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AGENDA: 2/15/00

February 2, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission for calendar year 1999. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chair to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,

Mardi Wormhoudt

MARDI WORMHOUDT, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION

January 31, 2000

Board Of Supervisors
Santa Cruz county
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: Annual Report of the Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission (HMAC)

Dear Members of the Board;

Please find attached the Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission's Annual Report for 1999. The Report summarizes the activities of the HMAC for the past year. The Commission members and staff have given time and expertise to the review of a myriad of issues relating to Hazardous Materials in the County of Santa Cruz.

Please feel free to contact the Commission if you would like further information regarding the Annual Report.

Sincerely,

Ernest Diaz, Chair
Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission

Attachment: 1999 Annual Report

- cc: Bruce Arthur, Mayor
City of Capitola
- Keith sugar, Mayor
City of Santa Cruz
- Chuck Walker, Mayor
City of Scotts Valley
- Oscar Rios, Mayor
City of Watsonville
- Farm Bureau
- Santa Cruz County Fire Chief's Association
- central Labor council
- League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County

**Santa Cruz County
Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission
1999 Annual Report
January, 2000**

ROLE OF THE COMMISSION

The Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission (HMAC) was established under the authority of government Code Section 3 1000.1, and in compliance with Section 2.38060 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 Material Ordinance. This includes effective methods of public information and education and all other matters pertaining to the use, transportation, handling and storage of toxic materials in the County.

MEETING DATES, TIME AN-D LOCATION

The HMAC held meetings on a bi-monthly schedule in 1999. The meetings were held on the 4th Thursday of January, March, May, July, September and November at 4:00 PM. The meeting place for the past year has been the County Buildings at 1080 Emeline Avenue, Building F, Solarium. The mailing address is in care of the Health Services Agency, Environmental Health Service at 701 Ocean Street, Room 3 12, Santa Cruz.

COMMISSION STRUCTURE

The HMAC consists of fifteen positions, residents of Santa Cruz County, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

In 1999 the representatives were as follows:

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| Scott Carson | Capitola Representative |
| Ernest Diaz | Industry (Chair) |
| Helene French | Community Representative |
| Scott Hamby | Scotts Valley Representative (Vice-Chair) |
| Kevin Larkin | Agriculture |
| Mark Latham | Santa Cruz Representative |
| Ise Lopes | Community Representative |
| Jim Not-wood | Watsonville Representative |
| Dan Reed | Labor |
| Charles Levine | Chemist (Resigned 5/99) |
| Steven Tronick | Chemist |
| Edward French | Environmental Interest (Resigned 5/99) |
| Carl Walker | Environmental Interest |
| Tony Warman | Community Representative |
| Vacant | Fire Protection |
| Vacant | Health Care Provider |
| Vacant | Law Enforcement |
| Steven Schneider | Staff to the Commission |

ATTENDANCE

See Attachment A

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

In order to meet the five goals listed in our 1998 Annual Report, the Commission in 1999:

1. Continued oversight of implementation of the common data base system and the process for sharing information with first responders in hazardous materials emergencies.
2. Continued monitoring of information on various community Green Business programs in order to assess the needs and requirements for a similar program in Santa Cruz County. Kept informed of the development of a County Blue Seal program that proposed to recognize businesses for positive environmental activities and contributions. Also, reviewed information provided by the Ecology Action organization and its actions in driving pollution prevention within the business community.
3. Continued review of information on Household Hazardous Waste Collection Programs in order to determine possible improvements, with a recommendation to change the hours of operation.
4. No significant new legislation was brought to the attention of the Commission in 1999.
5. At the request of the Board of Supervisors the Commission, compared Santa Clara County's ordinance for the control of toxic gases with Santa Cruz County's current hazardous materials ordinance and reaffirmed that our existing ordinance (Chapter 7.100) meets toxic gas requirements.

In addition, the Commission accomplished the following:

1. Kept abreast and reviewed issues associated with implementation of the Farm Program requiring agricultural entities comply with State and County Hazardous Material regulations.
2. Monitored the State Requirements for Y2K preparation for businesses using hazardous materials. Reviewed requirements by the County Environmental Health Agency to insure compliance with these requirements.
3. Reviewed issues and discussed possible recommendations to enhance emergency reporting procedures to insure timely notification to the public relating to sewage discharges to public water ways. Discussed and left for future decision whether this type of issue fell under the charter of the Commission.
4. Reviewed updates on the status of funding for hazardous materials emergency response activities in the County particularly with clean-up of unowned contamination sites.
5. Discussed methods of evaluating new hazardous materials information and ways of developing recommendations to facilitate the continued success of the County Hazardous Materials Program.
6. Reviewed information on the rising concern of MTBE contamination in California water supplies and its applicability to the County of Santa Cruz.
7. Through County Staff, Steve Schneider, kept up-to-date on Environmental Health Services hazardous materials activities.

2000 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Continue to review and assess hazardous materials issues forwarded from the Board of Supervisors.
2. Continue to monitor Hazardous Materials and Environmental issues related to legislative changes to assess their impact on Santa Cruz County.
3. Pursue universal adoption of Chapter 7.100 of the Santa Cruz County Hazardous Materials Ordinance by all cities within the County.
4. Continue annual oversight of **Household** Hazardous Waste program.
5. Continuing support for the Environmental Health Services' Hazardous Materials web site to provide information to the public on County hazardous materials programs.
6. Keep up-to-date on Environmental Health Services hazardous materials activities and issues.
7. Continue annual oversight of the Household Hazardous Waste Program.
8. Review and consider alternatives for funding of emergency response to hazardous materials incidents in Santa Cruz County.

ATTACHMENT "A"

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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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
EDWARD FRENCH	X		X		R							
TONY WARMAN	X		X		x		X		X		E	
SCOTT HAMBY	X		X		E		E		X		X	
CARL WALKER	E		E		X		X		X		X	
ILSE LOPES	X		X		E		X		X		X	
JIM NORWOOD	A		X		E		X		x		x	
KEVIN LARKIN	X		X		A		E		X		X	
CHARLES LEVINE	X		X		R							
HELENE FRENCH	X		X		X		X		X		X	
ERNEST DIAZ	X		E		X		X		X		E	
DAN REED	E		E		A		X		E		X	
MARK LATHAM	A		E		E		E		E		E	
SCOTT CARSON	X		X		X		X		X		E	
STEVE TRONICK											X	

X = PRESENT

E = EXCUSED

A = ABSENT

R = RESIGNED