

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes Operations Committee

July 8, 2022

Members and Alternates

Present: Tim Bancroft, Marielle Boortz, Fred Glueck, Steve Linsley, Gabe Quinto, Heather Youngs (alternate),

Absent: Treston Shull,

Staff: Michael Kent,

Members of the Public: Jack Bean, Maureen Brennan

1) Call to order, announcements:

Commissioner Glueck called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Michael Kent made the following announcements:

- The Internal Operations committee of the Board of Supervisors will be meeting at 10:30 on July 11th to consider the Commission recommendations for the General Public alternate seat and the Environmental Justice seat.
- The Sustainability committee of the Board of Supervisors meets at 1:00 on July 11th.

2) Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the minutes from the June 10th, 2022 meeting were moved by Commissioner Quinto, seconded by Commissioner Linsley and approved with corrections by a vote of 4-0-1 with Commissioner Boortz abstaining and Commissioner Bancroft arriving after the vote.

3) Public Comments: None

4) Old Business: None

5) New Business:

a) Discuss upcoming Committee and Commission Priorities

The Committee began the discussion by reviewing the issues the Commission had worked on over they last couple of years.

They then had a general discussion of issues they felt were a priority.

There was general consensus that they wanted to continue the internship program

Commissioner Quinto said he was interested in looking at the issue of green jobs.

Commissioner Glueck wanted to carry over issues that were begun last year that were still ongoing like sea level rise and the General Plan review. He also wanted to look at hazardous waste generation from an Environmental Justice perspective – if there is opposition to managing hazardous waste such as lithium-ion cars batteries within Contra Costa County, then what are the impacts of exporting it?

Commission Quinto noted that SB 54 addressing single use plastics passed and SB 1383 requiring more recycling also passed. He was not certain if it applied to hazardous waste but was concerned if an unintended consequence of more recycling would be the generation of more hazardous waste. Commission Youngs agreed that a priority should be looking at hazardous waste recycling. Commissioner Boortz thought that the Commission could look at hazardous waste recycling as part of the overall picture of recycling. Jack Bean added that there used to be incineration in the Bay Area but it left due to environmental opposition, and asbestos is being shipped out of state now too.

Commissioner Boortz thought the Commission should take another look at brownfields, Commissioner Quinto agreed and thought that looking at the issue of deed restrictions is important.

Commissioner Boortz also mentioned the issue of liquid batteries vs. solid state batteries. Commissioner Bancroft said that solid state batteries (hydrogen fuel cells) are completely different than liquid batteries (Lithium-ion batteries) but that both have hazardous components. But California doesn't consider the solid state batteries as hazardous waste. Commissioner Quinto mentioned that Toyota could be a good company to present on hydrogen batteries and hydrogen infrastructure.

Maureen Brennan thought some good topics would be PFAS in firefighting foam, evacuation planning, and sea level rise and living levees.

Commission Glueck suggested solid waste facilities could be a topic.

6) Plan Next Agenda: The committee will not meet in August

7) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.