

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes Operations Committee

September 9, 2022

Members and Alternates

Present: Tim Bancroft, Marielle Boortz, Maureen Brennan, Fred Glueck, Steve Linsley, Jack Bean (alternate), Madeline Kronenburg (alternate), Heather Youngs (alternate)

Absent: Gabe Quinto, Treston Shull,

Staff: Michael Kent, Eyana Rodgers

Members of the Public: Jan Warrem

1) Call to order, announcements:

Commissioner Glueck called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Michael Kent made the following announcements:

- The Board of Supervisor's Sustainability Committee (Gioia and Glover) will meet on September 19th at 1:00 by Zoom.
- There will be a special meeting for the community representatives (including HMC representatives) to the workgroup providing input on the update to the ISO concerning bulk fuel storage on September 13th and they are looking for an alternate for the 2 HMC representatives.

Commissioner Glueck announced that the County and Chevron have reached an agreement about the sharing information about their wharf spill and the workgroup overseeing the root cause analysis is setting up their next meeting.

2) Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the minutes from the July 8, 2022 meeting were moved by Commissioner Boortz, seconded by Commissioner Linsley and approved with corrections by a vote of 4-0-1 with Commissioner Brennan abstaining.

3) Public Comments: None

4) Old Business: None

5) **New Business:**

a) **Review priorities developed at the July 28th Commission meeting and begin developing a strategy for addressing the issues within the Operations committee's purview**

The committee began the discussion by indicating that they would prefer to focus primarily on the Brownfield issue rather than the County-wide hazardous waste management issue. They identified the following issues as their priorities for brownfields:

- Reuse and compatibility with surrounding land uses
- Classifying old sites
- Loans for contaminated property and alternative financing options
- Community engagement
- Determining the County's role in encouraging reuse of brownfields and determining what that use should be.

The secondary issues the committee felt fell under their purview were:

- Sea Level Rise
- Environmental Justice issues in the update to the General Plan
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Pharmaceutical disposal
- The Community Warning System
- Student internships

The issues they felt fell under the purview of the Planning and Policy committee were:

- Lithium-ion car battery recycling and reuse
- The Health and Safety Element of the update to the General Plan
- The County's Legislative Platform
- The update to the ISO concerning bulk fuel storage

b) **Review and edit flyer for HMC intern recruitment**

The committee reviewed the draft flyer prepared by Eyana Rodgers from the Health Careers Pathway program and only had two minor edits. 1) They asked that it say at the bottom of the flyer that priority would be give to students living or going to school in Contra Costa County and 2) They asked that the word "community" be changed to "public" in the following sentence in the second paragraph – Be part of the change and participate in invaluable **community** meetings from November 2022 – April 2023*.

c) Discuss schedule for remaining Board of Supervisors annual meetings for 2022

The committee agreed that having already conducted meetings with Supervisor Gioia and Burgis, they still need to conduct meetings with Supervisor Andersen and Glover this year, but not with Supervisor Mitchoff because her term ends at the end of this year.

Commissioner Brennan said she would like to conduct the interview with Supervisor Glover first. The rest of the Committee agreed.

d) Discuss possible special presentation for December meeting

Commissioners discussed possible topics for the December meeting and came up with the following list:

- A presentation by CARB on the transition to electric vehicles
- The Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative
- The impact of biodiesel on the food supply
- The Climate Action Plan
- Cybersecurity
- Former Concord Naval Weapons Station redevelopment
- Hydrogen as a fuel source
- Green Energy conversion by the County

6) Plan Next Agenda: The committee will interview candidates for the student internships.

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