

**County of San Luis Obispo  
HEALTH COMMISSION**

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2006 (Board of Supervisors Chambers)

Members Present: Lynn Enns (Chair), Penny Chamousis, Debby Donnelly, Tom Hale, M.D., Pam Heatherington, Sara Horne, James Mase, M.D., David Odell, Donald Pinkel, M.D.  
 Members Absent: Susan Warren  
 Staff Present: Greg Thomas, M.D., Jean White (recorder), Sonja Thompson (recorder in training)  
 Speakers: Rich Lichtenfels (SLO County Environmental Health), Cathi Slaminski (SLO County Public Health)

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1. CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order by Chair Enns at 6:00 p.m.		
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 12, 2005	Minutes of December 12, 2005 approved with no corrections.		1st – Horne 2nd –Penny Approved – All
3. PUBLIC COMMENT	<p><b>Elizabeth Johnson, San Luis Obispo</b>, requested the Commission to extend the GMO Task Force committee time frame, create a new schedule for reports, and replace Professor Steinmaus, Vice Chair of the GMO Task Force with nutrition expert, Dr. Nancy Reinstein.</p> <p><b>Eric Greening, Atascadero</b>, thanked the Commission for “rounding out” the GMO Task Force committee and reminded the Commission of his suggestion to have either an immune compromised or an environmentally sensitive individual or family member of such an individual on this committee. He believes the committee is not complete until such an individual of that type is also a member.</p>	<i>Handout: Copy of written public comment</i>	
4. INTERIM UPDATE - TREATED SEWAGE SLUDGE / BIOSOLIDS ORDINANCE	<p><b>Rich Lichtenfels</b> reported that the Interim Moratorium on the Land Application of Treated Sewage Sludge/Biosolids Ordinance is due to expire on March 2, 2006. Environmental Health Services will be returning to the Board of Supervisors before that date to provide the following options and receive direction regarding regulation of land applied sewage sludge/biosolids in San Luis Obispo County. Rich also updated the Commission on how the interim ordinance has performed to date.</p> <p>Possible options are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Let the Interim Ordinance sunset and thus expire</li> <li>2. Renew the Interim Ordinance for a specified period of time</li> <li>3. Make the Interim Ordinance permanent</li> <li>4. Direct EH Services to develop a permanent ordinance.</li> </ol> <p>Commissioner question and answer period followed. Topics included lack of pathogen levels on composted material, testing for neuro disrupters, specific tests for antibiotics</p>	<i>Handout: Copy of written report. Chart showing results of heavy metal content of locally treated sewage sludge/biosolids</i>	

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	<p>and chemotherapy drugs, seasonal change in composition of biosolids, and where the biosolids come from that were reported from Engel and Gray and City of Morro Bay.</p> <p><b>Dr. Thomas</b> informed commission that from a PHD perspective, we are leaning toward extending the Interim Ordinance for another four years and a request was made to provide more information on constituents.</p> <p><b>Chair Enns</b> suggested the committee on sewage/sludge reconvene prior to the March expiration date, commissioners agreed.</p> <p>Public Comment:  <b>David Broadwater, CFSI</b> who previously served on the County and Health Commission Task Force concurs with Dr. Thomas in his recommendation to extend the Interim Moratorium and not become permanent due to significant higher levels of contaminants. He stated that no one has studied alternatives in dealing with sewage sludge other than land application.</p> <p><b>Eric Greening</b> who also served on the County Task Force, agrees to reconvene before any permanent ordinance is considered and supports renewing the interim ordinance for 4 years. He strongly recommends this be reagendaized for the February Health Commission meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Thomas indicated we do not intend to let the Interim Ordinance expire.</p> <p><b>Bruce Knogh, Wastewater Division Manager for the City of Morro Bay</b> talked about the pathogen limit required by EDA and state integrated waste management board for compost. Biosolids are tested annually for 167 different constituents, are not testing for disrupters and are not a part of any regulatory criteria. He receives a number of calls with what to do with pharmaceuticals. He urges people not to flush or dump in drain, he recommends disposing of in garbage or send to landfill. Best solution is to prevent from getting into drain. He suggested distributing public education ideas.</p> <p><b>Jesse Arnold, Cambria</b> expressed concerns that these things not get into the sewage in the first place.</p> <p>Commissioner comments included proper disposal by taking to hospitals, last update of the EPA regulations, and reagendaizing this item for February. Chair Enns encouraged anyone who is interested should tour the Morro Bay wastewater Treatment Plant.</p>	<p><i>Handout: Ten regulated heavy metals report.</i></p>	

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<p><b>5. OVERVIEW OF BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS IN SLO COUNTY</b></p>	<p><b>Cathi Slaminski</b> gave a Power Point presentation on emergency preparedness in San Luis Obispo County. The overview included program funding, partners in preparedness, training, drills and exercises, communications, response database and pharmaceutical cache. A copy of the presentation is filed with the official record of this meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner question and answer period followed. Topics included stockpiling potassium iodine, involvement of city and county coordinates, evacuation facilities, and Federal, State and County communications.</p>		
<p><b>6. PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT</b></p>	<p><b>Dr. Thomas</b> referred to his written report. A copy of the report is filed with the official record of this meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We continue working with Clinical De Tolosa and hospitals to provide equipment needed for dental work under anesthesia. February is National Children’s Dental Health month and February 3, 2006 is “Give Kids a Smile” day. Dentists will provide free dental services to children in need. Enrollment in Healthy Kids and Healthy Families continues to increase with 441 kids currently enrolled.</li> <li>• The Tobacco Control Program offers free stop smoking services with help sessions throughout the county.</li> <li>• There was a Hepatitis A exposure at a fast food restaurant in the North County. Prompt diagnosis and prophylaxis is important in preventing spread of disease for that reason, we continue to work with physicians to report suspicion of exposure and not wait for lab results.</li> <li>• We are continuing with the Perinatal Substance Use Initiative and the Children’s Assessment and Treatment Center. The leadership team in its second year of planning for the center and is currently working on funding.</li> <li>• A presentation will be made to the Board of Supervisors on February 28<sup>th</sup> regarding obesity in San Luis Obispo County.</li> <li>• A presentation to the Board is Supervisors is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> regarding establishing a pilot program for a non-profit group to offer a syringe exchange program.</li> <li>• A recommendation will be going to the Board of Supervisors January 10<sup>th</sup> to schedule a Beilensen hearing on January 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss closing the clinical laboratory. Net County costs to maintain laboratory is between \$550,000 and 600,000 per year. The clinical laboratory is contractually obligated to offer laboratory services and is working with a laboratory in Santa Barbara County with the option to expand in SLO county.</li> </ul> <p><u>Additional items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Pinkel recommended that in honor of Dental Health month in</li> </ul>	<p>Handouts:  <i>Copy of Director’s Report, copy of the Beilensen Hearing Board Letter and Notice of Public Hearing.</i></p>	

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	<p>February, the Board reinforce water fluoridation with an action item at next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Thomas reminded the commission of the recommendation a few years ago, to officially take position on supporting fluoridation of water supplies.</li> <li>• Commissioner Horne noted that there were three communities in South County that were going to collaborate on developing new water resources however declined the opportunity to fluoridate.</li> <li>• Chair Enns will look for expert to discuss benefits of fluoridation.</li> <li>• Update on Medicare Part D, no issues or major concerns and will be working with oncologists to determine if they have any problems.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>7. HEALTH COMMISSION UPDATES</b></p>	<p><b>Chair Enns:</b> Attended Bioterrorism Advisory Committee meeting. Met with two of the new GMO Task Force members personally and is very excited about having them join us. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. The agenda will be posted on the Public Health website.</p> <p><b>Commissioner Pinkel:</b> Concerned with people receiving specialized health care. Issue is how many physicians are willing to accept Tri-care for these individuals. Chair Enns indicated this item was on the agenda but we were unable to get a speaker. This item will be moved to next month. Commissioner discussed her experience with Tri-Care and the difficulty in getting credentialed. It takes about 3-6 months to become a Tri-Care provider.</p> <p><b>Commissioner Mase:</b> No report</p> <p><b>Commissioner Donnelly:</b> HIV Consortium meeting is scheduled for tonight. Will be discussing the needle exchange program. She will report in February.</p> <p><b>Commissioner Heatherington:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Commissioner Chamousis:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Commissioner Hicks:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Commissioner Horne:</b> No report.</p> <p><b>Commissioner Hale:</b> Application review process for preventative health grant moving forward, reviewing organizations that received funding in the past.</p> <p><b>Commissioner Odell:</b> Final applications for funds for the MHSA were submitted.</p>		
<p><b>8. COMMITTEE REPORTS</b></p>	<p><b>Legislative:</b> Did not meet this month.</p> <p><b>Nominating:</b> Did not meet this month. Next meeting will be prior to next Health Commission meeting.</p> <p><b>Community Education:</b> Waiting for return calls from hospitals to partner with for Public Health Week. Considering the discussion of disposing of medications, should concentrate on an education campaign via waster water treatment/utility bills with what to do with medicines.</p> <p><b>Budget:</b> Did not meet this month. Will meet after February 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>		

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<b>9. PROSPECTIVE FUTURE ITEMS</b>	Next meeting will be February 6 <sup>th</sup> . <b>February 2006:</b> Regional Water Quality Control Board - Follow-up on Agricultural Water Testing, Water Fluoridation (Action), Treated Sewage Sludge/Biosolids (Action) <b>March 2006:</b> Veterans Hospital Care/Tri-Care <b>Future:</b> General Plan with Park and Recreation with regards to physical activity and child obesity. Enns - (will be discussed between now and next meeting)		
<b>10. ADJOURNMENT</b>	Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.		Approved – All