

Contra Costa County
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMISSION

Draft Minutes
February 26, 2015

Members and Alternates Present: Rick Alcaraz, Don Bristol, Lara DeLaney, Fred Glueck, Steve Linsley, Ralph Sattler, George Smith, Leslie Stewart, Don Tatzin, Tim Bancroft (alternate), Audrey Albrecht (alternate)

Absent: Henry Clark, Jim Payne, Matt Buell, Frank Gordon (represented by alternate).

Staff: Michael Kent,

Members of the Public: None

1. Call to Order: Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Announcements and Introductions:

Michael Kent announced:

- The State Refinery Safety Task Force will be holding a community forum on March 26th in Crockett on the topics of the Community Warning System and the shipment of crude oil by rail.
- The Commission annual meeting with Supervisor Gioia will be on March 17th at 9:00 am.
- DTSC published three notices about cleanup activity.
- The Board of Supervisors will hear a presentation on the annual report for the Industrial Safety Ordinance at their March 3rd meeting and the Richmond City Council will hear an presentation on the Richmond ISO at their March 24th meeting

2. Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the January 22, 2015 meeting were moved by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Glueck, and approved by a vote of 7-0-2 with Commissioners Tatzin and DeLaney abstaining. Commissioner Linsley was not present for the vote.

3. Public Comments: None

4. Hazardous Materials Programs Report:

Randy Sawyer was unable to attend so there was no report for the Hazardous Materials Program

5. Operations Committee Report:

The committee continued to track the progress of the County Departments' response to the Commission's request for information on their implementation of the County's Environmental Justice policy. The Committee also discussed the progress of the Alameda County Pharmaceutical Collection Ordinance through the Court System.

The committee reviewed the application of Peter Dragovich for the open Environmental Seat Alternate position and decided to interview him at the March committee meeting.

6. Planning and Policy Development Committee Report:

The committee review several recent accidents that occurred in the US and Canada involving trains carrying crude oil from the Bakken. They also discussed legislation pending in at the State that addresses funding of emergency response training for train accidents.

The committee heard a request from the Alamo Improvement Association to co-sponsor two pipeline safety workshops for the public that will happen in May or June. They recommended that the full Commission should hear this request and should agree to cosponsor the events.

The committee had a discussion with a representative from the Pittsburg Planning Department about her efforts to work with representatives from other planning departments in East County to develop uniform performance standards for new industrial projects. The committee discussed with her the County's land use scoring system in the ISO, and the pros and cons of applying such a standard.

7. Old Business:

None

8. New Business:

a) Request from the Alamo Improvement Association to co-sponsor Community Education Workshops on Pipeline Safety

Roger Smith, President of the Alamo Improvement Association made the request. He said that his organization received a grant from the Federal Department of Transportation to provide emergency response trainings to first responders, to conduct two workshops on pipeline safety for the public, and to provide community education about the "calling before you dig" program. He has contracted with a non-profit organization called the Pipeline Safety Trust to conduct the public workshops and with the National Association of State Fire Marshalls to conduct the trainings for the first responders. He is also working closely with Supervisor Andersen's Office and the Hazardous Materials Ombudsman to prepare for the workshops. The two public workshops will be in late May or June, with one in Martinez and one in Alamo. He would like

the Hazardous Materials Commission to co-sponsor the community workshops, which would mean the Commission would lend its name to promotional materials and would help promote the event. Commissioners Glueck and Bancroft said they would be willing to represent the Commission at the workshops.

Commissioner DeLaney made a motion that the Commission should co-sponsor the community workshops that was seconded by Commissioner Alcaraz. The motion passed 10 – 0.

b) Discussion of Recent Rail and Refinery Accidents

Randy Sawyer, Hazardous Materials Program Director, was unable to attend the meeting to make the presentation but the Commissioners reviewed several articles on the recent accidents. Commissioner Stewart noted that the rail industry seems to be facing an insurance crisis because they are not able to get sufficient coverage for catastrophic incidents.

9. Reports From Commissioners On Matters of Commission Interest:

Commissioner Bristol reported that the Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 to approve the Phillips 66 butane recovery project at their February 3rd meeting. The project requires a community benefit agreement and will result in a reduction of sulfur dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions. It will be a three year project. The economics of the project has changed since they began the approval process and so they still need internal funding approval before starting the project. Supervisor Gioia asked for the ISO to be amended to have added another step requiring County Hazardous Materials Program approval of the project before construction, but this motion failed.

Commissioner Bristol also said that Phillips 66 is proposing to build a terminal to receive crude oil by rail, including Bakken oil, but this won't affect the product being produced at the Rodeo facility.

10. Plan Next Agenda:

The Commission will hear a presentation from Amy Wilson from TRC about brownfield remediation financing.

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