

# We built a Cadillac but need an SUV...

San Jose's Dental Amalgam Program

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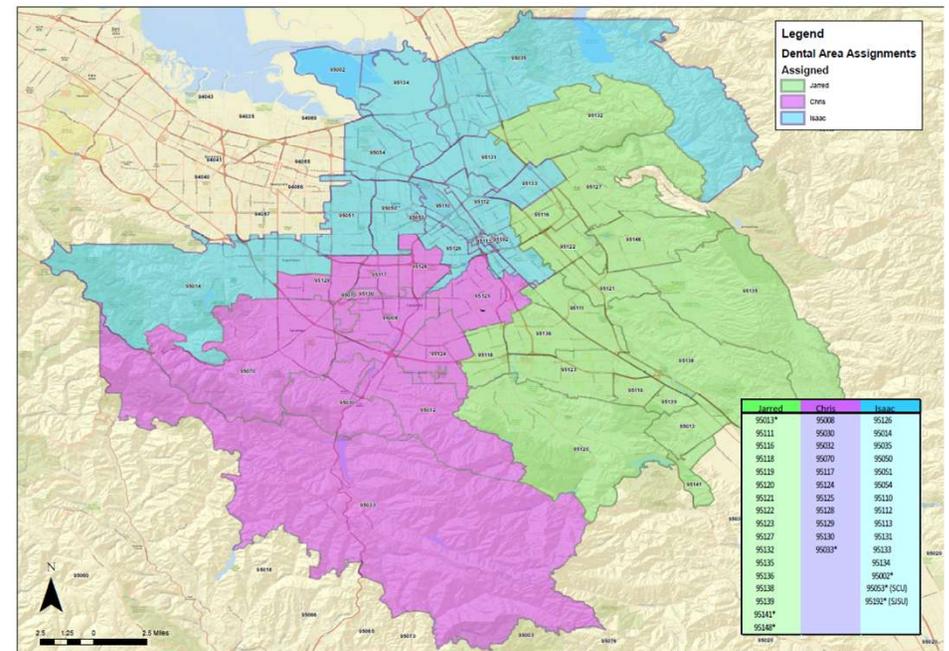


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# San Jose's Dental Amalgam Program

- Ordinance adopted in 2009 with permitting and inspections commencing in 2010
- Over 900 permitted dental practices
- Seven South Bay jurisdictions
  - San Jose
  - Santa Clara
  - Milpitas
  - Cupertino
  - Smaller West Valley Cities



# Program Administration

- We designed a robust Program that worked well ...
  - Staffing – Program Manager, Supervisor, Specialist, and two Inspectors
  - Permitting – individual permits on a full five-year term
  - Inspection – once per permit term
  - Reporting – annual reporting to the POTW
  - Enforcement – an ERP specific to dental practices
- ... but needed to adapt to changes
  - Permit renewals ...
  - Programmatic changes ...
  - Staffing challenges ...
  - The pandemic ...



*Cadillac*



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# Program Tune-Ups

- Program modifications over the years
  - Transition to the Pretreatment Program
  - Changes to Dentist Annual Reporting
  - Updated Inspection Strategies
  - One-Time Certifications
  - Permit Renewals and Dental Practice Inventory
  - Staffing
  - Partnerships



## Partnership with SCC Dental Society

- Santa Clara County Dental Society supports member dental practices in Santa Clara County
  - Referrals
  - Training
  - Certifications
- Outreach through newsletters, website, and training courses
- Unique partnership for regulatory goals



# Program Forecast

## ■ We are evaluating the next iteration of the Dental Amalgam Program

- Staffing
- Updates in permitting strategy?
- Changes to inspections?
- One-Time Certifications
- CROMERR opportunities
- Benchmarking other agencies



# Questions?

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