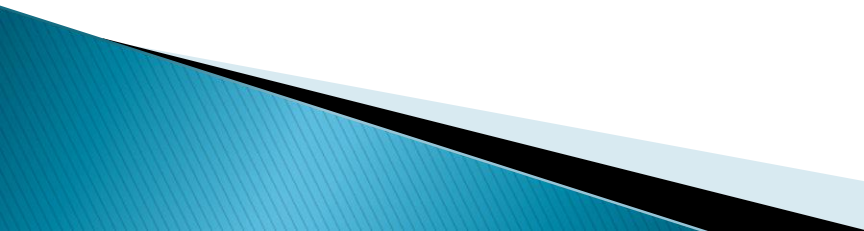




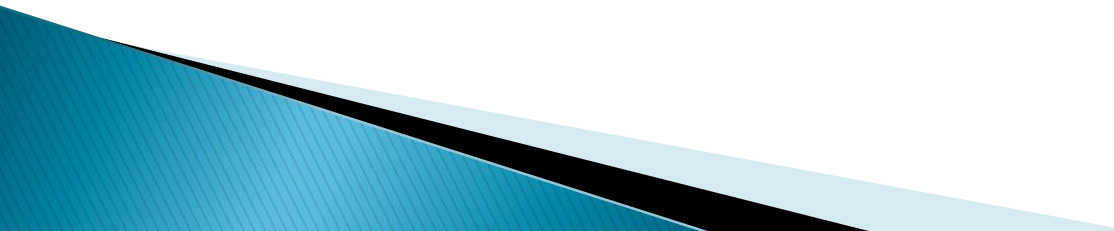
Safe Drug Disposal

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Background

- ▶ BOS received a report on the harmful impacts of the accumulation of unused pharmaceuticals on May 19, 2015 from Supervisor Farr's office
 - ▶ BOS directed the Public Health Department to conduct stakeholder outreach and return in October with recommendations for the establishment of a permanent and sustainably funded model to collect and safely dispose of unwanted medications
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The Problem

- ▶ Current Sheriff's Office Program – Operation Medicine Cabinet – is unsustainable, inconvenient, and insufficient
 - ▶ Accumulation of unused household medication poses significant public health and safety risks
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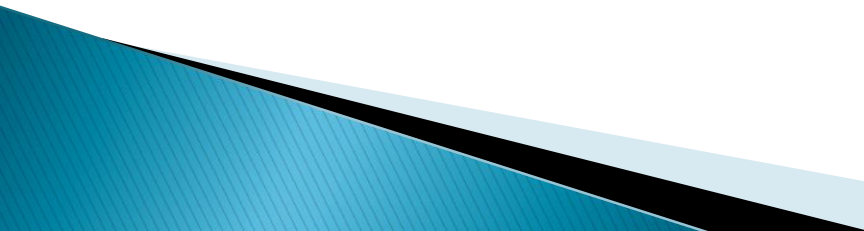
The Opportunity

- ▶ New federal regulations open the door to engage pharmacies as part of the solution
- ▶ Wave of other counties are looking to drug manufacturers and pharmacies help to share the responsibility of offering this service to the public

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- ✓ King County
- ✓ San Mateo
- ✓ Marin
- ✓ Santa Clara

- ✓ Santa Cruz
- ✓ San Francisco
- ✓ Los Angeles
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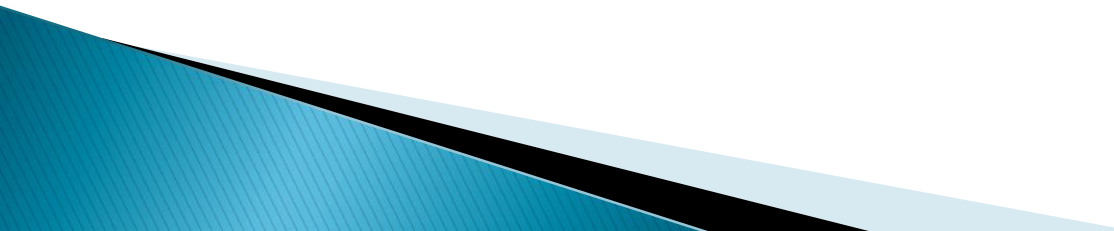
Community Outreach

- ▶ Community meetings on July 14 (SB) & July 16 (SM)
 - ▶ Meeting with Sanitation Agencies Management Association, July 8
 - ▶ Santa Maria Valley Fighting Back, August 20
 - ▶ Santa Barbara Medical Society, September 8
 - ▶ County Law Enforcement Committee, September 30
 - ▶ Many individual meetings and conversations
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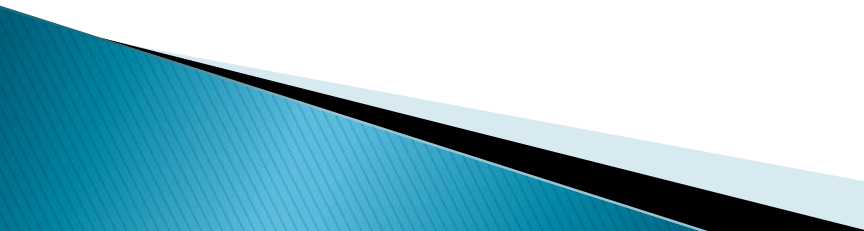


Feedback across a broad spectrum of stakeholders consistently voiced a need for a sustainable and convenient drug disposal program in Santa Barbara County.

Areas of Agreement

- ▶ High level of interest and need for a more sustainable and convenient Safe Drug Disposal program
 - ▶ High level of agreement that drug producers should fund this type of program
 - ▶ There are complexities in the regulations that will guide the development
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Areas Needing Further Analysis

- ▶ Roles of pharmacies
 - ▶ Locations of bins
 - ▶ Meeting safety and security needs
 - ▶ Methods of collection
 - ▶ How to best serve the needs of all target populations (seniors, long-term care facilities, youth, home-bound disabled)
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Recommendations

- ▶ Public Health, with support from other departments, to draft an extended producer responsibility ordinance
 - ▶ Public Health staff to seek input from key stakeholders on the draft ordinance
 - ▶ Return early in 2016 with ordinance
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