



County of Santa Cruz
Public Health Commission Meeting Minutes
10/24/08

Motions passed
Action Item

Commissioners Present: Jean Poulos (Chair First District), Vera Sarkissian (Second District)
Bernie Goldner (Fifth District)

Staff Present: Steve Schneider, (Division Director, Environmental Health), Beth Landis (EMS),
and Denise Parodi (Public Health Admin)

Others Present:

1. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order at 12:10
2. **Announcements-**
 - A Mass Vaccination Flu Clinic will be held at Soccer Central on Saturday November 15, 2008 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Beth Landes from EMS reviewed the specifics of the vaccination clinic. This year they hope to vaccinate 1400 people. Protection and protection and proper education to avoid the flu was discussed.
3. **Approval of 7/24/08 Minutes**
 - A motion was made to make a correction to Item 3 on the 7/24/08 minutes. Minutes should state that Vera Sarkissian made the motion to approve the 7/24/08 minutes and Bernie Goldner seconded the motion.
 - Vera Sarkissian made the motion to approve the 7/24/08 minutes and Bernie Goldner seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.
4. **The following communications were reviewed by the Committee:**
 - Commission on Disabilities Agendas: 9/11/08
 - Women's Commission Agendas: 9/11/08
 - Human Services Commission Agenda 9/17/08, Minutes 7/16/08
5. **Additions or Deletions to agenda**
 - Steve Schneider Division Director for Environmental Health was present at the meeting to address and review the issues concerning Chromium VI emissions coming from the Cemex plant in Davenport. Air quality monitoring began in August 2008 in Davenport. The process of how sensors collect dust for analysis was explained. The Air Board notified Dr. Poki Namkung Health Officer for the County of Santa Cruz and the Board of Supervisors on October 3, 2008 that air samples tested positive for levels of Chromium VI. A press release was then sent out to notify the public. There has been daily communication with the community

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of Davenport and the local schools as well. The Air Board has resumed testing on a daily basis. Cemex has completely shut down until the new test results are in. The Committee then had an opportunity for questions and answers. Steve will come and give an update at a later Commission meeting.

6. Emergency Room/Nursing Shortage

- Beth Landis, Data Systems Analyst from Emergency Medical Services presented a review of the status of hospital emergency room usage. Usage is at an all time low for the year. Charts defining current figures for hospital restricted status – Code Red were given to each member and then briefly reviewed. She also spoke about the Emergency Management system itself

7. Sewer Report-

- Current report was reviewed by Committee
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8. Next Meeting –January 22, 2008 Health Services Agency Rm 200 1080 Emeline Ave