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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

November 30, 2000

AGENDA: December 12, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
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RE: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITY

Dear Board Members:

On June 13, 2000, your Board directed the Health Services Agency/Environmental Health, working in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Services, the County Fire Chiefs Association, and the four cities, to develop a proposed agreement for Level II hazardous materials response capabilities and to report back on the progress toward developing a Memorandum of Understanding and the necessary proportionate funding for implementation. The report was subsequently deferred to December 12, 2000.

Effective October 1, 2000, the emergency response vehicle maintained by the City of Watsonville ceased providing hazardous materials response outside the city limits. Scotts Valley Fire Protection District has continued to provide the services of their vehicle and staff to the County and the other cities when called out by Netcom. District personnel have not been able to devote time to development of the MOU because of the recent election, but have indicated their willingness to continue providing emergency response services, pending completion of an MOU.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board defer a report on development of an Memorandum of Understanding with the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District for hazardous materials response capability until March 13, 2000.

Sincerely,

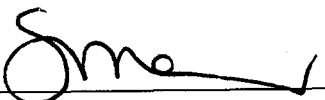
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RECOMMENDED:



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