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# **SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

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A JOINT COMMISSION APPOINTED BY:

County of Sacramento  
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City of Elk Grove

## **MINUTES**

**Monday, March 19, 2018**

**EMD Offices, 10590 Armstrong Ave., Mather, CA 95655**

**6 p.m.**

### **ITEM**

- 1** Call to Order – Chair Hunn
- 2** Roll Call – Staff Secretary  
Present: Robert Bailey, Mark Barry, Richard Hunn, Diane Kindermann, Margie Namba, Eric Rivero Montes, Mark White
- 3** Introduction of Commissioners – Chair Hunn
- 4** Public Comment – Chair Hunn
- 5** Abandoned Well Program Ordinance Modification Presentation- Ryan Bailey, Acting Chief of Environmental Compliance and Chris Pace, Supervising Environmental Specialist

The Environmental Management Department implemented an Abandoned Well Program (AWP) in 2009 using funding from Supplemental Environmental Projects, monies derived from settlements with major oil companies for groundwater contamination violations. The AWP reduces physical and environmental hazards by bringing abandoned wells, defined as well not used for a year's period, into compliance with the Well Ordinance through destruction or inactivation. Hazards associated with abandoned wells are fall-ins and groundwater contamination.

The current well inactivation permit expires after two years. The proposed well inactivation ordinance changes suggests a term of five years for expiration. From 2009-2017, 1200 abandoned wells have been surveyed in Sacramento County, one of the only known counties that canvases and surveys properties for abandoned wells. The change in permit expiration length would save costs and time for well owners and does not increase any known threat to groundwater.

A motion was made by Mark White, seconded by Diane Kindermann, to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors in support of the AWP ordinance revision to a minimum of five years.

Ayes: Robert Bailey, Mark Barry, Richard Hunn, Diane Kindermann, Margie Namba, Eric Rivero Montes, Mark White

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

**6** Mangan Gun Range Presentation- Ryan Bailey, Acting Chief of Environmental Compliance and Charley Langer, Environmental Specialist

The Mangan Indoor Gun Range in south Sacramento, owned by the City of Sacramento, was closed due to hazardous lead levels found in the building and surrounding park and residential areas. In 2016, an investigative reporter called EMD to gather information about the issue of high lead in the gun range and park, causing EMD and the Department of Toxic Substance Control to begin an investigation into lead levels and ultimately the need for site cleanup. EMD is the Certified Unified Program Agency with delegated state and federal authority to enforce corrective actions in regulating hazardous waste generators.

Lead from the gun range migrated to surrounding areas through faulty ventilation as evidenced by high levels of lead dust accumulation on the roof, and carried by the wind to surrounding surfaces. The cleanup directives issued by EMD to the City included wipe sampling of hard surfaces, a lead dust migration prevention plan, a plan to reduce public exposure, characterization of the nature and extent of contamination outside the building and finally, a soil remediation plan. EMD also required that a plan for cleanup be submitted and approved before contractors commenced cleanup.

The City began the clean-up of the indoor gun range, removed concrete and hard surfaces that could not be cleaned, removed top soil layers to a depth that is standardized by the Department of Toxic Substances, and sampled residential yards to characterize the extent of lead contamination. During the course of cleanup, the city of Sacramento performed soil sampling in residential yards near the gun range and submitted findings that they believed showed the lead levels in residential areas could have been background lead from several other sources than Mangan Gun Range. Lead cannot be analyzed to prove its original source, such as bullets, leaded gasoline from planes, or paint. The City has now said that they will not take responsibility for the soil cleanup in the residential yards.

EMD has hired an expert statistician to evaluate the sampling methods used by the City to make their determination. Results from the consultant may be available by May and then further directives regarding cleanup will be forthcoming. The final authority that determines site cleanup requirements and standards is the Department of toxic Substances.

- 7 Approval of February 2018 Minutes  
Carried forward to the April meeting.
- 8 Permanent Committee Reports
  1. 2018 Environmental Awards Committee
- 9 Sacramento County Environmental Management Director's Report- Marie Woodin
- 10 Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Rivero Montes reported that Christian Punsal from the City of Elk Grove requested a letter of recommendation for their Integrated Waste recycling education partnership with Foulks Ranch Elementary school in the production of organic waste public service announcements and their on-campus recycling program. The commission requested that Commissioner Rivero Montes draft the letter.

Adjournment 7:30 p.m. – Next Meeting: Monday, April 16, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Board of Supervisors Chambers, 700 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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