



County of Santa Cruz

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION Meeting Minutes – March 23, 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 9:00 a.m.

Present: Avila; Bennett; Bertrand; Bracamonte; Frawley; Logan; Young
Guest: Tim Goncharoff, Dept. of Public Works
Absent: Whittle
Staff: Tim Fillmore

II. Public Oral Communications: None

III. Additions or Deletions to Agenda: None

IV. Approval of Minutes

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

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

V. Guest Speaker; Tim Goncharoff – Santa Cruz County Dept. of Public Works, Resource Planner

Tim Goncharoff provided information and answered questions about the recently approved county ordinance requiring the safe collection and disposal of certain drugs and sharps waste. Santa Cruz County has operated a very successful voluntary program, funded by the county and the cities, for collection and disposal of sharps and medicine waste for the past eight years. The new ordinance describes an expanded mandatory program to be funded by the businesses such as drug producers and retailers that sell covered drugs or sharps. Several other counties have enacted similar ordinances within the last few years. A Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship Work Group (PPSWG) has been formed to work with local communities in implementing the local programs. The group has submitted a Product Stewardship Plan for review and approval. The county ordinance does not cover the four incorporated cities, however, similar municipal codes will likely be enacted by the cities as well.

VI. EHS Staff Report (Fillmore):

- CERS implementation is ongoing. Our inspectors are now conducting electronic field inspections using tablet computers.
- The HMAC website has been updated to include the latest member list, the biennial report and the meeting dates for 2016. Suggestions for changes or additions to the website are welcome.

- The “Santa Cruz EHS files” link on the EHS website at www.sceeh.com is active for consultants and/or the public to complete records searches of all non-confidential electronic records. This availability has significantly reduced the number of public records requests received.
- EHS inspectors have noticed that many restaurants and mini-mart businesses are replacing the small compressed CO2 gas cylinders used for soda carbonation with larger tanks containing cryogenic liquid CO2 that present potential safety hazards if not properly installed or operated. The information about storage is included on the required hazardous materials business plan submittal, however, any design or installation standards would be enforced by the local fire agency.

VII. Correspondence/Announcements:

Recent correspondence to the HMAC from the BOS was briefly discussed:

- Appointment of Jim Frawley to the HMAC as the Fire Protection representative
- Acknowledgement of submittal of the 2014-15 HMAC Biennial Report.

VIII. Continuing Issues

- Rotation of HMAC officers was discussed. A motion was made and approved to move Commissioner Bennett from Vice-Chairperson to Chairperson and to move Commissioner Frawley to the position of Vice-Chairperson effective as of the May 25, 2016 meeting.

Motion: Bracamonte

Second: Bertrand

Ayes: Avila; Bennett; Bertrand; Bracamonte; Frawley; Logan; Young

No's: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Whittle

- The list of 2016 HMAC goals was discussed including changes and additions as recommended at the January 27th meeting. A motion was made to approve the goals list as amended.

Motion: Bennett

Second: Logan

Ayes: Avila; Bennett; Bertrand; Bracamonte; Frawley; Logan; Young

No's: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Whittle

IX. Call for Topics: recommended topics for future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m. by Chairperson Bracamonte.

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