

Contra Costa County
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMISSION

Draft Minutes
April 23, 2015

Members and Alternates Present: Matt Buell Henry Clark, Fred Glueck, Frank Gordon, Steve Linsley, Jim Payne, Ralph Sattler, George Smith, Leslie Stewart, Peter Dragovich

Absent: Rick Alcaraz, Don Bristol, Lara DeLaney, Don Tatzin,

Staff: Michael Kent, Randy Sawyer

Members of the Public: Martha Dragovich

1. Call to Order: Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Announcements and Introductions:

Michael Kent announced:

- The dates for the public meetings on pipeline safety that the Commission is co-sponsoring have been set for June 3 in Alamo at the Creekside Community Church and June 6 at the Board of Supervisors Chambers in Martinez. .
- The Metropolitan Transportation Commission will be holding an open house introducing the process for the next round of the Sustainable Communities Strategy in Walnut Creek on April 29th.
- CCTV will replay the video of the Northern California Refinery Safety forum on Saturday, April 25th at 1:00 pm.

Commissioner Clark noted that Earth Day was April 22 and there will be lots of related events this weekend.

2. Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the March 26, 2015 meeting were moved by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Sattler, and approved by a vote of 8-0-1. Commissioner Buell abstained.

3. Public Comments: None

4. Hazardous Materials Programs Report:

Randy Sawyer, Hazardous Materials Program Director, was unable to attend the meeting but passed on several announcements for staff to make:

- They have filled several of their open Hazardous Materials Specialists positions and the open Pollution Prevention position, but have yet to fill the open Environmental Engineer position.
- He is looking for people, including members of the Hazardous Materials Commission, to sit on an advisory board for the Ad Hoc County/Richmond Industrial Safety Ordinance committee.

- Chevron had a Level 2 incident on April 21st. No details as to the cause at this time.

5. Operations Committee Report:

Commissioner Stewart reported that the committee heard a presentation from Dr. Wendel Brunner, Public Health Director, on the concept of health disparities and Health in All Policies, and its potential relationship to implementation of the County's Environmental Justice policy. She said he defined health inequities as differences in health outcomes for different population of people that are unfair and unnecessary. He gave examples of this and ways different County Departments could address these disparities. Health in All Policies is a comprehensive way to see how everything all County Departments do relates to health and can affect health outcomes. She said the committee still needs to think about whether implementing this approach in the County can address the Commission's concerns about implementation of the County's Environmental Justice policy.

The committee also received an update on the status of issues related to pharmaceutical collection, and learned that nothing significant happened in the last month.

6. Planning and Policy Development Committee Report:

The committee continued to review information about the shipment of crude oil by rail, and discussed whether they should develop recommendations for the Board of Supervisors to consider. They decided to review the various proposed regulation being considered at their next meeting in detail, and decide whether or not to make recommendations then.

7. Old Business:

None

8. New Business:

a) Consider Commission participation in the Joint Richmond/County Industrial Safety Ordinance Committee Advisory Board

The Commission reviewed the process that occurred during the initial review of the ordinance last year and determined that they wanted to participate again. Commissioners Glueck, Sattler, Smith and Gordon volunteered to represent the Commission. It was understood that Commissioner Clark would be on the Advisory Board representing his own organization.

9. Reports From Commissioners On Matters of Commission Interest:

Commissioner Clark said that the Chevron refinery modernization project, recently approved by a judge after the EIR had been challenged in court, contains many unique provisions that address Environmental Justice concerns. He thinks it would be a good idea for the Commission to have Chevron make a presentation on the final elements of this proposal so they can see how it addresses EJ concerns.

10. Plan Next Agenda: The Commission would like Chevron attend to describe the provisions of their new modernization project.

11. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.