

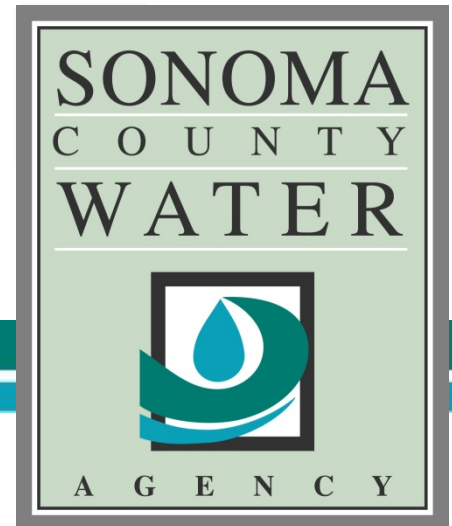
# Sonoma County Safe Medicine Disposal Program



**SAFEMEDICINE**  
DISPOSAL PROGRAM

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# Safe Medicine Disposal Program Background



- ❖ What is a Safe Medicine Disposal Program?
- ❖ Public Health & Environmental Concerns
- ❖ Working Group

# Safe Medicine Programs Annual Collection Totals



# Program Challenges



- ❖ Projected growth is unsustainable long term
- ❖ Limited options for disposal of controlled substances
- ❖ The costs for our programs continues to increase
- ❖ Producers of medications are not participating in the end-of life management of their products

# Extended Producer Responsibility Ordinance

## What is Extended Producer Responsibility?

- ❖ EPR laws require producers of various products to design, manage and finance programs for end-of-life management of their products and packaging.
- ❖ A Safe Medicine Disposal EPR Ordinance would focus on medications.
- ❖ EPR laws for medications are not new; Canada, France, Portugal, Brazil, Mexico, and several other countries have EPR laws for medications.
- ❖ In the USA, **Alameda County** adopted the first safe medicine EPR Ordinance in 2012. The Ordinance was upheld despite significant legal challenges.

# Extended Producer Responsibility Ordinance

## Benefits of a local ordinance:

- Increase in the total number of collection locations and a better geographical distribution of locations across the county;
- More secure, convenient access opportunities for residents to find and drop off their unused medication;
- Shift of substantial portion of the costs to operate the program from the county and local residents to the medication producers;
- Ability to meet the increasing demand of residents for medication disposal services;
- Less unused medication introduced into the environment thereby improving ecological and human health; and
- Reduced access to unused medications.

# Legislative Momentum Growing



## State Level

- No statewide EPR program for medications

## City and County Level

- City & County of San Francisco, Ordinance adopted 3/26/15
- San Mateo County, Ordinance adopted 4/28/15
- Santa Clara County, Ordinance adopted 6/23/15
- Marin County, Ordinance adopted 8/11/15
- Santa Cruz County, Ordinance adopted 12/8/15
- Alameda County, last updated Ordinance on 2/2/16
- Santa Barbara County, Ordinance adopted 6/21/16
- City of Santa Cruz, Ordinance adopted 8/9/16
- City of Capitola, Ordinance adopted 8/25/16

## Outside California

- King County WA, Ordinance Adopted 6/20/13
- Snohomish County WA, passed 6/14/16
- Chicago, in process



# Sonoma County Momentum

Broad jurisdictional and public support for an EPR Ordinance

- ❖ 2015/2016 Russian River Watershed Association
  - Received EPR for medications letters of support for from all cities, Town of Windsor, the Sonoma County Water Agency Water Advisory Committee, and the Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities
  
- ❖ 2015/2016 Sonoma County Waste Management Agency
  - February 18, 2015, Agency Board expressed interest in developing information and planning for EPR Ordinance for medicines
  - On-line survey in progress - approximately 1,700 responses majority indicate strong support for EPR for medications

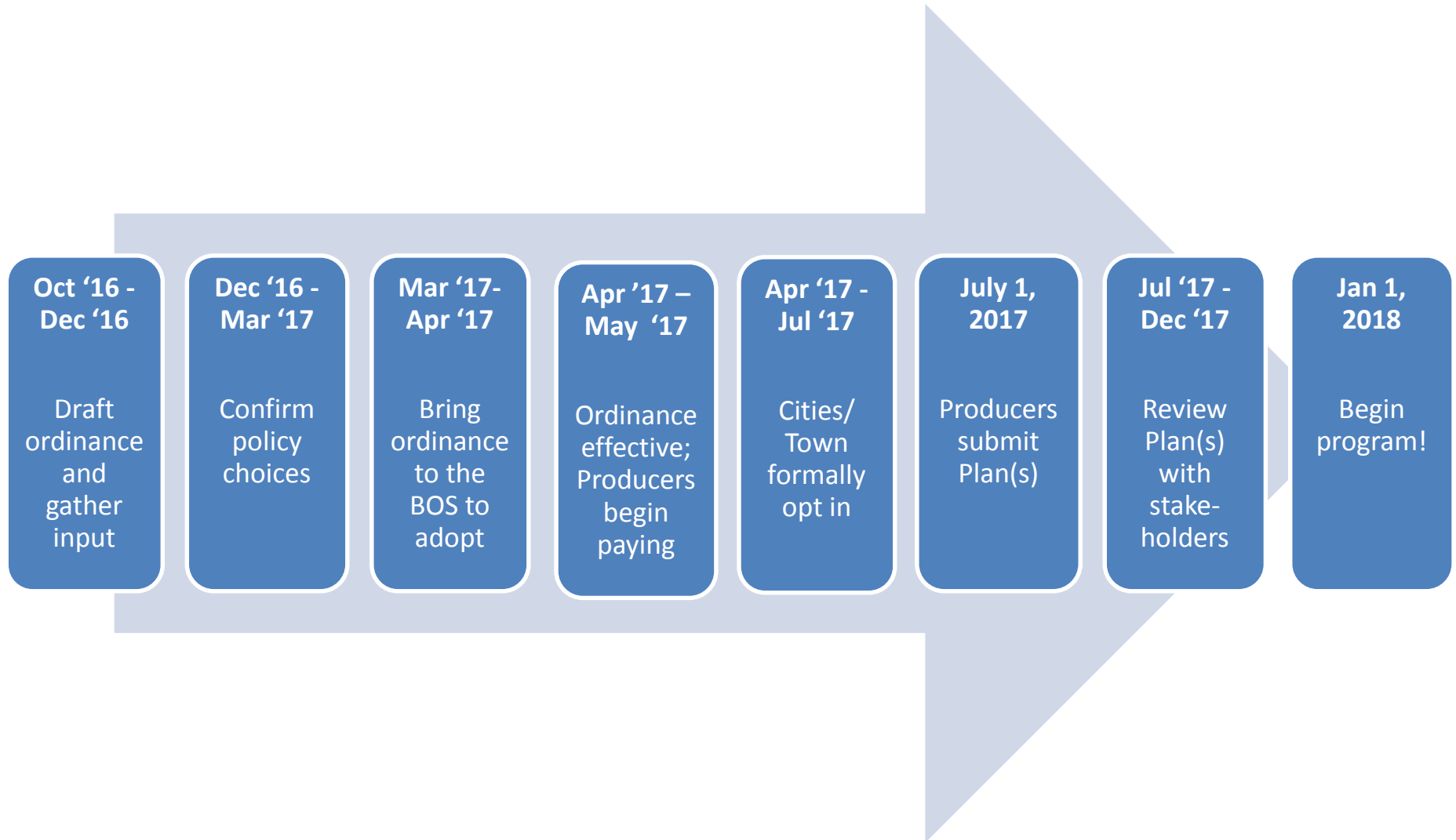


# Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Study Session



- ❖ October 4, 2016 DHS and SCWA presented Safe Medicine Ordinance - Extended Producer Responsibility Study Session
  - Work cooperatively with local stakeholders
  - Conduct outreach efforts to solicit feedback
  - Return to Board with ordinance proposal

# Proposed Ordinance Timeline



# Safe Medicine Disposal Program



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QUESTIONS?

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