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HAZMAT ADVISORY GROUP

MINUTES

MAY 20, 2016

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I. Preliminary Items

A. Call to Order

Bud called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

B. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Josh Hubbard, Bud Caldwell, and Kenny Wahl were present. **(See Attachment A)**

A quorum was **not** established.

C. Introduction of guests

Sherry Morgado (Public Health Department Assistant Director Managing Environmental Health) and Colleen Cecil (Butte County Farm Bureau) attended as a guest. Mike Huerta, Marina Winslow and Brad Banner attended on behalf of the CUPA.

Colleen agreed to replace Curt Josiassen as a member of the Advisory Group representing Agriculture.

D. Review of minutes

There were no objections to the minutes, but a motion to accept them could not be made due to lack of a quorum.

E. Agenda review

No changes to the agenda were requested.

F. Public comments and input

There was no public comment.

II. Informational Non-Action Items

A. Electronic Inspection Reporting

Mike reported on the use of the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) by businesses and the CUPA. He also shared that CUPA inspections and reports



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are now completed at the time of inspection using computer tablets for greater efficiency.

B. Report of Facilities Past Due for Inspection

Brad shared with the group the CUPA's enhanced reporting ability that identifies any of Environmental Health's inventoried facilities that are past due for inspection and the staff responsible for the inspections.

C. Fee Study

1. Brad explained that the county has contracted with a consultant to perform the first comprehensive countywide fee study since 2008. In 2008, Environmental Health fees presented to the Board of Supervisors represented 80% cost recovery. The new fee study will present the Board with fees that reflect 100% cost recovery.
2. Mike shared with the group the CUPA related fee categories in the current fee schedule and compared it with modified fee schedule developed by the Humboldt County CUPA. One of the primary differences between the two is that the Humboldt fee schedule does not use volume of hazardous materials as an element in determining fees. Use of the Humboldt model would therefore shift some of the fee burden from large hazmat facilities to smaller ones.
3. Ken brought up the concern that it could be very difficult to determine the number of hazardous wastes generated by CSU Chico unless that wastes are clearly defined.
4. Colleen suggested that the consultant take into consideration the \$15 minimum wage and its impact on determining hourly rates.
5. Brad said that he would check on how identification of hazardous wastes is handled in Humboldt County and would share the minimum wage concern with the fee consultant.

D. Agricultural Inspection Program Progress Report

1. Mike and Brad shared the status of the program. The survey that went out at the end of 2015 was not successful because the addresses used did not get the survey distributed as needed. A second survey was conducted in January and February of 2016 where large farms were identified on Google Earth and the Assessor Parcel Numbers were used to identify the correct mailing addresses.
2. Mike reported that so far 11 large farm surveys have been performed, generating about 25 business plans.



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3. Mike shared a concern that has arisen concerning farm operations that have multiple non-contiguous parcels with where hazardous materials are stored so that one farm might have to maintain multiple business plans. He reported that he is currently looking into the possibility of establishing a remote site exemption process.
4. Colleen shared that word of the regulatory program has spread among the agricultural community that some members of the community were upset about the thoroughness and time involved in the initial inspection by the CUPA. She explained that farmers are hammered on all sides by governmental regulations and that the adverse reaction to the CUPA's program is in part a response to the cumulative impact and cost of all the governmental regulations that are impacting farmers. She stated the problem is especially acute for mid to small farms that are not large enough to have staff dedicated to addressing regulatory compliance.
5. Brad agreed to follow up on Colleen's recommendation that he contact Glenn, Sutter, Yuba, Tehama, Stanislaus, and Merced Counties to see how they deal with the issue of farms with multiple non-contiguous sites where hazardous materials are stored. Brad also told the group that he would work with Mike to try to put together a package of agricultural exemptions to present to First Responders and to the Board of Supervisors in their second meeting in June.

III. Agenda Preparation for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled when it is determined that there are new items that require the advisory group's input.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Banner".

Submitted by Brad Banner



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Attachment "A"



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Hazmat Advisory Group Sign-In Sheet

Date: May 20, 2016

Location: Tahoe Rm, 202 Mira Loma Dr., Oroville

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Lundberg Family Farm Keven Lemos		
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