

Hazardous Materials Commission Retreat

October 27, 2016, 3:00-7:00
IBEW Local 302 Meeting Hall
1875 Arnold Drive
Martinez, CA 94553

Retreat Objectives:

1. Recap progress on activities identified at last retreat
2. Determine priority issues for coming 3 years (continuing and new)
3. Assign priorities or next steps to committees for action

Attendance: Fred Glueck, Aaron Winer, Matt Buell, Jack Bean, Don Bristol, Lara DeLaney, Rich Kinney, George Smith, Ron Chinn, Ralph Sattler, Ed Morales, Steve Linsley, Peter Dragovich, Frank Gordon, Tim Bancroft, Rick Alcaraz, Tracy Scott, Leslie Stewart, Audrey Albrecht

AGENDA

Facilitator: Mary Anne Morgan

1. Review of agenda, goals, and role of facilitator
Group (Name, position, how long) and MAM Introductions George
2. Public Comment - None
3. Reiterate Commission mission George
4. Review last three year activities/accomplishments
 - Pharmaceuticals- Ralph Sattler
 - ISO- George Smith
 - Pipeline Transport- Fred Glueck
 - Brownfields- Frank Gordon
 - Areas of limited activity
 - Community warning system
 - Environmental Justice Framework implementation
 - Rail transport-economy changed
 - Crude Oil Terminals- demand reduced Leslie
 - Refinery Modernization- no controversies to address
 - Air District Refinery Fenceline Monitoring- ARB working on rules, more role in future
 - Summarize and highlight those that should/could remain on HM working agenda as needed

5. Emerging Issues for consideration: Listing, Clarifying, Advocating pre-Vote Materials:

Michael

- Results of survey – Michael (post findings on flip)
- Recap of education done in some of these areas to date- (industrial cybersecurity; sea level rise; nanotechnology)
- Clarify which need education 1st, before action could be taken (write on flip chart next to issue)
- Ask if there are issues listed that they don't understand and explain them (or move to "education" needed)
- Ask people to describe and advocate for any issue they want to see prioritized
 - After dinner, we'll review the criteria for selecting among possible priorities, and then "vote by dot".

BREAK OR DINNER SPEAKER- Ignacio Dayrit, Director of Programs, Center for Creative Land Recycling

6. Review issues and confirm group understanding

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Below is the list discussed prior to voting, indicating which were combined:

1. Pharmaceuticals disposal- continuing ACTION activity. Providing input into proposed ordinance, and considering education for community as needed. This was not voted on, as it is already ongoing.
2. Rail and Pipeline Transportation of crude oil/ petroleum products- EDUCATION ACTIVITY
group added an interest in looking at tank car issues, and replacement; Supervisor Piepho supported this activity.
3. Brownfields Policy- POTENTIAL EDUCATION AND ACTION
Waterfront Initiative was added to this topic, due to shared focus, site locations; the latter activity is supported by S. Glover
4. Concord Naval Weapons Station- EDUCATION ACTIVITY
need for update and discussion of status of disposal of hazardous waste on the base site since it is not in the purview of the HMC, but they would like a presentation update.
5. Oil and Gas wells in CCC- EDUCATION ACTIVITY
There are active, idle, capped and plugged wells, HMC would like a presentation on their locations and status. This might require several agencies to participate in presenting to HMC.
6. Air District and Refinery Issues- EDUCATION ACTIVITY
Group combined the following issues under this category- 1. Refinery fence line monitoring; 2. BAAQMD air monitoring emissions; 3. Carbon/methane emissions and relevant legislative updates (Jack indicated he knew good speakers, including someone who gave a good overview legislative update at a meeting he attended recently)

7. Modernization Plans for Refineries for next 5 years
This may not be a big topic in the next couple of years, but it could link to PSM at some point
8. Sea Level Rise
Impact on industrial sites and contaminated areas; group added the Northern Waterfront Initiative to this topic, since it is one place where sea level rise will be very significant concern; topic should also consider other locations such as Richmond.
9. Pesticides and natural landscape for residential and commercial sites
Pesticide issues are already handled by another agency
10. PSM Regulations Revisions
Movement on this issue is likely in the next year; potentially could link to modernization plans, but group decide to keep these issues separate.
11. Chlorine Release Risks Update
Leslie described an article she just read regarding this issue, that stated there may be changes in the information about the risk of exposure to chlorine releases at local stationary sites. It is likely the state and local agencies will release new recommendations, that could prompt review and education of the public (can share with the group). After group discussion, this issue was re-titled Toxic Release Risk Changes, to incorporate broader scope
12. EJ in CEQA
Group was unclear what this issue was, and whoever submitted it wasn't present at the meeting to explain. Group hypothesized it might be about the new state law just passed, SB1000, that requires that General Plans must include some recognition of community impact, and potentially, EJ.
13. Infill and CEQA
Consider how redevelopment for housing can also minimize impacts of commutes
14. Fracking- EMERGING ISSUE FOR HMC EDUCATION
Water disposal, earthquakes issues, if fracking were to be used in CCC in future (it isn't now). HMC could get educated to be ready to respond if issue comes up locally
15. Cybersecurity ACTION
Follow up on last year's presenter, who offered to help organize a workshop for businesses on cybersecurity; HMC could co-host.
16. Nanotechnology
17. Northern Waterfront Initiative- combined with Sea Level rise
18. Carbon/methane emissions- combined with Air District and Refinery Issues

7. Review selection criteria

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8. Dot voting Activity - Everyone

9. Review and summarize results

TOPIC PRIORITIES FOR ACTION FIRST

- #1 *Sea Level Rise* (11 votes)
Decision/Action: Full Commission discussion at December meeting on a more active role for HMC
- #2 *Brownfields/ Northern Waterfront Initiative* (10 votes)
Action: Two committees will consider next steps: Planning and Policy Committee will look at policy issues, and Operations Committee will consider outreach strategy, which might include engaging in education through brownfield redevelopment program.
- #3 *Air and Refinery Issues* (11 votes)
Decision/Action: Full Commission will discuss speaker series option, identify topics and speakers (Jack a resource); depending on outcome of discussion, issue will be assigned to appropriate committee, and update will be given to BOS.
- #4 *Rail and Pipeline* (9 votes)
Decision/Action: Planning and Policy Committee will review and vet current pipeline safety trust recommendations and discuss tank car update as an educational session for Commission; Operations Committee will consider possible brochure for emergency preparedness around R&P incidents
- #5 *Cybersecurity* (9 votes)
Decision/Action: Operations Committee will explore co-sponsoring a workshop for businesses

ADDED FROM REPORT ON CURRENT ACTIVITIES FROM ISO WORK

ISO Oversight Committee Participation: A recommendation is going to the BOS soon, about establishing an oversight committee for annual reviews of ISO, in response to critique from Chemical Safety Board. HMC needs to decide if it is interested in serving on this Committee.

Decision/Action: HCM will discuss at December meeting whether it's interested in offering to serve on an Oversight Committee, if one is established.

2ND LEVEL PRIORITY: AS TIME PERMITS AND OPPORTUNITIES ARISE

Decision/Action: HMC and staff will look at possible educational sessions/presentations to Commission on these over the next year or two:

- #6 Oil and gas wells- monitor status (8 votes)
- #7 PSM Regulations (7 votes)
- #8 Concord Naval Weapons Station- disposal of hazardous wastes from site (7 votes)
- #9 Toxic Release Risk Hazards Update (5 votes)
- #10 Nanotechnology (5 votes)
- #11 Fracking- emerging/potential issue- need education on risks in case of future issue (4 votes)

#12 EJ in CEQA (4 votes)

Decision/Action: Operations Committee will consider the status of new legislation (SB1000) and update Commission

- #13 **Infill and CEQA-** infill development for housing/minimize commutes (1 vote)
Decision: No action now

NO votes:

- Modernization Plans for Refineries
- Pesticides and Natural Landscaping

12. Meeting evaluation

MEETING EVALUATION

Positives	Things to change
Great food!	Traffic to retreat site was bad- easier location
Everyone participated	Identify for each issue in advance- and summarize at the meeting- whether it is an education item, or an action item
Different presenters were good, more interesting	Could add question above to the survey, and ask Commissioners to indicate how they want the HMC to act on the topic
Facilitator kept it moving	Have small groups at the meeting determine the topics for discussion and voting

