



# County of Santa Cruz

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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### Hazardous Material Advisory Commission Meeting Meetings – January 24, 2018 9:00am

Capitola Community Room  
420 Capitola Ave., Capitola

#### I. Roll Call/Call to Order

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

Present: Bennett; Logan, Delemus, Glucs, Frawley, Whittle, Avila

Absent: Young, Bracamonte, Bertrand

Staff: Rebecca Supplee

Guest: Steve Jesberg, City of Capitola and Sarah McBee, County of Santa Cruz

#### II. Public Oral Communications: None

#### III Addition/Deletion to Agenda: None

#### IV Adoption of December Meeting Minutes

Motion: Frawley

Second: Logan

Ayes: Bennett; Logan, Frawley, Delemus, Glucs, Whittle, Avila

No's: None

Abstain: None

#### V Guest Speaker – Sarah McBee, Program Manager for the Santa Cruz County Public Works Sanitation Department.

Ms. McBee explained how the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Annual Report was developed and highlighted the changes from previous years. Ms. McBee explained that she used the actual waste manifest to generate the quantities of hazardous waste that was taken in. In years passed the report was generator primarily from the log that was completed when individuals came and drop off the material. She explained that when it was busy at the County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facilities, staff did not have time to put sufficient details in the log book. She felt that looking at what was actually shipped out for disposal, was a more accurate representation of what came into the facilities. Ms. McBee discussed what she believed the impact of the legalization of cannabis cultivation and manufacturing would have on the HHW facilities in the County. She felt the impact from cannabis was already absorbed into the program. They are not tracking what is taken in from cannabis operations separate from their other waste streams. For example, the butane canisters from illegal "honey oil" labs go into their aerosol can waste stream. The light bulbs from indoor grows go into their other bulb waste stream, and the pesticides, go with the other pesticides that they collect. She does anticipate an increase of Density Discharge (HID) bulbs that are associated with indoor cannabis growing operations.

There was a discussion about why the quantity of hazardous materials has gone down since 2011- 2012. Ms. McBee explained that the peak collection years followed the recession and housing foreclosure peak. This is when a lot people moved and their household hazardous waste was left behind. She also explained that the the amount of paint collected has gone down because of better paint management at the consumer end. Paint manufacturers are having to take back left over paint, so they are no longer over selling paint. Commissioner Whittle expressed concern that another reason that that the amount collected has gone down, is because the San Lorenzo Valley is underserved by only having one weekday available for drop off. Ms. McBee confirms that the day that they are open in Ben Lomond (Thursday) is very busy. Ms. McBee, explained that they do not have the staff at this time to add a weekend day at Ben Lomond. They are stretched thin staffing both Dimeo Lane and San Andreas on Saturdays and the Landfills are not open on Sundays. There was discussion about the growing San Lorenzo Valley population and the fact that the area did not have a convenient location to drop off household hazardous waste during a non-work day.

There was a motion by Commissioner Frawley for the Commission to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting funding to have the Ben Lomond Transfer household Hazardous Waste facility be staffed on a weekend. The Motion was approved by Delmus and seconded by Logan. Chairperson Bennett agreed to work with the Commission staff to draft a letter to bring to the Commission for approval.

## **VI Adoption of the Biennial Report to the Board of Supervisor**

Motion	Avila
Second	Logan
Ayes:	Bennett; Logan, Frawley, Delemus, Glucs, Whittle, Avila
Nos:	None
Abstain:	None

## **VII Environmental Health Service Report**

### Legislative Update

The California Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Forum Legislative Goals for 2018 are the following:

- 1) Update the California Health and Safety Code (H&SC) Ch 6.11 -to allow for closure of businesses or the portion of the business under permit, for failure to operate with a valid permit.
- 2) Enhanced the California Accidental Release Program Enforcement – by modifying H&SC Ch 6.95 Article 2 – to raise penalties from \$2,000 to \$25,000 and remove the requirement that a notice be given prior to assessing a higher penalty.
- 3) Modify H&SC Ch 6.11 to allow CUPAs to establish different inspection frequencies in their Inspection & Enforcement Plan to allow flexibility in focusing on higher priorities and risks.
- 4) Develop Fentanyl Drug Cleanup requirements. H&SC Ch 6.9.1 - Create cleanup requirements by copying provisions found in the current methamphetamine laboratory cleanup requirements.

### Environmental Health Report

The Hazardous Materials Program is still short staffed by one hazardous materials inspector. This is because one inspector was transferred to another team in Environmental Health. There is shortage of Registered Environmental Health Specialist State wide and many Counties are beginning to hire trainees to address the shortage. Santa Cruz is looking into hiring trainees as well.

The City of Santa Cruz has sent Environmental Health a cannabis manufacturing construction permit application to review and to comment on. The first one proposed was a two staged

process. It used carbon dioxide under pressure in the first stage, and ethanol distillation in the second stage.

The County has not yet approved the Proposed Commercial Cannabis manufacture Ordinance SCCC 7.132.

**VIII Correspondence - Announcements.**

- Received Notice from the Board of Supervisors that Will Forest’s nomination to the Hazardous Materials Advisory commission was approved as of 1/23/18. All appointments to the Commission have now been filled.

**IX Adoption of Commission Goals for 2018**

There was discussion about goal number 11. There was a question of whether it was broad enough to cover the issue of off shore drilling. It was agreed that Goal number 11 was broad enough to cover the issue of off shore drilling in the Monterey Bay for it was a “related environmental issue that may impact county residents.”

Motion: Frawley  
Second: Logan  
Ayes: Bennett; Logan, Frawley, Delemus, Glucs, Whittle, Avila  
No’s None  
Abstain: None

**X Adjournment**

There was a motion for adjournment at 10:05am

Motion: Bennett  
Second: Logan  
Ayes: Bennett; Logan, Frawley, Delemus, Glucs, Whittle, Avila  
No’s None  
Abstain: None

Next regular meeting March 28, 2018 – City of Capitola Community Room.