



DEHQ Cost Recovery Proposal FY 2026-2027

HMD - CalARP Stakeholders Outreach

April 02, 2026

We want to hear from you today



Please let us know what questions, comments, or feedback you have utilizing the chat section.



We'll do our best to answer all questions at the end of the session.

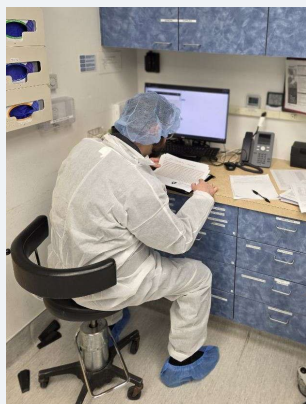
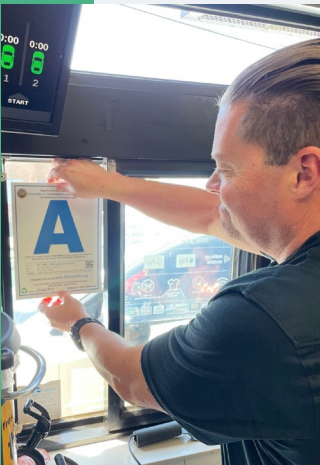


If we are not able to answer today, we will follow up with you.



This presentation is being recorded and will be available online by next week.

Department of Environmental Health and Quality



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Business Plan



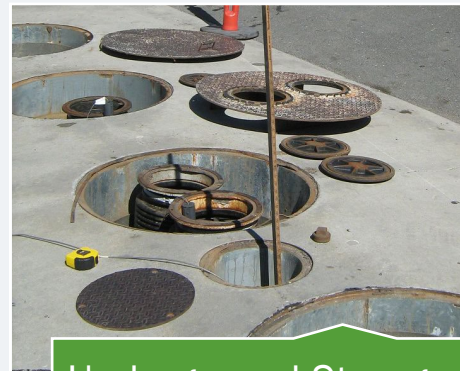
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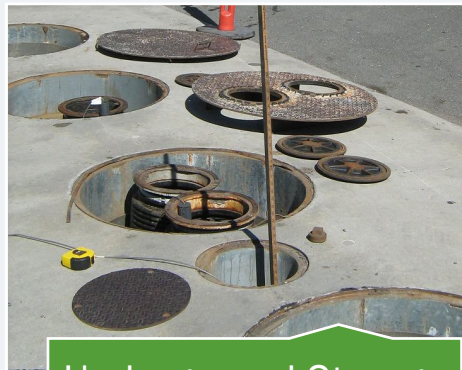
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Medical Waste



Incident Response

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION (HMD)



Protecting public health & safeguarding environmental quality

Education and regulatory compliance

Graduated Enforcement Program

HMD Programs and Services

- Release Reporting and Complaints: 858-505-6657
- HMD Duty Specialist: 858-505-6880
- California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) Help Desk: 858-505-6990
- UST Plan Check: ustnotifications@sdcounty.ca.gov
- HMBP Plan Check: hazmatplancheck@sdcounty.ca.gov
- Public Records Requests: <https://pra.sandiegocounty.gov/requests/new>
- HMD Website: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/deh/hazmat>
- Workshops, Outreach, Seminars
<https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/CASAND/subscriber/new>



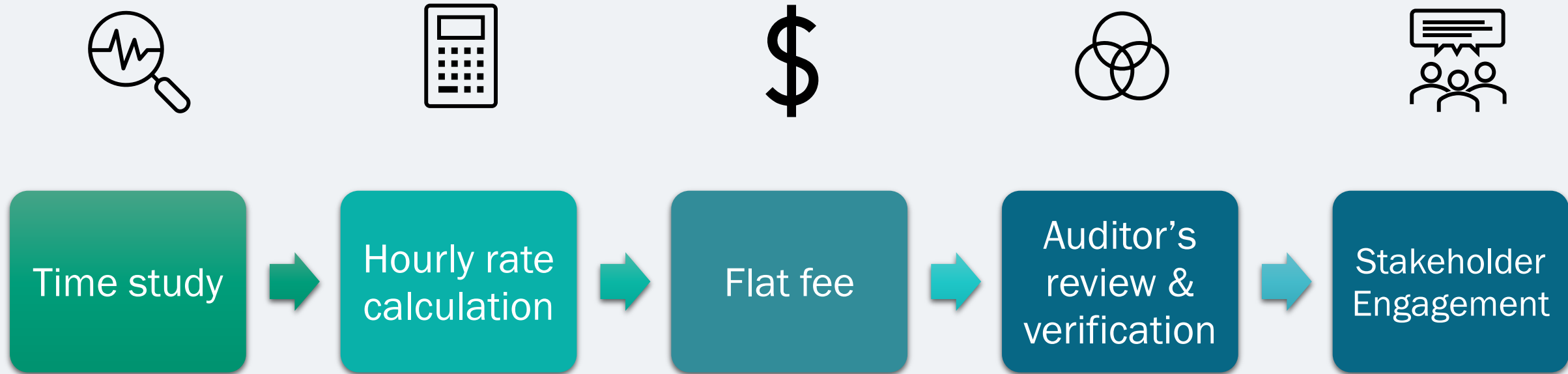
Cost Recovery

Why Fees Matter

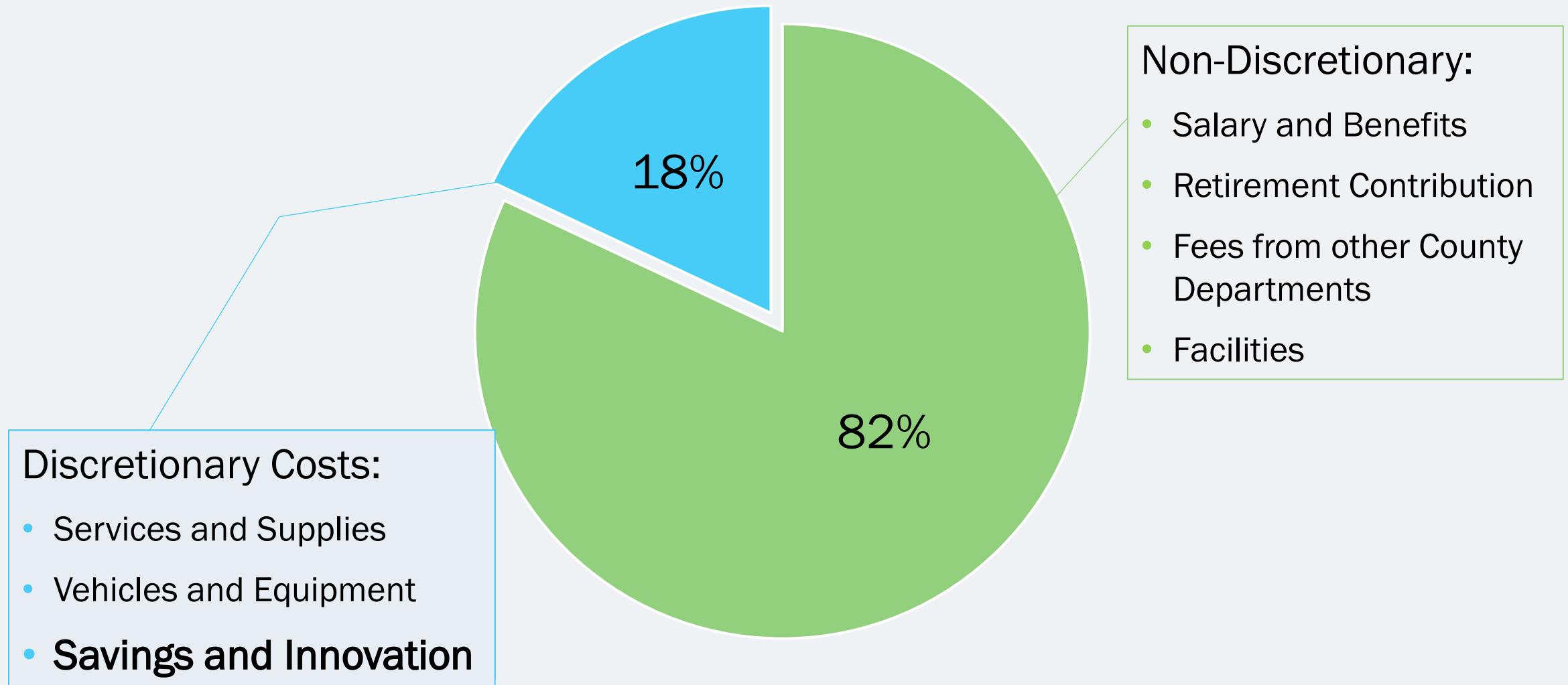
- Compliance with State of California laws and regulations (Title 27 CCR §[15210](#) – [15250](#), HSC [25404.5](#)) to implement and maintain CUPA
- Align with [Board Policy B-29](#) for full cost recovery annual fee review
- Support staffing, training, and preparedness
- Support operations
- Provide stakeholder support

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY	
Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery	Policy Number
	B-29
<p>Purpose</p> <p>To establish department responsibilities to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Recover full cost, to the extent legally possible for services provided to agencies or individuals outside the County of San Diego organization under grants, contracts, or for which fees may be charged. Exceptions require specific Board approval for the non-reimbursed costs.2. Inform the Board of Supervisors of the proposed services, their full costs and anticipated revenues, and the reasons for any difference between full cost and anticipated revenue. <p>Background</p> <p>The County can better fulfill its mission to provide county residents with superior services by pursuing external funding opportunities that do not compromise the County's fiscal integrity and operational discipline, set false expectations, or make imprudent resource commitments. Such judicious pursuit of external funding is consistent with the principles and procedures set forth in the County's General Management System (GMS) and also supports goals and disciplines detailed in the County's Strategic Plan. In addition, the County provides a number of services on a fee basis and these fees must be periodically reviewed. This policy establishes the guidelines which departments must follow when pursuing these external funding opportunities or in setting fees for services.</p> <p>Board of Supervisors that:</p>	

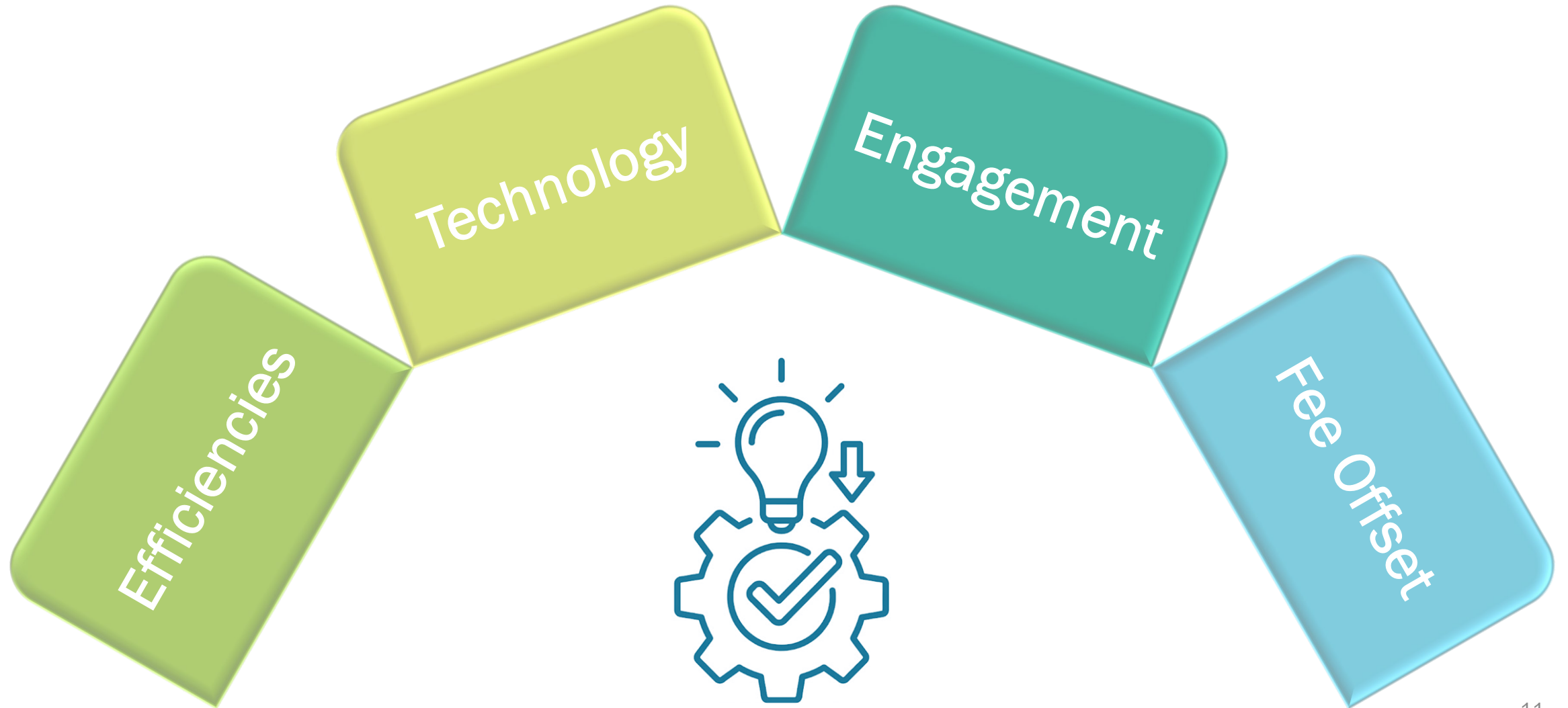
Fee Development Process



Cost Composition



Cost Mitigation

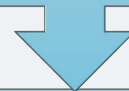


Current Proposal

Need: FY 2026-27 costs require 9.8% average fee increase



Mitigation: Innovation & One-time Offset average 6.6% reduction



DEHQ Proposal: 3.2% average fee increase



HMD Proposal: 1.43% average fee increase

Next Steps

- Answer questions and hear all your feedback on our current programs.
- May 2026: Anticipated to present the Cost Recovery Proposal to the Board of Supervisors for their review.
- Approximately 2 weeks after the first reading: 2nd reading of Cost Recovery Proposal by the BOS
- On July 1, 2026: New fees to go into effect



Scan for website
to access
full proposed fee list



County of San Diego

HMD UPDATES

What's on sight this 2026?

HMD Updates

- Site Assessment and Mitigation (SAM) Program:
 - Discontinued its Voluntary Assistance Program (VAP) as of 03/27/2026
 - Parties with active VAP cases were notified of transition to either: Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) or Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)
 - Maintaining:
 - Oversight of Corrective Action cases
 - Meth/fentanyl lab Clean-up Program
 - Transactional Screening Program
 - Changing Hydrogeologist resource
 - No longer an in-house Hydrogeologist; HMD and FWHD will outsource it

HMD Updates

- Proposed Ordinance Changes

- SDCC 65.107 Fees

- Remove: (k)(21) Voluntary assistance program (VAP)
 - Revise: (k)(22) Corrective Action Oversight
 - Clarify: (k)(4)(b) *Maximum fee for hazardous materials (up to and including 40 items)*
 - Remove: (k)(18) Biotechnology facilities [...] may have [...] fees reduced by 25% if [...]


- SDCC 68.907.2 Performance Fee Reduction

- Remove: [...] laboratories where relatively small quantities of hazardous chemicals are handled [...]

HMD Updates

- Hazardous Waste:

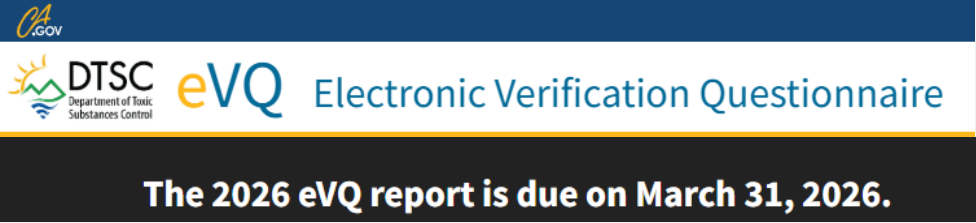
- e-Manifest



- Required for Generators of Hazardous Waste – expected by Fall 2026
 - Do you have a RCRAInfo account?
 - <https://rcrainfo.epa.gov/rcrainfoprod/action/secured/login> or scan → 
 - All discrepancies, rejections, and/or exceptions must be reported via e-Manifest
 - Effective 12/01/2025
 - No longer to be mailed directly to DTSC

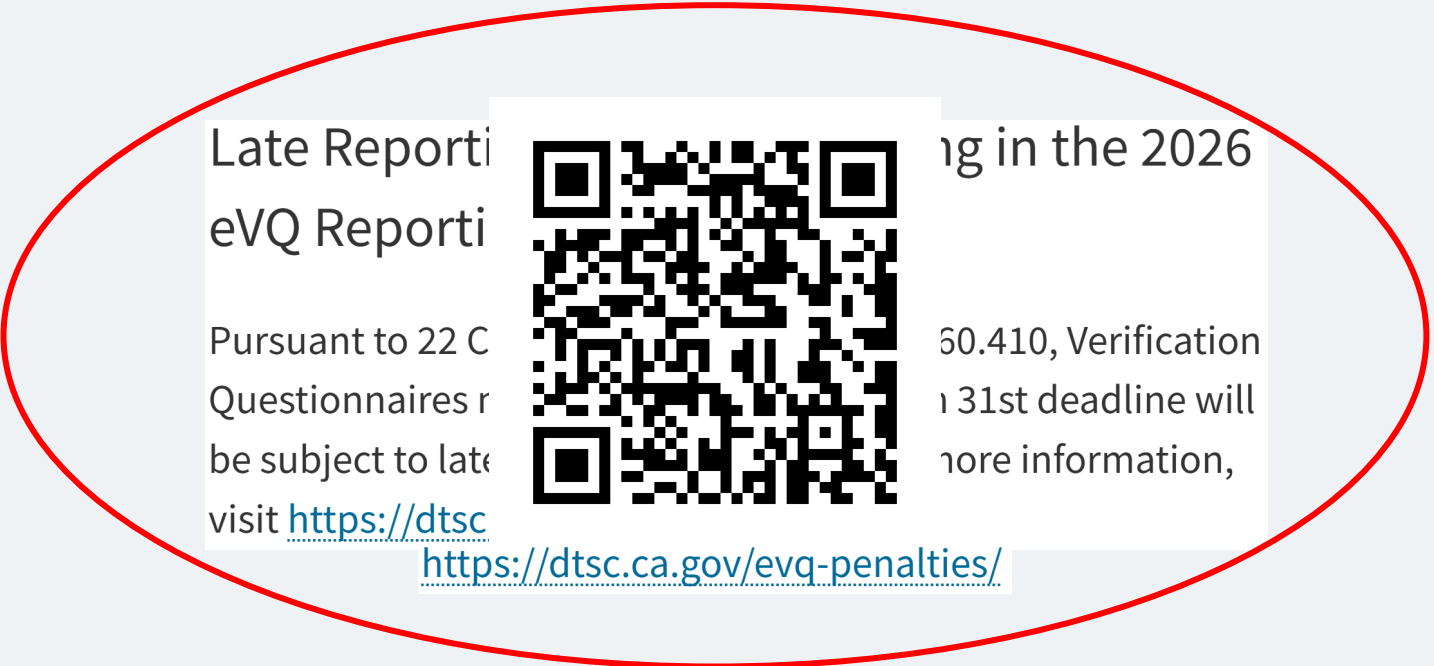
- To receive DTSC Updates: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/regs/>

HMD Updates


- Hazardous Waste





eVQ Electronic Verification Questionnaire
The 2026 eVQ report is due on March 31, 2026.



Late Reporting Penalties for eVQ Reporting in the 2026 Reporting Cycle
 Pursuant to 22 CCR 660.410, Verification Questionnaires reported after the 31st deadline will be subject to late reporting penalties. For more information, visit <https://dtsc.ca.gov/evq-penalties/>



Tonnage Tier	1-15 days after reporting deadline	16-30 days after reporting deadline	31-45 days after reporting deadline	46-60 days after reporting deadline	61+ days after reporting deadline
Less than 5 tons	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$125	\$250
5 tons but less than 10 tons	\$100	\$200	\$350	\$550	\$1,100
10 tons but less than 25 tons	\$200	\$300	\$450	\$650	\$1,300

HMD Updates

- Hazardous Waste

- Generator Improvement Rule

- Per 22 CCR §66262.16(b)(6)(F)(2) and 66262.256, arrangements with local authorities
 - [...] local police department, fire department, other emergency response teams, emergency response contractors, equipment suppliers and local hospitals... taking into account the types and quantities of hazardous wastes handled at the facility...
 - Is your facility information in CERS current?

- Emergency Response

- County HIRT : Fire Departments

- Tablet Command



HMD Updates

- USTs
 - Single-walled Tank removal deadline: 12/31/2025
 - Five SW USTs at two facilities remain in San Diego County
- CalARP
 - Restructured CalARP program
 - Staffing and resource

HMD Updates

- CERS NextGen
 - Launch postponed beyond January 2027
 - Current system nearing end of life
 - Still a single solution for CUPA programs
 - Automated submittal notifications, clear due dates, data validation
 - Stay informed: <https://cers.calepa.ca.gov/cersnextgen/>
- CUPA Evaluation
 - CalEPA evaluates CUPAs' performance for consistency, data integrity, and proper inspections



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TOP 5 COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Calendar Year 2025

Top 5 Compliance Issues

Failure to address all requirements in hazard review Section 5090.2(e).
19 CCR 2 5090.2(e)
(Viol # 5010045)

Failed to mark date on empty container larger than 5 gallons &/or properly manage it within one year. 22 CCR 66261.7
(Viol # 3030058)

Failure to ensure the process is designed in compliance with RAGAGEPS. 19 CCR 2 5090.1(b)
(Viol # 5010039)

Top 5 Compliance Issues

Failure to perform appropriate maintenance inspections and tests according to Section 2755.5(d). 19 CCR 4.5 2755.5(d)
(Viol # 5030001)

Chemical inventory incomplete or not submitted in CERS. HSC 25505(a)(1); 25507(a); 25508(a)(3); 25508.1(a-b); 19 CCR 1 5030.5 (a) or (d)
(Viol # 1010004)

Top 5 Compliance Issues



Failure to promptly determine and document response to audit findings, including correction of deficiencies. 19 CCR 4.5 2755.6(d)
(Violation # 5010055)

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Failure to properly label hazardous waste accumulation containers and portable tanks with the following requirements: "Hazardous Waste", name and address of the generator, physical and chemical characteristics of the Hazardous Waste, and starting accumulation date. 22 CCR 12 66262.16(b)(4)(A), 66262.17(a)(5)(A)
(Violation # 3030007)

Failed to update HMBP in CERS within 30 days of a substantial change to any portion of the HMBP, including inventory changes or facility information. HSC 25508.1(a-f); 19 CCR 1 5030.5(d); SDCC 68.904(c)(6)
(Violation # 1010006)

Failure to compile and maintain up-to-date safety information related to the regulated substance, processes, and equipment. 19 CCR 2 5090.1(a)
(Violation # 5010038)

Top 5 Compliance Issues



Failure to certify the evaluation of compliance with Program Level 2 provisions at least every three years. 19 CCR 2 5090.6(a)
(Violation # 5010052)

Reminders

- Ensure to coordinate **response actions** with the local fire department & hazardous materials response agencies → Drills, tabletops...
- The CUPA is interested in participating in HR/PHA studies.
 - Must consult with the CUPA for HR/PHA methodology.
- Addressing findings/recommendations from audits/studies (e.g. triennial compliance audit, HR, PHA, seismic assessment...) within an agreed upon timetable with the CUPA (1 year).

For CalARP Questions

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Hazardous Materials Division

Mission:

To protect human health and the environment from harmful exposures from hazardous substances by ensuring compliance with environmental laws and regulations.



Hazardous Materials Division

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