

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Update for the SSP Advisory Commission

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On February 15th, 2022 the Board of Supervisors (BOS)...

- Considered the presentation from the Health Services Agency, Department of Public Works, and Information Services Department report back on:
 - a) Implementing the My Santa Cruz County mobile application as a tool to address public syringe litter reporting in the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County; and
 - b) Leveraging existing solid waste disposal resources and improving overall litter efforts of the County of Santa Cruz and Cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville.
- Directed returning to the Board on or before June 28, 2022, with a plan to address previous direction provided on June 8, 2021, to use our existing solid waste resources to come up with a systemic response to syringe collection, by either expanding contracts with current providers and/or releasing an RFP or RFQ to solicit such services, including potential on-demand response component.

Next Steps

- HSA will continue working closely with DPW and ISD on addressing technology, reporting or data issues on the syringe litter reporting function
- Finalize promotional materials for the syringe litter reporting function of My Santa Cruz County mobile app
- HSA will continue collaborating with city jurisdictions to:
 - a) Increase awareness of syringe litter reporting function.
 - b) Assess and improve response time for removal of syringe litter when reported.
- Establish litter contract with Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc. (CAB), including syringe litter collection in the City of Watsonville