



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY HEALTH COMMISSION

July 11, 2011 – 6:00 P.M.
Health Commission Retreat / Planning Meeting
Cooperative Extension Auditorium

Members Present: Ed Guerena (Chair), Jesse Arnold, Tracy Del Rio, Lynn Enns, David Odell, James Pope, Jean Raymond, Mary Jean Sage
Members Absent: Anne Quinn, Susan Warren
Guest: Amy Gilman, Legislative Assistant, District 5
Staff Present: Dr. Penny Borenstein, Jean White

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by Chair Guerena at 6:00 pm.

2. **Public Comment** – No public comment.

3. **Draft Environmental Impact Report for Excelaron Huasna Oil Drilling Project** – Action
Commissioner Del Rio provided background on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Excelaron oil drilling project proposed for Huasna. She reported that the DEIR is complete and available for public review and comment. Commissioner Del Rio asked the commission to consider writing a letter asking for an extension of the 45 day public comment period, that is currently due to expire on August 5th. Commissioner Del Rio is a member of the Huasna Valley Association and noted that they and other organizations have requested an extension, but have been denied. She believes an extension would allow more people the opportunity to review the details of the report, as many are only just becoming aware of the DEIR through public workshops scheduled for this week.

The commission discussed timeline (with this going to the Planning Commission in November 2011) and would like to invite the Air Pollution Control District and Environmental Health to an upcoming meeting to address some of the health related issues, specifically the water, noise, and air impacts that are associated with this project. Commissioner Del Rio believes some of the surface water issues are downplayed. Commissioner Pope spent several hours reviewing the DEIR and advised the commission of his concerns about the lack of sufficient information regarding the type of oil expected to be produced (paraffinic or naphthenic), mitigation of high temperature off gassing of H₂S or CO₂, and acknowledgement of a field lifetime accumulative impact for the inevitable oil produced water spill.

After further discussion, the commission determined that rather than sending a letter requesting an extension of the public comment period, that it was important to go on record with their concerns as they continue to educate themselves and the public on this project.

A motion was made by Chair Guerena, seconded by Commissioner Odell, for the Health Commission to send a letter to the County Planning Department to go on record with their concerns and include a bulleted list of the concerns brought forward by Commissioner Pope. All in favor.

4. **Discussion of Agenda Topics for FY 2011-12**

The following list of topics was suggested via roundtable by commissioners as future agenda items for the upcoming fiscal year. Suggestions for agenda topics were also forwarded via email from Commissioners Quinn and Warren who were absent tonight. Topics were not prioritized and it was recognized that not all topics may be heard this year, due to availability of speakers and other topics being brought forward to the Commission throughout the year that may supersede some of these.

Fiscal Year 2011-12 suggested topics:

- Huasna Oil Project
- CHC Cutback Effects
- Older Adult Issues / Annual Report of the ASPC
- Health Agency Scope / County Health Services – educational (August 2011)
- Review of County Health Data -- overview
- Wellness
- POLST (Physician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment)
- Methyl Iodide / Water Quality Control Board – Roger Briggs, Executive Director
- Sustainable Growth Rate / Medicare Reimbursement – Rep from Lois Capps Office
- Cal Poly Partnership
- Non Profit Presentations (December 2011)
- Brown Act – Warren Jensen, County Counsel
- Low Income Health Program (LIHP)
- Federal Healthcare Reform & interface w/State
- State Budget / State Realignment (what will it look like in our County)
- Childhood Obesity
- Alcohol Issues / Awareness / Cost to Society - an “ER pulse”
- Recovery Happens Month (September 2011) – community based resources
- American Cancer Society
- Operation Medicine Cabinet – re-promote - Invite ECO SLO / Integrated Waste Management
- Pesticide Use – Ag review (January 2012) – Janice Campbell
- Domestic Violence
- Beaches – trend data

A motion was made by Commissioner Arnold, seconded by Commissioner Sage to set a goal for the commission to meet every month this year to cover these agenda items. All in favor.

5. Health Commission Standing Committees – Membership Review

Standing committee assignments were reviewed and updated:

Legislative	Budget	Nominating	Community Ed
Lynn Enns (Chair)	Lynn Enns (Chair)	Jesse Arnold (Chair)	Ed Guerena (Chair)
Susan Warren	Susan Warren	David Odell	Jean Raymond
David Odell	David Odell	James Pope	Mary Jean Sage
Tracy Del Rio	Tracy Del Rio		Anne Quinn*

*Commissioner Quinn was absent tonight. It was suggested that she would be a good addition to the Community Education Committee with her background as a Public Information Officer.

6. Health Commission Liaisons to Other Advisory Bodies – Review and Update

Liaison assignments to other advisory bodies were reviewed and updated:

- Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board/Prop 36 Coordinating Council: *Susan Warren*
- HIV Care Consortium: *Jesse Arnold*
- MH Board / MH Criminal Justice: *David Odell*
- SART Advisory: *Lynn Enns*
- Oral Health Coalition: *Tracy Del Rio*
- SLO-CAP: *Mary Jean Sage*
- Tobacco Control Coalition: **Open**
- Domestic Violence Task Force: *Mary Jean Sage*
- Adult Services Policy Council: *Jean Raymond*
- Preventive Health Grant Advisory: *Mary Jean Sage (Primary); David Odell (Alternate)*
- PHEP Advisory Committee: *Lynn Enns*
- First 5 SLO: **Open**

HEAL SLO: *Ed Guerena*

Homeless Services Oversight Committee: *Susan Warren*

Low Income Health Program (LIHP): *Jean Raymond*

It was noted that there is currently one vacancy on the commission and perhaps when filled, that person might be available to attend either the Tobacco Control Coalition or the First 5 SLO meetings. Commissioner Quinn is absent tonight and might also be available to serve on one of these. Amy Gilman suggested that the Environmental Enforcement Coalition might be another meeting of interest to the Commission.

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.