



Alameda County
Department of
Environmental Health



Community Meeting

- Provide information on fee changes
- Consider public input



Our Mission

To protect the health, safety, and well-being of the public through promotion of environmental quality



What We Do

- Services and Programs that include Inspections of Food Facilities, Swimming Pools, Body Art, Landfills, Gas Stations, Hazardous Materials Storage Facilities, Hazardous Waste Generator sites
- Education and Outreach to the regulated community and general public
- Investigation and Response to food borne illnesses, food recalls, releases of hazardous materials
- Implementation of New Programs that enhance the protection human health and the environment (food facility placarding, Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act)



Background

Last Fee increase to CUPA Program was 2008

Since then,

- Changes in Laws and Regulations

- Hazardous Materials Business Plan *HSC Ch. 6.95 (SB408 in 2012 and SB1261 in 2014)*
- Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act *HSC Ch. 6.67 (Authority transferred from SWRCB to CUPA in 2009 [currently not charging a fee])*
- Underground Storage Tank *HSC Ch. 6.7 (AB 2481 and 1702 in 2002, AB 1566 in 2012)*



Background

Last Fee increase to CUPA Program was 2008

Since then,

- Increase in plan review, installation, and inspection complexity of Underground Storage Tanks
- Implementation of the State-required California Environmental Reporting System (CERS)
- Uploading and downloading of State-mandated information
- Implementation of electronic inspections
- Increase in staff training and certification requirements



Time Study

- ACDEH contracted an experienced consultant to conduct a Time Study which calculated the costs to perform services provided by ACDEH
- The Time Study results showed that a majority of the current fees do not recover the full cost of providing services.



New Fee Proposal

- New fee structure that adequately reflects the time spent at each regulated business
- New fee categories in some programs to account for recent law changes
- Adjust fees to be consistent with the cost based on the time study
- Education and training of ACDEH staff, businesses and the public
- Adequate resources to continue providing quality service



Fee Implementation

- Fees are specific to your business activity
- The fees would be implemented over three years
- Fiscal years
 - FY15-16 current fee + 1/3 of the increase
 - FY16-17 current fee + 2/3 of the increase
 - FY17-18 full cost fee



Fee Change Examples

Program Element Code	Description	Current Fee	Fee on July 1, 2015	Fee on July 1, 2016	Fee on July 1, 2017
4403	Hazardous Waste Generator 1-4 Employees	\$ 323	\$ 396	\$ 468	\$ 543
4331	Hazardous Materials Business Plan 1-5 Types Category 2	\$ 311	\$ 470	\$ 630	\$ 794
5204	APST SPCC ≥ 10,000 Gallons	\$ 0	\$ 555	\$ 1,111	\$ 1,683
4103	UST 3 Containers	\$ 945	\$ 1,475	\$ 2,005	\$ 2,551
4334	Hazardous Materials Business Plan 1-5 Types Category 5	\$ 1,372	\$ 946	\$ 946	\$ 946
4406	Hazardous Waste Generator 20-49 Employees	\$ 1,069	\$ 1,037	\$ 1,037	\$ 1,037



Conclusion

The fee changes by ACDEH are to achieve full cost recovery of fees based on the time study, to remain consistent with state law, provide service to the community, and protect public health and the environment



Community Meetings

Date	Time	Venue
January 20, 2015	3:00 to 5:00 pm	Alameda Library 1550 Oak Street, Alameda
January 21, 2015	10:00 to 12:00 pm	Dublin Library 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin
January 27, 2015	10:00 to 12:00 pm	Newark Library 6300 Civic Terrace Avenue, Newark
January 28, 2015	10:00 to 12:00 pm	Castro Valley Library 3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley
January 29, 2015	10:00 to 12:00 pm	Albany Veterans' Memorial Building 1325 Portland Avenue, Albany



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Comments/Questions?