
SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 16th, 2017

BOS Chambers, 700 H Street

Sacramento, California 95814

6:30 p.m.

ITEM

- 1** Call to Order – Chair Hunn

- 2** Roll Call – Staff Secretary
Present: Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Diane Kindermann, George Link, Eric Rivero-Montes, Mark White
Absent: Robert Bailey, Mark Barry, Margie Namba

- 3** Introduction of Commissioners – Chair Hunn

- 4** Public Comment – Chair Hunn
No members of the public made comment.

- 5** Annual Health of the County Update- Kate McAuley, Senior Health Program Coordinator, Health and Human Services, Sacramento County

Ms. McAuley informed commissioners that on Friday, October 13th, Governor Brown declared a state of emergency to aid in combating the Hep A outbreak in California and the shortage of Hep A vaccines.

The current Hep A outbreak started in San Diego and has spread to Santa Cruz and Los Angeles with a total of 576 confirmed cases. A normal background level of Hep A cases per year is 8. The majority of patients in this outbreak are the homeless, illicit drug users, and those with limited sanitation resources. The disease is spread person to person through contact with fecal contamination.

The Hep A vaccine is an extremely effective measure to combat the illness. The provision of hand washing stations and access to toilets are also effective prevention and control measures to help reduce the risk of transmission.

Vaccinations at homeless shelters have been implemented as well as health staff actively going into homeless areas to vaccinate people outside of the shelter environment.

Sanitation procedures and recommendations have been issued for the sanitation of public right of ways in this time of elevated risk to public health. Only EPA registered disinfection products approved for Hepatitis A are recommended for use.

Sacramento County experienced a Botulism outbreak from April 20-May 14, 2017, in which the County investigated 10 cases of botulism linked to cheese sauce dispensed through a machine being sold at a gas station in Walnut Grove. 80% of the patients confirmed consuming cheese sauce from the gas station within a week of illness onset.

Botulism is a rare disease, with only 199 cases reported in 2015. Clostridium botulinum spores are found in soil and require an anaerobic environment to produce toxin, which, in large enough doses is a lethal neurotoxin. Common botulism risk groups/sources include canned food, IV drug users who have closed wounds, and infants under one year of age who are given honey.

Symptoms of botulism are blurred vision, slurred speech, difficulty swallowing and breathing, dry mouth, thick tongue muscle paralysis and nausea/vomiting. Anti-toxins are dispensed by the state botulism expert to treat the patient but the illness can still be deadly. Doctors first report botulism cases to County Public Health, which reports the cases to State Public Health in order to receive anti toxin. The County proceeds to investigate causes and mitigate spread of the illness.

6 Approval of August 2017 Minutes

A motion to approve was made by Mark White, seconded by Diane Kindermann. Ayes: Dr. Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Diane Kindermann, George Link, Eric Rivero-Montes, Mark White

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

7 Permanent Committee Reports

1. 2017 Environmental Awards Committee
2. Webpage Committee
3. 2017 Annual Report Committee

8 SEC Outreach

1. Agency Monitoring Report Back
Commissioner DeRiggi is following the legislation that will provide funding for the Lower American River Conservancy.

2. Environmental Commission Outreach

- 9** Sacramento County Environmental Management Director's Report
Ryan Bailey, Chief of Environmental Compliance, reported on the importance of public outreach and education during Septic Week. There are approximately 10,000 septic systems in Sacramento County which could potentially have a direct impact on groundwater if not properly maintained.
- 10** Commissioner Comments
- 11** Adjournment – 7:26 p.m. Next Meeting: Monday, November 20th, 2017, EMD Office, 10590 Armstrong Ave., Mather, CA 95655 at 6 p.m.

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