Department of Toxic Substances Control

2023 Oversight Hearing Materials

August 2023

Item	Description
Director's Priorities & Progress Report	DTSC regularly discusses the Director's Priorities at the Board of Environmental Safety's public meetings. This progress report is updated through August 2023 and will continue to be update prior to each Board meeting.
SB 158 Funding Summaries	SB 158 appropriated $822.4 million to implement the Cleanup in Vulnerable Communities Initiative (CVCI) and bolster the residential cleanup around the former Exide lead-acid battery facility. Of the $500 million appropriated to CVCI, approximately $97.2 million has been expended or encumbered. Of the $322.4 million appropriated to the Exide residential cleanup, approximately $269.6 million has been expended or encumbered.
BCPs since Reform	Since FY 2020-21, there have been 15 Budget Change Proposals related to DTSC's Governance and Fiscal Reform, primarily to implement SB 158 and address critical service gaps.
CVCI Overview	CVCI is one of DTSC's biggest endeavors to address historic inequities across the state by investing deeply in vulnerable communities. The one-time funding challenges DTSC to think differently about how it serves California.
California's Safer Consumer Products Process	In addition to evaluating the potential for exposure and the potential for that exposure to cause significant or widespread adverse impacts, DTSC's decisions to regulate consumer products are informed by several policy considerations, including how definitive the science is on the topic, whether listing a Priority Product will meaningfully enhance protection of public health or the environment, and whether there are safer alternatives. Since 2017, DTSC has adopted 7 Priority Products and provided significant technical advice to several consumer product bills.
Fee Structure Overview	SB 158 restructured DTSC's two primary fund sources, the Hazardous Waste Control Account (HWCA) and Toxic Substances Control Account (TSCA), setting the new rates at levels that would produce sufficient revenues to address structural deficits and close the most critical gaps identified in DTSC's Workload Analyses. This overview includes a summary of the challenges to implementing the new Generation and Handling Fee.

Other Relevant Information

Permit Decision Schedule

Hazardous Waste Management Report & Plan

Safer Consumer Products Timeline

DTSC Strategic Plan Dashboard

Board of Environmental Safety Website