

## **2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Advisory Body Name:** Hazardous Materials Commission

**Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location:** Fourth Thursday of every month, 4-6 pm, 2477 Arnold Industrial Way, Concord (met by Zoom for all of 2021)

**Chair:** Fred Glueck, Business Seat # 1

**Staff:** Michael Kent, Contra Costa Health Services

**Reporting Period:** January - December, 2021

### **ACTIVITIES**

- Reviewed and developed recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning proposed updates to the County's General Plan
- Assessed the County's programs and policies to address the potential impacts of sea level rise on hazardous materials management
- Reviewed proposed changes to the Hazardous Materials Incident Notification Policy.
- Received a presentation on the root cause analysis for an oil spill in Richmond
- Reviewed changes to the laws governing the disposal of treated wood waste
- Received a presentation on the status of lithium-ion car battery recycling and reviewed the efforts of the State's Lithium-ion Car Battery Recycling Advisory Group
- Received a presentation on the Industrial Safety Ordinance annual report
- Met with all five County Supervisors to discuss the activities of the Commission
- Conducted a survey of businesses potentially impacted directly by sea level rise
- Received presentations from two student interns on potential hazardous materials policy actions the Commission could take
- Reviewed the draft DTSC regulatory framework addressing cumulative impacts and community vulnerability (SB 673)
- Received a presentation on the Nustar fire root-cause investigation
- Recruited two new student interns for the 2021/2022 school year, the General Public seat and the Environmental Engineer Seat
- Received presentations from Phillips 66 and Marathon Oil on their proposed conversions to produce renewable diesel fuel.
- Set Commission priorities for 2022
- Received a presentation on a grant received by the Alamo Improvement Association concerning pipeline safety
- Began developing research needs for the areas of alternatives to treated wood, metal shredders, lithium-ion batteries and marijuana waste disposal

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Made recommendations to the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure committee of the Board of Supervisors concerning potential policies to address the impacts of sea level rise on the storage, use and transportation of hazardous materials and hazardous waste in Contra Costa County
- Made recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors concerning the update to the County's General Plan
- Made recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning treated wood waste management
- Provided input to the Hazardous Materials Program on proposed changes to the Hazardous Materials Incident Notification Policy.
- Sponsored two student internships for the 2020/2021 school year and appointed two new student interns for the 2021/2022 school year
- Recommended candidates to the Board of Supervisors for the Environmental Engineer seat and alternate

## **ATTENDANCE/REPRESENTATION**

The 14-member Commission has members and alternates from organized labor, environmental groups, an Environmental Justice community, industry, cities, environmental engineering firms, the League of Women Voters and the public at large. The Commission had membership from all regions of the County in 2021. The Commission held 10 full Commission meetings this year, all by Zoom. The Commission averaged 10 commissioners or their alternates per meeting.

## **TRAINING/CERTIFICATION**

No training or certification was provided or conducted.

## **PROPOSED WORK PLAN/OBJECTIVES FOR THIS YEAR**

In 2022 the Commission will continue to investigate some of the issues they began investigating in 2021 and will address emerging issues that are brought to them by the Board of Supervisors, the public and members of the Commission. In addition, the Commission will continue to monitor several issues that they monitored in 2021.

The issues the Commission intends to continue to work on in 2022 are the inclusion of Environmental Justice and sea level rise issues in the update to the County's General Plan, public meetings on the ISO Safety Culture Assessments, supporting the AIA pipeline safety grant, the root cause analysis of the Nustar fire in October, 2019, the recycling of lithium batteries and the impacts and regulation of the class of chemicals know as PFAS, the regulation of metal shredders, the disposal of marijuana waste, alternatives to using treated wood,

Issues the Commission will continue to monitor are the implementation of AB 617 in Richmond, the implementation of the County's Pharmaceutical Ordinance, the operation of the Community Warning System, and the implementation of the County's Industrial Safety Ordinance and Emergency Notification Policy.