

**Santa Cruz County
Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission
2018-2019 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 was empowered to advise the Board of Supervisors on the initial and continuous implementation of the County's Hazardous Materials Ordinance including 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 Additionally, in August 2010, the Board of Supervisors repealed Chapter 2.112, thereby abolishing the Hazardous Materials Appeals Commission and amended Chapter 7.100 to establish the HMAC as the body responsible for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, TIMES 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 are held at 9:30 a.m. in the Capitola Community Room located at 420 Capitola Avenue in Santa Cruz.

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 (HHW) 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 the use of agricultural fumigants in the County, environmental and hazardous materials issues related to cannabis production, contamination along the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line and the County's Integrated Pest Management Departmental Advisory Group.

Commissioner Delemus served as Chair of the Commission and the Vice Chair was vacant in 2019.

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:

Nicholas Brown	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
Nicholas Lorig-Roach	Community Representative
Justin Delemus	Chemist (Chair)
Jeannie Logan	Environmental Interests
Scott Glucs	Industry
Will Forest	Labor
Vacant	Fire Protection
Rebecca Supplee	Staff to Commission

ATTENDANCE

See Attachments A & B

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 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. Delivered a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting funding for the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at Ben Lomond Transfer Station to be open one weekend day.
3. Monitored the countywide implementation of hazardous materials electronic reporting requirements and how this information is made available to all County Fire Jurisdictions
4. Monitored the development of the County's Cannabis Licensing Program as well as the environmental impacts of illegal cannabis operations.
5. Filled three vacancies on the Commission for Labor, City of Capitola, and Community Representative, and Chemist.

2018 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 manufactures 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 - 2018

MEMBERS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOM AVILA	P		P		P				P		P	
STEVEN BENNETT	P		P		P				P		E	
JACQUES BERTRAND	A		E		P				A		P	
RALPH BRACAMONTE	A		P		E				P		E	
JIM FRAWLEY	P		E		P				P		A	
JEANNIE LOGAN	P		E		P				P		P	
RON WHITTLE	P		P		P				P		E	
ROBERT YOUNG	E		P		P				E		P	
JUSTIN DELEMUS	P		P		P				P		A	
SCOTT GLUCS	P		P		P				P		P	
WILL FOREST	N		P		P				P		P	

* The May and September meetings were cancelled in 2018 because there was not quorum.

P = PRESENT

E = EXCUSED

A = ABSENT

R = RESIGNED

ATTACHMENT B

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION

ATTENDANCE ROSTER - 2019

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	
STEVEN BENNETT					E				P		E	
NICHOLAS BROWN					P				P		P	
JUSTIN DELEMUS					P				E		P	
WILL FOREST					P				E		P	
SCOTT GLUCS					E				P		E	
JEANNIE LOGAN					P				P		P	
NICHOLAS LORIG-ROACH					E				E		E	
RON WHITTLE					P				P		E	
ROBERT YOUNG					P				P		E	

* There was not a quorum for the January, March nor July meetings and the meeting were canceled. A meeting was held in November, but there was not a quorum.

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N = NOT YET APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION