

County SSP Program Updates

Staff report on August 23rd County Board of Supervisors item

County SSP Advisory Commission

9/13/2022, 6PM-7:30PM

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Review of 8/23 report to the Board

Directive: *Continue the June 28, 2022, report to the Board on the County SSP to August 2022. HSA to report back on the identification of placement for eight additional syringe disposal kiosks to be installed and managed by the County, and data on syringes collected through the public kiosks and through community partners (specifically Downtown Streets Team, Save Our Shores, and the City of Santa Cruz Parks & Recreation).* [Link to Board item](#)

- Recommended Actions

- Accept and file a continued report back from the Health Services Agency on the Syringe Services Program (SSP), as directed by the Board on June 28, 2022.

- Background

- Provided an overview of existing syringe disposal kiosks
- Provided background on syringe litter data being collected

- Analysis

- Reviewed data on syringes collected through Downtown Streets Team, County SSP and Save our Shores
- Provided recommendations for eight additional syringe disposal kiosks
- Provided an overview of fiscal year expenditures on syringe litter cleanup services through contractors

Next Steps

- County SSP to continue moving forward with assessing feasibility of installation of eight additional syringe disposal kiosks based on recommendations
- Additional direction from the Board is for the SSP Advisory Commission to evaluate the current location of the North County SSP site
- Ongoing tasks
 - Continue to track Board directives
 - Continue to improve data collection of syringe litter among partners
 - Continue to monitor use of our SSP and syringes distributed
 - Continue engaging and soliciting input from the community and jurisdictional partners