

Legislation Text

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HEARING - Consider recommendations regarding the Safe Drug Disposal Program, as follows: (EST. TIME: 45 MIN.)

a) Receive and file a report regarding the harmful impacts of accumulation of unused pharmaceuticals on residents and the environment, status of Santa Barbara County's current drug collection program, and options for proposed program expansion;

b) Approve and authorize the Director of the Public Health Department to conduct stakeholder outreach, in collaboration with the Third District office and Public Works Department, and return in October with a recommendation for establishment of a permanent and sustainably funded model to collect and safely dispose of unwanted medications from residents in Santa Barbara County. Recommendation may include an Extended Producer Responsibility Ordinance (an industry funded model), community funded model, and/or public education and awareness campaign; and

c) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) since the recommended actions are government administrative activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant effect on the environment.