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# **SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

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## **Minutes**

**Monday, October 15th, 2018**

**BOS Chambers 700 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814**

**6:30 p.m.**

### **ITEM**

- 1** Call to Order – Commissioner Hunn
- 2** Roll Call – Staff Secretary

Commissioners present: Richard Hunn, Eric Rivero-Montes, George "Buzz" Link, Laura Nickerson, Mark White, Diane Kindermann, Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Margie Namba

- 3** Introduction of Commissioners
- 4** Public Comment – Commissioner Hunn
- 5** Health of the County- Dr. Kasirye, Public Health Officer, Sacramento County  
Dr. Kasirye outlined the topics to be addressed in her presentation: public health issues stemming from the homeless population- Hepatitis A outbreak, the Sacramento Opioid Coalition, environmental justice, and lead in drinking water/testing in schools.

Sacramento completes a point-in time count of the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population every January. This year's total United States count was 554,000, probably an underestimate because of people living in cars and those that change sleeping arrangements daily. Cities in California have the highest homeless rate, likely due to temperate weather. Sacramento implemented measures to prevent the spread of Hepatitis A following an outbreak that began in San Diego among the homeless population. The outbreak was due to many factors including illicit drug use and unsanitary conditions with no access to bathrooms and handwashing/water. The Hep A virus is hearty and remains alive on surfaces for an extended time. It is easily spread through fecal/hand contact. Vaccination and outreach efforts halted the progression of the disease in San Diego and prevented the spread in Sacramento. Health staff went into the field to find and vaccinate the homeless and also set up hand washing stations and portable bathrooms in homeless areas. Street cleaning guidelines were implemented and public outreach and education were ramped up.

There has been a shift in National Injury Death Trends to date. The #1 cause of death has changed from motor vehicles to drug overdose. Opioids are now recognized as highly addictive and physicians are more stringent about prescribing them when other pain measures are appropriate. Sacramento County experienced a rash of Norco overdoses in 2016, including 11 deaths, due to counterfeit Norco being sold on the street. These pills containing fentanyl were more potent than Norco and deadly at the normal dose a Norco abuser might use. The County received a grant for Naloxone, an antidote to overdose that prevents death. When efforts to decrease opioid availability are successful there is an uptick in heroin use and deaths. Sacramento has formed the Sacramento County Opioid Coalition to foster multi agency solutions to the epidemic, focusing on four categories: engaging the medical community and overdose prevention, early intervention treatment and recovery, public education and media, and lastly, safe disposal. The Ca Department of Public Health maintains a webpage on opioid statistics to monitor trends and conditions.

Beginning January 1, 2018, Senate Bill 1000 requires that cities with disadvantaged communities incorporate environmental justice policies into their general plan. This addressed geographic and procedural inequities that lead to unique or compound health risks in EJ communities. Health risks in EJ communities include pollution exposure, lack of food access, lack of safe and sanitary homes, lack of built environment that promotes safe physical activity and lack of safe streets. Improving the built environment increases physical activity, reducing common diseases. Identified disadvantaged communities in Sacramento include: North Highlands, North Vineyard, South Sacramento and West Arden Arcade.

California Assembly Bill 746 now requires community water systems to test lead levels by July 1, 2019 in drinking water at all California public, K-12 school sites that were constructed before January 1, 2010, rather than solely at the water source. Aging infrastructure in schools can affect lead levels. Drinking water sampling results that have lead action levels may increase as schools begin water sampling.

## 6 Approval of September 2018 Minutes

Commissioner Hunn proposed to approve the September 2018 minutes. Commissioner White requested that the draft minutes be changed to reflect his abstention from the vote regarding the support letter for the Community Resources Solar Project, in order for him to approve the September minutes.

Ayes: Commissioners present: Richard Hunn, Eric Rivero-Montes, George "Buzz" Link, Laura Nickerson, Mark White, Diane Kindermann, and Dr. Anthony DeRiggi.

Noes: None

Abstentions: Margie Namba

- 7 2018 Initiatives Update
- 8 Sacramento County Environmental Management Director's Report
- 9 Commissioner Comments
- 10 Adjournment 7:52 p.m.– Next Meeting: Monday, November 19 at 6:00, EMD Offices, 10590 Armstrong Ave., Mather, Ca 95655

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