

California Board of Environmental Safety

DTSC Cypress Regional Office
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Public Comments - Summary

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#	Agenda Item	Name	Public Comment	Affiliation
1.	#3 – Executive Officer Report, Future Agenda Items	Victor Morales	Victor Morales asked whether the CalEPA quarterly surcharge fees are separate from fees implemented by the Board.	Member of the Public
2.	#3 – Executive Officer Report, Future Agenda Items	Jeni Knack	Jeni Knack with Parents Against the Santa Susanna Field Lab asked whether recommendations as well as the successes and challenges of the Board's workgroups are communicated to CalEPA and the legislature.	Parents Against Santa Susana Field Lab
3.	#3 – Executive Officer Report, Future Agenda Items	Angela Johnson Meszaros	Angela Johnson Meszaros from Earthjustice asked for a copy of the SEPs comments from the April meeting that were shared, whether the Board would be voting in July, and if there would be additional time for the public to comment on the plan before a final vote.	Earthjustice
4.	#3 – Executive Officer Report, Future Agenda Items	Aleja Cretcher	Aleja Cretcher with Communities for a Better Environment asked about ways the community can generate money in order to complete the cleanup at Exide.	Communities for a Better Environment

5.	#3 – Executive Officer Report, Future Agenda Items	Miguel Alatorre	Miguel Alatorre, Jr. from Unidos Network stated that Board meetings shouldn't be in the afternoon, and more than three minutes should be provided for comments. He invited the Board to come to the Kettleman City community.	Unidos Network
6.	#4 – DTSC Leadership Report	Rebecca Overmeyer Velasquez	Rebecca Overmeyer Velasquez with Clean Air Coalition of North Whittier and Avocado Heights commented on Director Butler's confirmation hearing and asked for Ecobat to be shut down.	Clean Air Coalition
7.	#4 – DTSC Leadership Report	Melissa Bumstead	Melissa Bumstead with Parents Against Santa Susana Field Lab commented about the two million dollars that DTSC will be putting toward the SSFL cleanup.	Parents Against Santa Susana Field Lab
8.	#4 – DTSC Leadership Report	Jeni Knack	Jeni Knack with Parents Against Susanna Field Lab asked about DTSC's Public Participation Manual, and DTSC's priority four regarding climate resiliency.	Parents Against Santa Susana Field Lab
9.	#4 – DTSC Leadership Report	Duncan McKee	Duncan McKee asked that Ecobat's permit not be renewed.	Community Member
10.	#4 – DTSC Leadership Report	Angela Johnson Meszaros	Angela Johnson Meszaros from Earthjustice asked about a timeline for DTSC's Environmental Justice training manual and the Public Participation manual being available to the public.	Earthjustice
11.	#4 – DTSC Leadership Report	Victor Morales	Victor Morales asked if there is any provision or mandate for DTSC to collaborate with local CUPA agencies when it comes to enforcement.	Member of the Public
12.	#4 – DTSC Leadership Report	Ivana Castellanos	Ivana Castellanos with Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles asked if there are plans to review the Chiquita Canyon incident and its response, and how DTSC plans to engage with the EJAC	Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles
13.	#4 – DTSC Leadership Report	Vivian Zamorano	Vivian Zamorano with the Clean Air Coalition asked that the public be more engaged with the Public Participation manual.	Clean Air Coalition

14.	#4 – DTSC Leadership Report	Inspector Javert	Inspector Javert spoke about the pollution at Ecobat.	Member of the Public
15.	#5 – BES Proposed Metrics for the Hazardous Waste Management Program	Ivana Castellanos	I'm Ivana Castellanos with Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles asked for more time for the public to be able to review the Hazardous Waste Management Plan.	Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles
16.	#5 – BES Proposed Metrics for the Hazardous Waste Management Program	Jeni Knack	Jeni Knack from Parents Against SSFL asked if DTSC gets to decide whether or not a metric that the Board thinks should be implemented is approved.	Parents Against Santa Susana Field Lab
17.	#5 – BES Proposed Metrics for the Hazardous Waste Management Program	Angela Johnson Meszaros	Angela Johnson Meszaros from Earthjustice spoke about the metrics she'd like to see from the Board.	Earthjustice
18.	#5 – BES Proposed Metrics for the Hazardous Waste Management Program	Miguel Alatorre	Miguel Alatorre of the Unidos Network asked for metrics that include funding or investments that have happened in the community.	Unidos Network
19.	#5 – BES Proposed Metrics for the Hazardous Waste Management Program	Sheryl (Last name not given)	Sheryl from Moss Landing spoke about the effects of the Moss Landing fires on the community.	Moss Landing Resident
20.	#5 – BES Proposed Metrics for the Hazardous Waste Management Program	Therma Rhunaway	Therma Rhunaway spoke about soil contamination and cumulative effects of the Moss Landing fire on the community.	Member of the Public
21.	#6 – Public Forum	Name Unknown	An unidentified member of the public asked that the Board and DTSC deny Ecobat's permit.	Member of the Public

22.	#6 – Public Forum	Martha Huerta	Martha Huerta, a resident of North Whittier, asked the Board to deny Ecobat's permit.	North Whittier Resident
23.	#6 – Public Forum	Jeni Knack	Jeni Knack from Parents Against SSFL asked that the Board look at the group's scientific data and utilize it.	Parents Against Santa Susana Field Lab
24.	#6 – Public Forum	Daniel Talamantes	Daniel Talmantes of the Clean Air Coalition asked that Ecobat's permit be denied.	Clean Air Coalition
25.	#6 – Public Forum	Duncan McKee	Duncan McKee, a community member, urged DTSC and the Board to deny Ecobat's permit.	Community Member
26.	#6 – Public Forum	Skylar Sacoolas	Skylar Sacoolas Cruz from Greenaction talked about the community's history with Ecobat.	Greenaction
27.	#6 – Public Forum	Cynthia Babich	Cynthia Babich from the Del Amo Action Committee spoke about environmental racism and redlining.	Del Amo Action Committee
28.	#6 – Public Forum	Shirletha Holmes-Boxx	Shirletha Holmes-Boxx spoke about the history of the Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard.	Member of the Public
29.	#6 – Public Forum	Therma Rhunaway	Therma Rhunaway asked to hear the rest of Skyler Sacoolas's comment.	Member of the Public
30.	#6 – Public Forum	Rebecca Overmeyer Velasquez	Rebecca Overmeyer Velasquez of the Clean Air Coalition North Whittier and Avocado Heights voiced their concerns with the Violations Scoring Procedure reform.	Clean Air Coalition
31.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Rebecca Overmeyer Velasquez	Rebecca Overmeyer Velasquez of the Clean Air Coalition of North Whittier and Avocado Heights commented about lithium-ion battery recyclers and the circular economy mentioned in the Hazardous Waste Management Plan.	Clean Air Coalition
32.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Kaya Ellen Sugarman	Kaya Ellen Sugarman with Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles spoke about the need for preventable action and community input.	Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles

33.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Ivana Castellanos	Ivana Castellanos with Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles spoke about DTSC's source reduction goals in the Hazardous Waste Management Plan.	Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles
34.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Melissa Bumstead	Melissa Bumstead from Parents Against SSFL talked about the hazardous waste from the recent LA fires.	Parents Against Santa Susana Field Lab
35.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Angela Johnson Meszaros	Angela Johnson Meszaros from Earthjustice talked about incinerable waste and lithium-ion battery recycling.	Earthjustice
36.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Aleja Cretcher	Aleja Cretcher with Communities for a Better Environment talked about the need for more public participation in the Hazardous Waste Management Plan.	Communities for a Better Environment
37.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Jeni Knack	Jeni Knack from Parents Against SSFL spoke about the need for emergency protocols in the Hazardous Waste Management Plan.	Parents Against Santa Susana Field Lab
38.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Daniel Talamantes	Daniel Talamantes of the Clean Air Coalition asserted the need for more community involvement in decisions about lithium-ion battery recyclers.	Clean Air Coalition
39.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Duncan McKee	Duncan McKee talked about incinerable waste.	Member of the Public
40.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Martha Huerta	Martha Huerta of the Clean Air Coalition asked DTSC and the Board to deny Ecobat's permit.	Clean Air Coalition
41.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Tom Helm	Tom Helm from the Valley Improvement Projects spoke about incinerable waste and the need for environmental justice.	Valley Improvement Projects
42.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Karen Aboud	Karen Aboud from the National Diversity Coalition would like to see businesses shift to using less toxic materials.	National Diversity Coalition

43.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Adhil Saifudheen	Adhil Saifudheen from National Diversity Coalition talked about the need for more inclusive languages during public engagement.	National Diversity Coalition
44.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Ariel McCarty	Ariel McCarty with National Diversity Coalition expressed her appreciation for the work the Board has done.	National Diversity Coalition
45.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Ellen Rodriguez-Swing	Ellen Rodriguez-Swing of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce talked about the effects of hazardous waste pollution on residential areas.	Filipino American Chamber of Commerce
46.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Ron Ramores	Ron Ramores of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce expressed his concerns about groundwater contamination and the need for more engagement with underserved communities.	Filipino American Chamber of Commerce
47.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Irma Lopez	Through a translator, Irma Lopez spoke about the need to better regulate manufacturing chemicals.	Community Member
48.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Andrea Gordon	Andrea Gordon with the Clean Air Coalition asked that Ecobat be closed down.	Clean Air Coalition
49.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Maricela Talamantes	Maricela Talamantes spoke about the air quality in Inglewood and Huntington Park.	Member of the Public
50.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Caroline Farrell	Caroline Farrell from the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic at Golden Gate University asked what would be different after the plan has been in place for three years, and spoke about goals one through seven.	Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, Golden Gate University
51.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Demeven Quirino	Demeven Quirino from the Filipino Chamber of Commerce in Cerritos the need for more community engagement and public outreach.	Filipino Chamber of Commerce, Cerritos

52.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Cyndi Ting	Cyndi Ting from the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce talked about the effects of air pollution she sees on the children in the community.	Filipino American Chamber of Commerce
53.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Matt Holmes	Matt Holmes from the California Environmental Justice Coalition spoke about the need to learn the historical context of pollution in community.	California Environmental Justice Coalition
54.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Catalina Gonzalez	Catalina Gonzalez from the Clean Air Coalition voiced her concerns about the unintended consequences that the Hazardous Waste Management Plan could create.	Clean Air Coalition
55.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Anthony Mercado	Anthony Mercado told the Board that La Puente doesn't want any more pollution.	Member of the Public
56.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Christine Consunji	Christine Consunji from the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce shared her concerns about the toxic waste expansion proposal.	Filipino American Chamber of Commerce
57.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Byron Chan	Byron Chan from Earthjustice talked about reducing environmental health impacts.	Earthjustice
58.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Cynthia Babich	Cynthia Babich from the Del Amo Action Committee discussed her concerns with the goals in the Hazardous Waste Management Plan.	Del Amo Action Committee
59.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Jane Williams	Jane Williams with California Communities Against Toxics talked about the similarities with the Hazardous Waste Management Plan and DTSC's regulatory structure update.	California Communities Against Toxics
60.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Deja McCauley	Deja McCauley from Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles commented that the Hazardous Waste Management Plan does not seem to adequately address source reduction.	Physicians for Social Responsibility Los Angeles

61.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Miguel Alatorre	Miguel Alatorre from the Unidos Network asked the Board for more community outreach.	Unidos Network
62.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Veronica (last name not given)	Veronica asked the Board to consider all of the community feedback being received about the Hazardous Waste Management Plan in their final decision.	Member of the Public
63.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Bethany Sternbaum	Bethany Sternbaum expressed her concerns about goal 6.3 in the Hazardous Waste Management Plan.	Granada Hills Resident
64.	#9 – DTSC Hazardous Waste Management Plan Hearing #3	Brendan Woirhave	Brendan Woirhave from the Clean Air Coalition asked the Board to hold polluters accountable.	Clean Air Coalition