

California Board of Environmental Safety

Fresno City Hall
Council Chamber, 2nd Floor
2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93721

Board Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2025

Board Members Present:

Vice Chair: Alexis Strauss-Hacker

Member: Sushma Bhatia

Member: Ingrid Brostrom

Member: Georgette Gomez

BES Staff Present:

Swati Sharma, Executive Officer

Shayna Avila, Staff Engineer

Courtney Bailey, Board Specialist

Sheena Brooks, Operations and Outreach Mgr.

Lauren Chandler, Ombudsperson

Gregory Forest, Board Counsel

Evelyn Nuno, Board Specialist

Linda Ocampo, Senior Staff Engineer

Marcus Raymond, Senior Environmental Scientist

DTSC Staff Present:

Mandi Bane, Deputy Director,
Hazardous Waste Management
Program

Ryan Dominguez, Supervising Hazardous
Substances Engineer

Muzhda Ferouz, Supervising Hazardous
Substances Engineer

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<https://youtu.be/JClKa6v-ZsY>

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1 Call to Order, Roll Call and Establish Quorum [00:00:55] The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. and a quorum was established with all Board Members present.

2 Welcome, Opening Remarks [00:04:28] Vice Chair Strauss-Hacker provided opening remarks.

3 Hazardous Waste Facilities Operating Permit Decision Status Report [00:04:55]
Shayna Avila, BES Staff Engineer, provided an introduction on SB 158 statutory requirements for expired permits and BES staff recommendations based on the [October 2024 Hazardous Waste Facilities Operating Permit Decision Status Report](#) for Clean Harbors Buttonwillow LLC and Chemical Waste Management Inc., Kettleman Hills. Muzhda Ferouz, DTSC Supervising Hazardous Substances Engineer, proposed revised draft permit decision dates for both facilities.

No public comments were received on the proposed permit schedule for Clean Harbors Buttonwillow LLC.

Member Brostrom moved to approve DTSC's proposed final permit decision date of March 15, 2026 for Clean Harbors Buttonwillow LLC. Seconded by Member Gomez. The Motion passed unanimously.

The Board heard three (3) public comments on the proposed permit schedule for Chemical Waste Management Inc., Kettleman Hills.

Member Bhatia moved to adopt the modified DTSC final permit decision date of January 2026, for Chemical Waste Management Inc., Kettleman Hills. Seconded by Member Brostrom. The Motion passed unanimously.

The Board took a short break and upon return, a full quorum was re-established with all members present.

4 Board Member Reports [00:52:00] Board Members reported on their respective priority areas, subcommittees, and Board related activities.

5 Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Minutes [01:03:12] **Member Gomez moved to approve January 29, 2025, and January 30, 2025, meeting minutes. Seconded by Member Bhatia. The Motion passed unanimously.**

The Board took a 45-minute break and upon return, a full quorum was re-established with all members present.

6 Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #1 [01:05:55] Executive Officer Sharma, Member Bhatia, and Member Brostrom provided a brief SB 158 overview of the Hazardous Waste Management Plan('Plan') and the Board's role and responsibilities regarding DTSC's draft Plan.

Mandi Bane, Deputy Director for DTSC's Hazardous Waste Management Program, introduced the draft Plan and Ryan Dominguez, DTSC Supervising Hazardous Substances Engineer, presented on the different components and contents of [DTSC's Draft Hazardous Waste Management Plan](#).

Feedback and comments for the Plan can be submitted through the [DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Public Feedback Portal](#).

The Board heard thirty-six (36) public comments on this item.

7 Public Forum [03:42:12]

The Board heard one (1) public comment on this item.

8 Review Action Items [03:45:06] Vice Chair Hacker reviewed action items from both March 19 and March 20, 2025 public meetings and future items for consideration. Lauren Chandler, BES Ombudsperson, reviewed BES and DTSC action items from the January 29-30 public meetings.

- Member Bhatia requested clarification from Safer Consumer Products program about the nature of engagement with manufacturers.
- The Board requested follow-up from Director Butler whether air quality data resulting from the Eaton and Palisades Fires can be available to the public.
- The Board requested DTSC to come back with any proposed schedule changes as they become known at a future board meeting.
- Member Bhatia requested information about the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) biomonitoring program in relation to the Kettleman Hills Facility.
- Member Brostrom requested DTSC to provide calculated total capacity for various waste streams for hazardous waste facilities in California.
- Member Bhatia requested DTSC provide additional information for mandates and directives that require California to handle hazardous waste within the state.
- The Board received a request from a member of the public to get clarification about the violation scoring procedure ruling process and what the process will look like moving forward.
- The Board received a request from a member of the public to get more information or bring forth an agenda item about contamination from previous dry-cleaning sites.

9 Closing Remarks and Adjourn [03:56:06] Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.