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AGENDA: 4/17/01

March 28, 2001

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 2000. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chairman to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,

TONY CAMPOS, Chairman  
 Board of Supervisors

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cc: Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission

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### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION

March 26, 2001

Board of Supervisors  
 Santa Cruz County  
 701 Ocean Street  
 Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION (HMAC) ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Member of the Board:

Please find attached the Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission's Annual Report for 2000. The Report is hereby submitted to satisfy Section 2.38.170 of the Santa Cruz County Code. The Commission members and staff apologize for the lateness of the report this year and will strive to be more timely with future Annual Reports. We look forward to serving your Board and the interests of our community regarding issues related to hazardous materials.

Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this Report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Scott Hamby, Vice-chair  
 City of Scotts Valley Representative  
 Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission

Attachment: 2000 Annual Report

cc: Dennis Norton, Mayor  
 City of Capitola  
 Tim Fitzmaurice, Mayor  
 City of Santa Cruz  
 Cheryl Ainsowrth, Mayor  
 City of Scotts Valley  
 Charles Carter, Mayor  
 City of Watsonville  
 Farm Bureau  
 Santa Cruz County Fire Chiefs Association  
 Central Labor Council  
 League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County

**Santa Cruz County  
Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission  
2000 Annual Report  
March 2001**

**ROLE OF THE COMMISSION**

The Hazardous Materials Advisory Commission (HMAC) was established under the authority of government Code Section 31000.1, and in compliance with Section 2.38.060 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 Materials Ordinance. This includes effective methods of public information and education on all other matters pertaining to the use, transportation, handling and storage of toxic materials in the County.

**MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION**

The HMAC held meetings on a bi-monthly schedule throughout 2000. The meetings were held at 4:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of January, March, May, July, September, and on the third Thursday in November. Meetings are held at the County Buildings at 1080 Emeline Avenue, Building F, Solarium. The mailing address for the HMAC is in care of the Health Services Agency, Environmental Health Service at 701 Ocean Street, Room 312, Santa Cruz.

**COMMISSION STRUCTURE**

The HMAC consists of 15 positions, residents of Santa Cruz County, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Following is a list of the year 2000 HMAC representatives:

Scott Carson	City of Capitola Representative
Ernest Diaz	Industry (Chair)
Helene French	Community Representative
Scott Hamby	City of Scotts Valley Representative (Vice-Chair)
Kevin Larkin	Agriculture
Ilse KOLBUS	Community Representative
Jim Norwood	City of Watsonville Representative
Dan Reed	Labor
Steven Tronick	Chemist
Carl Walker	Environmental Interest
Tony Warman	Community Representative
Dan W hatley	City of Santa Cruz Representative
Vacant	Fire Protection
Vacant	Health Care Provider
Vacant	Law Enforcement
Steven Schneider	Staff to Commission

**ATTENDANCE**

See Attachment A

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### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COMMISSION**

- Continued to review and assess hazardous materials issues forwarded by the Board of Supervisors.
- Continued to monitor hazardous materials and environmental issues related to legislative changes to assess their impact on Santa Cruz County.
- Continued oversight of the County's Household Hazardous Waste drop-off program.
- Supported the Environmental Health Services, Hazardous Materials website to assist in the County's public education program.
- Kept abreast of Environmental Health Services activities related to hazardous materials.
- Reviewed and considered alternatives for funding of emergency response to hazardous materials incidents in Santa Cruz County.
- Made recommendation to pursue agreement for local Level II hazardous material spill/release response capability.
- Closely monitor rising concern of MTBE contamination in County water supplies.

### **2001 Goals of the Commission**

- Submit Annual Report for 2000
- Continue to review and assess hazardous materials issues forwarded by the Board of Supervisors.
- Continue to monitor hazardous materials and environmental issues related to legislative changes to assess their impact on Santa Cruz County.
- Pursue universal adoption of Chapter 7.100 of the Santa Cruz County Hazardous Materials Ordinances by all cities in the County.
- Continue oversight of Household Hazardous Waste program.
- Continue to monitor the progress of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District for Level II Hazardous Materials Response capabilities and track the kinds of incidents and problems that may arise out of the MOU's implementation.
- Investigate the possibility of a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors banning the use of MTBE in gasoline for Santa Cruz County and possibly a Board recommendation to the Regional Water Quality Control Board supporting a "regional ban".
- Monitor the countywide pesticide ban and provide comment.

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**2001 Goals of the Commission** (Continued)

- Seek resolution to the fact that the Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Services does not currently have copies of historical UST/Clean-up files previously overseen by the City of Watsonville Fire Department.
- Explore the possibility of leaking underground storage tank contamination at Watsonville City Airport, similar to what has been found in Monterey.

**SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The Commission would like to acknowledge hard work and dedication of recently retired Helene French. In January 2001, Helene officially retired from the HMAAC after 15 years of dedicated service. Commission members will miss Helene's wit, attention to detail, and reminder phone calls prior to each meeting. During Helene's tenure on the Commission many important issues were addressed including:

- The Comparative Risk Study
- Implementation of the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA)
- Revision of the County's Hazardous Materials Ordinance



ATTACHMENT "A"  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
ATTENDANCE ROSTER

2000

MEMBERS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SCOTT CARSON	E		X		X		E		X		X	
ERNIE DIAZ	X		X		E		X		E		X	
SCOTT HAMBY	X		E		X		X		E		X	
HELENE FRENCH	X		X		X		X		X		X	
ILSE KOLBUS	E		X		X		X		E		X	
MARK LATHAM	X		E		X							
KEVIN LARKIN	E		E		X		E		E		X	
JIM NORWOOD	X		E		E		E		E		E	
DAN REED	X		X		E		E		E		X	
STEVE TRONICK	E		X		X		X		X		X	
CARL WALKER	X		X		X		X		X		X	
TONY WARMAN	E		X		E		E		X		E	
DAN WHATLEY									X		X	

X = PRESENT

E = EXCUSED

A = ABSENT

R = RESIGNED

