
SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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AGENDA

**Monday, October 19, 2020, 6 pm
Via Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting

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ITEM

- 1 Call to Order – Commissioner White
- 2 Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Present: Richard Hunn, Mark White, Josh Rosa, Eric River Montes, Diane Kindermann, Mark Barry, Laura Nickerson, Tom Malson

- 3 Introduction of Commissioners
- 4 Public Comment
- 5 Approve September 2020 Minutes

A motion to approve was made by Tom Malson, seconded by Laura Nickerson. All Ayes.

- 6 Post Wildfire and Debris Flow Cleanup-Jason Johnston, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist. Environmental Health Services, Santa Barbara County Public Health Department

The Santa Barbara/Ventura County Thomas Fire started December 4th, 2017 near Santa Paula and was contained January 12, 2018. Burned were 281,893 acres with 1063 structures destroyed and 2 deaths, spanning Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. Santa Barbara EH assisted with mask distribution, hazardous waste removal from damaged properties, and well, water system and sewage system repair oversight. Phase I cleanup involves going house to

house surveying the hazardous household waste materials on burned properties and phase II begins debris removal. During phase I surveys hazards are documented such as: hazardous waste, open wells, missing man hole covers, swimming pools, damaged above ground and underground storage tanks containing fuel, live wires, tree hazards, asbestos, oil field toxic waste pesticides and agroicides. They received mutual aid from 18 individuals from other counties.

Fires in the Santa Barbara area were followed by rain, the surrounding hills causing tremendous mud slides and debris flows. The debris flows and mudslides caused massive infrastructure damage to the water district system, power outages, natural gas explosions and impassable roads, freeways and train tracks. Mud ponds posed a hazard to emergency responder staff. Emergency response was activated for days after the fire and mudslides. EH assessed emergency evacuation shelters and the Health Officer issued a boiled water notice.

15,000 pounds of hazardous waste was collected during cleanup. It was categorized and then disposed of by a third party contractor at closed landfills and out of county, or used as beach nourishment. Emergency landfill permits were issued and an ocean water quality monitoring program continued for 6 months to determine impacts to ocean water quality and beach safety.

On January 10th restaurants were ordered closed due to damage to the water system. Solutions to feeding people included trucking in water in 2500 gallon tanks, connecting this to buildings and using a portable electric pump. Once the boil water notice was lifted, restaurants could reopen without approval and long as they followed guidelines and disinfected everything.

Recovery efforts are ongoing. There continues to be household hazardous waste curbside collection events, ongoing ocean water quality monitoring, and rebuilding of wells, water systems, septic systems and rec health facilities.

Lessons learned for future disasters:

- Have guidance, forms, press releases pretranslated and ready to go
- GIS maps with parcels and regulated facilities
- “Dark” emergency EHS website set up and ready to go live
- Shared folders set up for record keeping
- Emergency response staff trained and with appropriate certificates

7 Commissioner Initiatives 2020-2021

The initiative list was further refined. Commissioners will define the problems and barriers to moving forward as related to their topics and how forward movement would be defined.

8 Sacramento County Environmental Management Department Director’s Report- Marie Woodin, Director Environmental Management Department

9 Commissioner Comments

Future presentations requested by commissioners were:

1. Wildlife impacts of renewable energy
2. Groundwater basins
3. Dr. Kasirye update
4. Food waste

Commissioner Hunn brought up the City of Sacramento draft ordinance on leaf blower restrictions on days the AQI exceeds 100. The request for commissioner comments on the ordinance, due by Friday, 10/30, was made.

10 Adjournment – Next Meeting- November 16, 2020 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

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