

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes

Planning and Policy Development Committee
October 19, 2022

Members and Alternates:

Present: Ken Carlson, Mark Hughes, George Smith, Amy McTigue (alternate), Jack Bean (alternate)

Absent: Don Bristol, Jonathan Bash, Jim Payne Mark Ross,

Staff: Michael Kent, Nicole Heath

Public: none

1) Call to Order, Announcements:

Commissioner Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:04

Michael Kent announced:

- The next full Hazardous Materials Commission meeting will be on October 27th and the one after that on December 8th.
- The next annual Board of Supervisor meeting will be with Supervisor Glover. The date hasn't been set yet.

Commissioner Smith announced that the WSPA holiday fundraiser for the Food Bank will be on November 10th at Bella Sienna in Benicia.

Commissioner Hughes announced that at the WSPA conference in Newport Beach two weeks ago Commissioner Smith was presented with the President's Award.

Commissioner Hughes also announced that the Industrial Association will be hosting a luncheon with Assemblyman Greyson on October 25th at 11:00 at Zeo Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill.

2) Public Comments: None

3) Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the July 20, 2022 meeting were moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Carlson and approved 1-0-2 with Supervisors Smith and Carlson abstaining.

4) Old Business: None

5) New Business:

a) Consider new Principles for the 2023/2024 County State and Federal Legislative Platform

The committee began by reviewing their efforts to track specific pieces of legislation over the last term. Commissioner Hughes thought the timing of Commission meetings with taking action on the legislation was a problem, but he like the idea of tracking specific bills. Commissioner Smith also liked the idea of tracking specific bills, and though the committee needs to look to the Commission priorities for guidance as to what to track.

Nicole Health added that the CUPA Forum Board tracks many bills, and that they are interested in the transition from fossil fuels to bio-fuels, which is something the Commission has also been tracking, and she can find out their process for identifying priority bills.

Commissioner Carlson noted that the first 30 – 60 days of the legislative session are when bills get dropped and the that will be the key time for the committee to identify which they want to track. Commissioner McTigue agreed.

Specific to the County's State Legislative Platform, Ms. Heath said that Hazmat has been discussing internally language they would like to see be part of a bill that would support accident prevention requirements in the transition away from fossil fuels and in the bulk storage of fuels. Commissioner Hughes thought the committee should look for legislation to track that addresses the recycling of batteries and solar panels. Commissioner Smith thought the committee should also focus on language addressing the management of hazardous waste.

The committee agreed that in the beginning of next year they would start looking at legislation to track with an eye towards bringing key bills to the attention of the Board of Supervisors during the session rather than wait until the final bill had been adopted by the legislature, so there would be time for the Board to weigh-in.

6) Reports from Commissioners on matters of Commission interest: None

7) Plan Next Agenda: The committee agreed to ask someone from the Hazardous Materials Program to attend to discuss the hazardous waste management program in the County.

8) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:25.