurisdictions in the County.

There was discussion about the importance of the Guidelines to Fire Code Requirements for Cannabis Related Business Operations within Santa Cruz County. These guidelines were created by the Fire Chiefs Association of Santa Cruz County. Commissioner Frawley explained that some of the Fire Chiefs went to Denver to see how they were implementing their cannabis program and that they also consulted with Washington State about their program to come up with these guidelines. There was some discussion about how to ensure that all the 11 Fire Agencies in the County that might have jurisdiction over cannabis manufacturing using flammable material and pressure will utilize and implement these guidelines.

Commissioner Frawley reported that the City of Santa Cruz is trying to be proactive regarding health and safety issues around the cannabis manufacturing and have trained their building and code enforcement inspectors how to recognize these operations, report hazardous conditions, and keep safe.

There was concern over the impact of odors and odor complaints from cannabis cultivation and manufacturing. It was pointed out that in residential areas 6 plants per household was

legal and there will be no response to odor complaints.

It was agreed that the Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission should continue to monitor the implementation of the licensing and regulating cannabis operations in 2018.

VII Call for Topics for Future Meetings

There was interest in in getting representative from Santa Cruz County Household Hazardous Waste to come to speak at the next meeting. Commissioners requested obtaining and reviewing the Santa Cruz Public Hazardous Waste Annual Report

VIII Adjournment

There was a motion for adjournment at 10:10am

Motion – Bennet

Second – Logan

Next regular meeting January 24, 2017 – City of Capitola Community Room.