



County of Santa Cruz

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Wednesday, June 9, 2010
Board of Supervisors Chambers – 701 Ocean Street
Time: 5:00 p.m.

I. ROLL/CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Haifley at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Dan Haifley; Len Beyea; Sharon Sarris; Alan Schlenger; Betsy Herbert; Kenneth Adelman; and Virginia Johnson.
Absent: Robert Stokes, Laura Kasa and Tom Rosewall
Staff: Nancy Gordon
Other County staff: Ken Corbishley and John Ricker

II. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

None.

III. PUBLIC INPUT/ORAL COMMUNICATION

None.

IV. Discussion of proposed rule before the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) regarding methyl iodide.

Schlenger presented overview of topic. Corbishley presented information on CDPR process to date in creating proposed rule. A discussion ensued among Commissioners.

Public members Ray Parilla and Dr. Ann Lopez offered comments respectively during oral communications.

Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Haifley, that each commissioner independently handle communicating to DPR, state legislators and local legislators their position on proposed methyl iodide rule, instead of recommending to the Board of Supervisors that they take a position. Motion failed 2-5.

Motion made by Beyea, seconded by Herbert, to write letter to Board of Supervisors urging them to communicate to DPR the position that methyl iodide is unsafe for any use and should not be released. Motion passed 4-3 (note: originally recorded as failed due to misinterpretation of quorum voting procedures).

Motion made by Beyea, seconded by Johnson, to encourage each commissioner to communicate with the DPR, legislative representatives and appointing Board member on their read on this issue. Motion failed 3-4.

Commissioners expressed appreciation to those participating in discussion.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:56 pm. Next regular meeting is June 23, 2010.