

**Contra Costa County**  
**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMISSION**

**Draft Minutes**  
August 25, 2016

**Members and Alternates Present:** Rick Alcaraz, Don Bristol, Matt Buell, Lara DeLaney, Fred Glueck, Frank Gordon, Steve Linsley, Jim Payne, George Smith, Leslie Stewart, Ralph Sattler, Usha Vedagiri, Rich Kinney (alternate), Audrey Albrecht

**Absent:** Mark Ross (represented by alternate),

**Staff:** Michael Kent

**Members of the Public:** None

**1. Call to Order:** Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

**Announcements and Introductions:**

Michael Kent announced:

- He was passing around a letter to the Editor that Commissioner Bean wrote concerning SB 1387, South Coast Management District Board composition.
- The annual IA Supervisor's lunch will be November 17<sup>th</sup> at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill.
- The last annual Commission meeting with Supervisor Piepho will be on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:15 in her office in Brentwood.

**2. Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting were moved by Commissioner DeLaney seconded by Commissioner Glueck, and passed 9-0-3 with Sattler, Gordon and Glueck abstaining.

**3. Public Comments:** None

**4. Hazardous Materials Programs Report:**

Randy Sawyer, Hazardous Materials Program Director, was unavailable to make a report.

**5. Operations Committee Report:**

The committee received an update on a survey that is being developed to gauge public attitude about pharmaceutical disposal issues that will be used to support the finding of a pharmaceutical ordinance being considered by the county. They also continued to discuss the retreat planning for October 27<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the three seats who's terms expire at the end of the year – Commissioners Stewart, Linsley and Bristol.

They also interviewed Linus Eukel for the vacant Environmental Alternate seat at the request of the Internal Operations committee of the Board of Supervisors. They debated between recommending him and Charles Davidson, who had been interviewed previously and had

previously been recommended for this seat by the Commission, and voted 5-0-1 to recommend Linus Eukel for the seat.

#### **6. Planning and Policy Development Committee Report:**

- a) The committee did not meet in August, but in July they reviewed the draft Adaptation Responses developed by the BCDC Adapting to Rising Tides project related to hazardous materials.

#### **7. Old Business:**

- a) **Consider Recommendation from the Operations Committee to fill the vacant Environmental Alternate Seat.**

The Commission considered the Operations committee's recommendation to recommend to the Internal Operations Committee of the Board of Supervisors they appoint Linus Eukel to the vacant Environmental Alternate seat. The Internal Operations Committee of the Board of Supervisors asked the Commission to re-advertise the seat and to interview all candidates, including Linus, at their May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, when the Commission made their initial recommendation to appoint Mr. Davidson to the seat. Mr. Eukel was the only person to apply during this new advertisement period, and so the Operations committee interviewed him on August 12<sup>th</sup> and recommended him by a vote of 5-0-1.

The Commission voted 9-0-4 to recommend Mr. Eukel for the vacant Environmental Alternate seat, with Commissioners Payne, Gordon, Sattler, and Vedagiri abstaining. Commissioners Payne, Gordon and Vedagiri said they abstained because the Board did not accept their initial recommendation even though the Commission had gone through the proper recommendation process, and wanted that concern communicated to the Internal Operations committee.

#### **8. New Business:**

None

#### **9. Reports From Commissioners On Matters of Commission Interest: None**

#### **10. Plan Next Agenda:**

The Commission requested that Mr. Sawyer provide them with a detailed report on the new recommended changes being considered for the Industrial Safety Ordinance.

#### **11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m**