

**Santa Cruz County
Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission
2016-17 Biennial Report**

ROLE OF THE COMMISSION

The Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission (HMAC) was established under the authority of government Code Section 31000.1, in compliance with Section 2.38.060 of the Santa Cruz County Code. Pursuant to Section 2.92.050, the HMAC is empowered to advise the Board of Supervisors on the initial and continuous implementation of the County's Hazardous Materials Ordinance. This includes effective methods of providing the public with information on all other matters pertaining to the use, transportation, handling and storage of toxic materials in the County. Additionally in August 2010, the Board of Supervisors repealed Chapter 2.112, thereby abolishing the Hazardous Materials Appeals Commission, and amended Chapter 7.100 to establish the HMAC as the body responsible for hearing and deciding permit appeals related to suspended or revoked Hazardous Materials permits.

MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION

HMAC meetings are held every fourth Wednesday (except the November meeting which is held on the third Wednesday) on a bi-monthly schedule (January, March, May, July, September, November). The meetings had been held at 9:00 a.m. at the Central Fire District Headquarters, located at 930 17th Avenue in Santa Cruz. Beginning in 2018, the meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Capitola Community room, located at 420 Capitola Ave, Capitola.

The mailing address for the HMAC is in care of the Health Services Agency, Environmental Health Division at 701 Ocean Street, Room 312, Santa Cruz, CA.

MEETING TOPICS

Throughout the past two years, many topics related to hazardous materials were discussed. The Commission continued to closely follow several topics related to the goals of the Commission, including new statewide legislation that may have potential impacts to the hazardous materials program; the cultivation and manufacturing of cannabis products in the County; the ongoing implementation of statewide hazardous materials electronic reporting requirements; and the implementation and operations of the County's household hazardous waste collection facilities.

In addition, numerous guest speakers have attended meetings to present information related to topics of interest and the goals of the Commission. Speaker topics included environmental and hazardous materials issues related to cannabis production, Zika and West Nile virus, Chromium IV in drinking water, agricultural chemicals in local watersheds, and the County's Drug and Sharps Household Collection Program.

Commissioner Bennett served as Chair of the Commission and Commissioner Frawley served as Vice Chair.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE

The HMAC consists of 11 Commissioners, all residents of Santa Cruz County who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. There is currently one vacant position on the Commission. Following is a list of the current HMAC positions and representatives:

Jacques Bertrand	City of Capitola Representative
Robert Young	City of Santa Cruz Representative
Ron Whittle	City of Scotts Valley Representative
Tom Avila	City of Watsonville Representative
Steven Bennett	Community Representative (Chair)
Ralph Bracamonte	Community Representative
Justin Delemus	Chemist
Jeannie Logan	Environmental Interests
Jim Frawley	Fire Protection (Vice Chair)
Scott Glucs	Industry
Vacant	Labor
Rebecca Supplee	Staff to Commission

ATTENDANCE

See Attachments A & B

ACOMPLISHMENTS OF COMMISSION

1. Continued to monitor hazardous materials and environmental issues related to legislative changes to assess their impact on Santa Cruz County local programs.
2. Continued to monitor and follow activities related to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Program, including a review of the program annual reports.
3. Monitored the countywide implementation of hazardous materials electronic reporting requirements and how this information is made available to all County Fire Jurisdictions.
4. Followed the installation of a new groundwater treatment system for removal of hexavalent chromium from drinking water wells in the Aptos area.
5. Monitored the development of the County's Cannabis Licensing Program by reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Report on the Proposed Regulation for Commercial Cannabis Cultivation and Manufacturing, and the Draft Ordinance Repealing Chapter 7.128 of the Santa Cruz County Code and Adapting new Chapter 7.128 Regarding the Licenses for the Commercial Cultivation of Medical Cannabis.
6. Filled two vacancies on the Commission for Industry and Chemist. Obtained an applicant for the final vacancy on the Commission.

2017 Goals of the Commission

1. Ensure the continued use and the ongoing implementation of the required electronic reporting requirements on the California Reporting System (CERS) following the January 1, 2013 deadline for businesses to begin reporting hazardous materials information via CERS. Ensure that Fire Agencies have access to the hazardous materials information on CERS.
2. Monitor Universal Waste recycling and disposal efforts with an emphasis on residential waste streams.
3. Monitor the following pesticide and agricultural chemical related issues: stormwater runoff issues, including potential impacts to marine life and the local watershed.
 - Issues related to local watershed monitoring programs.

- Ongoing efforts to control or eliminate legacy organochlorine pesticides such as PCB, chlordane and others in the environment.

4. Monitor hazardous materials and environmental issues related to legislative changes to assess their impact on Santa Cruz County.
5. Review the existing Chapter 7.100 of the Santa Cruz County Code regulating Hazardous Materials, Hazardous Waste and Underground Storage Tanks and make recommendations for necessary updates or additions as needed.
6. Track efforts by the State Assembly to enact legislation to regulate hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking”, as an oil production technology in California.
7. Monitor potential environmental concerns due to proposed changes in use of the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line after the recent purchase of the line by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission.
8. Track proposed changes to State drinking water standards and treatment technologies, including the proposed development of a new standard for chromium-6 (hexavalent chromium) by the California Department of Public Health.
9. Track the implementation of the new County ordinance chapter 7.95 regarding the safe collection and disposal of pharmaceutical and sharps wastes within Santa Cruz County.
10. Track the use of hazardous materials associated with cannabis cultivators, distributors, and manufacturers in Santa Cruz County as the County develops and implements new cannabis ordinance and licensing requirements.
11. Consider options for coordinating and/or promoting public outreach efforts regarding hazardous materials and related environmental issues that may impact County residents.

ATTACHMENT A

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION

ATTENDANCE ROSTER - 2016

MEMBERS	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C
TOM AVILA	P		P				P				E	
STEVEN BENNETT	P		P				P				P	
JACQUES BERTRAND	P		P				A				P	
RALPH BRACAMONTE	P		P				P				P	
JIM FRAWLEY	--		P				P				E	
JEANNIE LOGAN	P		P				P				P	
RON WHITTLE	P		E				P				P	
ROBERT YOUNG	P		P				E				P	

* The May and September Meetings were cancelled in 2016.

P = PRESENT

E = EXCUSED

A = ABSENT

R = RESIGNED

ATTACHMENT B

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION

ATTENDANCE ROSTER - 2017

MEMBERS	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C
TOM AVILA	P				E				P			E
STEVEN BENNETT	P				P				P			P
JACQUES BERTRAND	A				P				A			P
RALPH BRACAMONTE	A				P				P			P
JIM FRAWLEY	P				P				A			P
JEANNIE LOGAN	P				P				P			P
RON WHITTLE	P				P				E			E
ROBERT YOUNG	P				P				P			E
JUSTIN DELEMUS	N				P				P			P
SCOTT GLUCS	N				N				P			P

* The November meeting was rescheduled for December in 2017. There was not a quorum for the March nor July meetings.

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E = EXCUSED

A = ABSENT

N = NOT YET APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION