

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST REGISTRATION COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES**

***Wednesday October 6, 2010  
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM***

California Department of Public Health Environmental Health Registration Committee  
Shasta Conference Room  
East End Complex  
1616 Capitol Ave., Building 174, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
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**Members Present:**

Mr. Larry Dvoskin, REHS, CCDEH, CHAIR arrived at 11:00  
Ms. Alicia Enriquez, REHS, Secretary, Public Sector  
Ms. Marcy Barnett, REHS, CEHA Representative  
Mr. Todd Frantz, REHS, Private Sector  
Ms. Terri Williams, REHS, CCDEH  
Dr. Lal Mian, Ph.D., REHS University Representative - via teleconference  
Mr. Glenn Takeoka, REHS, Chief, Environmental Management Branch, Executive Officer  
Dr. Antonio Machado, Ph.D., REHS, University Representative - via teleconference

**QUORUM ESTABLISHED**

**Environmental Health Specialist Registration Program Staff Present:**

Ms. Margaret Blood, REHS, Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) Program Administrator  
Ms. Robin Belle Hook, REHS, Environmental Health Services Section Chief  
Ms. Deann Kanenaga, Continuing Education (CE) Coordinator

**Members Absent**

Dr. Dean Kelaita, M.D., Health Officer, Calaveras County

**Hearing Officer**

Mr. Robin Hook

**Opening Remarks**

Alicia Enriquez welcomed the committee members at 10:26 AM and led the self introductions. Ms. Enriquez asked the members to review the minutes from the June 21, 2010, meeting. The minutes were approved with corrections (Frantz/Barnett/Takeoka). Mr. Robin Hook was appointed as the Committee's standing informal hearing officer for 2010 calendar year. (Frantz/Williams).

**Environmental Management Branch** Glenn Takeoka, Executive Officer  
CDPH Update – State budget should be signed by the end of the week. It is anticipated that the hiring freeze will continue causing problems in State operations.

Reviewed two new bills, AB 1659 and AB 2130, which will establish a Joint Sunset Review Committee to evaluate and make recommendations regarding eligible government agencies established on or after January 1, 2011.

The Joint Sunset Review Committee will have the authority to identify and eliminate waste, duplication, and inefficiency in government agencies and to conduct a comprehensive analysis of every "eligible agency," as defined, to determine if the agency is still necessary and cost effective. The law defines an "eligible agency" as an entity of state government, however denominated, for which a date for repeal has been established by statute on or after January 1, 2011.

When one talks about sunset or sunrise laws, they are usually referring to a review of regulatory licensing agencies as was the case under the old law. This is changed by AB 2130 and AB 1659 to expand the scope of eligible agencies subject to review and sunset. However, this is limited to eligible agencies established on or after January 1, 2011.

Any change to the Registration Act (i.e. Occupation to Profession) could make the environmental health specialist registration program subject to a sunset clause and review under the new laws.

<http://www.assembly.ca.gov/acs/acsframeset2text.htm>

**Continuing Education Regulations** Deann Kanenaga, CE Coordinator  
The Committee discussed the auditing process for Accreditation Agencies (AA). The first two AA audits will be completed this month. Committee members asked about the process for record keeping for online courses.

**Education Subcommittee** Margaret Blood, Program Administrator  
University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) – Dr. Mian is concerned with the UCLA program as a "certificate" rather than a "degree" program. The Committee took no action and asked for more information regarding what the program was named in the past. Dr. Mian wants assurance that the REHS certificate is not a stand alone product which does not satisfy the statutory requirements.

California State University (CSU), Fullerton submitted a request for additional new environmental health electives, epidemiology, statistics and environmental or public health administration. There were also some name and numbering changes in the biology core subjects. The Committee approved the new curriculum with the exception of HESC 325 Consumer Health (Mian/Frantz).

CSU, Fresno (CSUF) submitted a request for two new courses in epidemiology and environmental or public health administration. The request included a condition that these courses would count as an alternative to the currently approved courses in epidemiology or environmental or public health administration or if the student already completed the existing course(s) then these course(s) would count as electives. In addition, CSUF has asked the Committee's opinion on developing environmental health electives worth 2 semester units. The Committee did not support the condition and has asked Dr. Donohue to describe the courses as electives or alternatives. The Committee had no objection to the development of 2 semester unit courses in environmental health with the understanding that the 15 semester unit total remained the graduation standard.

CSU, San Bernardino – November 16 and 17, 2010, has been scheduled for the site visit. The following committee members will participate:

Terri Williams, REHS, Director of Environmental Health San Bernardino County  
Todd Frantz, REHS, Food Safety Manager, Disneyland Resort  
Antonio Machado, PhD, REHS, Associate Professor, California State University, Northridge (CSUN)

In addition CDPH staff will include Robin Belle Hook, REHS, Environmental Health Services Section Chief; Deann Kanenaga, CE Coordinator; Margaret Blood, REHS, REHS Program Administrator

**REHS Program** Margaret Blood, REHS Program Administrator

The complaint process was discussed, and a flowchart was distributed to the Committee.

**ADJOURN.** Motion to adjourn the open session carried. Committee in recess.

**Committee reconvened in closed session at 12:03PM**

**The Committee adjourned the closed session and reconvened in open session at 2:45 PM**

**Next meeting – April 18, 2011**