

California Board of Environmental Safety

DTSC Berkeley Regional Office
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Public Comment Summary

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#	Agenda Item	Name	Public Comment	Affiliation
1.	#3 – Executive Officer Report	Angela Johnson Meszaros	Requested information about the exemption of the Public Records Act that DTSC is using to withhold requested information from the public.	Earthjustice
2.	#3 – Executive Officer Report	Jeni Knack	Expressed frustration with the lack of DTSC's transparency and requested that the Board increase their transparency and expand their purview.	Parents Against Santa Susana Field Lab
3.	#3 – Executive Officer Report	Erich Nolan	Asked what the driving factor in setting fees is and how those decisions are made.	Stewarding Design LLC
4.	#4 – DTSC Leadership Report	Miguel Alatorre	Spoke about the upcoming EJAC report to the Board and asked for a timeline on SB 673 criteria.	Unidos Network
5.	#4 – DTSC Leadership Report	Erich Nolan	Talked about the importance of enforcement data being a part of key metrics, including why enforcement is performed and the value it brings to the community.	Stewarding Design LLC
6.	#4 – DTSC Leadership Report	Brian Cadena	Thanked Chair Rakestraw for bringing up SB 673 during the DTSC Leadership report.	Unidos Network

7.	#4 – DTSC Leadership Report	Jeni Knack	Spoke about the need to include community input as a part of DTSC evaluation metrics.	Parents Against Santa Susana Field Lab
8.	#4 – DTSC Leadership Report	Bud Rice	Suggested more education about hazardous waste removal for businesses to ensure that correct rules and regulations are being followed.	California Automotive Business Coalition
9.	#6 – Hazardous Waste Facilities Operating Permit Decision Status Report	Laura Rosenberger Haider	Spoke about concerns with galvanized metal and Prop 65.	Fresnans Against Fracking
10.	#6 – Hazardous Waste Facilities Operating Permit Decision Status Report	Angela Johnson Meszaros	Talked about the need for facility and permitting documentation to be more accessible to the public.	Earthjustice
11.	#7 – Fiscal Year 2025-26 Fee Rates	Lena Norby	Asked for information to clarify between non-RCRA and RCRA hazardous waste generation fees.	Air Force Plant 42, Palmdale
12.	#8 – Public Forum	Faith Bautista	Voiced concerns about possible revisions to WET testing requirements in the Hazardous Waste Management Plan.	National Diversity Coalition
13.	#8 – Public Forum	Geoff Ellsworth	Spoke about hazardous exposure and worker protection concerns with the Clover Flat Landfill in Napa County.	Former Mayor, St. Helena, Napa County
14.	#8 – Public Forum	Audrey Perot	Urged the Board to reconsider changing the WET standards for hazardous waste.	LPT Realty
15.	#8 – Public Forum	Rodney Wilson	Asked that the Board bring all stakeholders back to the table to review and revise the Hazardous Waste Management Plan.	Century 21 Real Estate
16.	#8 – Public Forum	Amanda Rodriguez	Spoke about concerns that changing the WET test would have on the community.	Time In Destiny Church, Sanger

17.	#8 – Public Forum	Roxanne Zavala	Voiced concerns about changing WET testing standards.	Time In Destiny Church
18.	#8 – Public Forum	Reverend Paul Zavala	Spoke about the concerns with the landfills in Sanger, and the WET testing standards.	Time In Destiny Church
19.	#8 – Public Forum	Chelsea Tu	Talked about concerns with ongoing health impacts of the communities near the Kettleman City facility, and DTSC's 2016 settlement agreement with El Pueblo.	California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
20.	#8 – Public Forum	Ed Mitchell	Spoke about the community experience with the fire at Moss Landing and DTSC's testing standards and requested a meeting with the Board to discuss further.	Never Again Moss Landing
21.	#8 – Public Forum	Jeni Knack	Talked about the release of Boeing's soil testing documents for the Santa Susana Field Lab.	Parents Against Santa Susana Field Lab
22.	#8 – Public Forum	Skylar Sacoolas	Talked about the need for more environmental and community protections along the shoreline in California.	Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice
23.	#8 – Public Forum	Brian Cadena	Spoke about the need for a community vulnerability and health risk assessment before making any decisions about the Kettleman Hills facility permit.	Unidos Network
24.	#8 – Public Forum	Skylar Sacoolas	Spoke about the need for more environmental and community protections along the shoreline in California, particularly with the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, Treasure Island and Moss Landing sites.	Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice
25.	#8 – Public Forum	Miguel Alatorre	Talked about the need for DTSC's Kettleman Hills facility permit to address and mitigate the impacts on the community.	Unidos Network
26.	#8 – Public Forum	Angela Borayo	Asked for more provisions for community needs from the ChemWaste facility and DTSC.	People for Clean Air and Water
27.	#8 – Public Forum	Genesis Perez	Spoke about concerns with new materials being brought to the Kettleman City waste management	Member of the Public

			facility in their community and the potential health risks they pose.	
28.	#8 – Public Forum	Shirletha Holmes-Boxx	Asked that more work be done on sea level rise guidance.	Greenaction
29.	#8 – Public Forum	Genesis Perez	Asked for public testing results in vulnerable communities to be shared with those communities before approving permits.	Member of the Public
30.	#8 – Public Forum	Jaime Sanchez (via email)	Asked that the Board include their community in policy determinations.	Neighbors Against Phibro-Tech