



County of Santa Cruz

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION **Meeting Minutes – November 16, 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 Bennett at 9:08 a.m.

Present: Bennett; Bertrand; Bracamonte; Logan; Whittle; Young

Guests; Kristen Kittleson – Resource Planner, County Environmental Health Division
Rob Ryan – Watsonville Fire Department

Absent: Avila; Frawley

Staff: Tim Fillmore

II. Additions or Deletions to Agenda: None

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 27, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Motion: Bracamonte

Second: Logan

Ayes: Bennett; Bracamonte; Logan; Whittle; Young

No's: None

Abstain: Bertrand

Absent: Avila; Frawley

IV. Guest Speaker: Kristen Kittleson provided information to the Commission about environmental issues associated improperly managed large scale cannabis grow operations. Operational issues that can result in runoff and water quality degradation include improper/unpermitted grading operations and improper use of insecticides, herbicides and fertilizers. There is a current interim county ordinance (Chapter 7.128) in place that includes a local registration and licensing program that is overseen by a Cannabis Licensing Official in the Planning Department. A new draft ordinance is moving through the BOS approval process. An EIR will be drafted on the ordinance. Over 900 registrations were submitted during the initial registration period which closed on November 6th. It is expected that the program will result in more consistent application of controls over the cultivation process and reduce the potential for environmental harm.

V. EHS Staff Report (Fillmore):

- EHS will be looking to fill two upcoming open positions including EHS Director and Hazardous Materials Program Manager within the next two months.
- Updates were provided on two assembly bills, AB 45 and AB 1776. Neither of the bills passed during the last legislative session.
- Updates were provided on several ongoing site mitigation cases currently moving through the closure process.

VI. Correspondence/Announcements:

- A request for submission of 2016 Commission attendance reports was received. Staff will complete the report and submit it to the Clerk to the Board in December.
- The 2015/2016 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Annual report was circulated and briefly discussed.

VII. Continuing Issues

- Three Commission vacancies remain for the positions representing Industry, Labor, and Chemistry.

VIII. Call for Topics: recommended topics for future meetings were suggested including water reuse issues, chrome 6 water treatment waste issues, HHW and recycling facility reports, update on phase out of methyl bromide and alternates currently being used for fumigation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m. by Chairperson Bennett.

Next meeting set for January 25, 2016 – Central Fire District Headquarters