

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
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JULY 28, 2015

On June 2, 2015, the Board of Supervisors directed the Director of Public Works, in coordination with a Working Group that included the Chief Executive Office; County Counsel; the Sheriff’s Department; the Departments of Health Services, Internal Services, Mental Health, and Public Health; and the County Sanitation Districts to investigate the feasibility of adopting an ordinance similar to the pharmaceutical take-back ordinance adopted by the Counties of Alameda, San Mateo, San Francisco, and Santa Clara as well as utilizing the County’s purchasing power to negotiate producer/pharmacy take-back programs, and to report back in 30 days with recommendations.

Public Works, in collaboration with the Working Group, developed and submitted its report, entitled *Managing Unused and Expired Medications and Sharps Waste in The County of Los Angeles*, to the Board on July 2, 2015. The Working Group found that adopting a similar ordinance is feasible for the County and recommended that the Board adopt a pharmaceutical and sharps waste extended producer responsibility ordinance in which pharmaceutical manufacturers and producers would develop and fund take-back programs providing collection services that are reasonably convenient and adequately meet the needs of the population being served. The report did not recommend utilizing the County’s purchasing power to negotiate take-back programs as this would not be as effective.

The Working Group also recommended drafting the ordinance to allow incorporated Cities within the County to adopt the ordinance by reference, in order to establish a Countywide collection system.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer, in collaboration with the County's Sustainability Council and the Pharmaceutical Working Group, to:

1. Draft an ordinance which requires manufacturers and producers of prescription and nonprescription drugs and sharps to develop product stewardship take-back programs to collect and dispose of unused/unwanted pharmaceutical and sharps waste from County residents;
2. Initiate stakeholder engagement with the pharmaceutical industry and other stakeholders to solicit feedback on the ordinance; communicate the need to provide safe, convenient, and sustainably financed take-back options for consumers to properly dispose of pharmaceutical and sharps waste; and generate awareness about the collection program that will be created; and
3. Return to the Board within six months with the recommended Ordinance for consideration.

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