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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

September 22, 2000

AGENDA: October 3, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

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SUBJECT: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITY

Dear Board Members:

In April, your Board directed Health Services Agency/Environmental Health Services to seek recommendations from the Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission with regard to Level II hazardous materials response capabilities within Santa Cruz County. The Commission's report was accepted by your Board on June 13, 2000. At that time, your Board directed the Health Services Agency, working in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Services, the County Fire Chief's Association, and the four cities, to develop a proposed agreement for Level II hazardous materials response capabilities and to report back on October 3, 2000, on the progress toward developing a Memorandum of Understanding and the necessary proportionate funding for implementation.

Due to the unavailability of key staff, it has not been possible to make significant progress toward meeting your Board's directives. It is anticipated that this will be resolved shortly, allowing the project to move forward with the involved parties.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board defer a report on development of a Memorandum of Understanding for hazardous materials response capability until December 12, 2000.

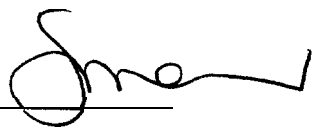
Sincerely,

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RECOMMENDED:



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