

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes Operations Committee

November 13, 2020

Members and Alternates

Present: Fred Glueck, Leslie Stewart, Steve Linsley,

Absent: Rick Alcaraz, Gabe Quinto, Audrey Comeaux

Environmental Justice seat (vacant)

Staff: Michael Kent

Members of the Public: Jan Warren, Heather Youngs, Madeline Kronenberg

- 1) **Call to order, announcements:** Commissioner Glueck called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Michael Kent announced:

- The next full Commission meeting will be on December 3rd from 4:00 – 6:00 replacing the regularly scheduled meetings in November and December.
- On November 9th the Internal Operations Committee of the Board of Supervisors approved the Commission's recommendations for the Environmental Seats and the Environmental Justice seats. These will now go to the full Board of Supervisors for approval.
- The November 9th meeting of the Board of Supervisors Legislative committee was postponed till December 14th at 9:00 when they will consider the Commission's recommendations concerning their Legislative Platform.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the October 9, 2020 meeting were moved by Commissioner Linsley, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and approved with corrections by a vote of 3 - 0.

- 3) **Public Comments:** None

- 4) **Old Business:** None

5) New Business:

- a) **Review and develop questions about the Placeworks memo concerning draft goals, policies and actions on Environmental Justice for the update to the County General Plan.**

The Committee reviewed selected draft goals, policies and actions from the Placeworks October 2, 2020 memo and developed the following comments and questions to be discussed at the December 3rd full Commission meeting with Placeworks and the Department of Conservation and Development.

Commissioner Glueck felt that SB 1000 broadened the scope of Environmental Justice beyond the traditional scope of environmental pollution but that the Commission should focus their review on the goals, policies and actions directly related to hazardous materials and other related pollution issues. The other Commissioners agreed.

Specific comments:

Goal A

Policy 6 and Action 7 should be reversed

Goal C

Possible new Policy – Homes potentially impacted by chemical fires or releases that may need to shelter-in-place need to be able to do so safely, with adequate infiltration rates and protection from heat. These concepts can also be incorporated into Policies C-4 and C-5.

Possible new Policy – Support continued public education to make sure all residents are provided adequate education about less toxic alternatives to household hazardous products, including pesticides, and education about the safe handling, storage and disposal of Household hazardous Waste, including pharmaceuticals. Ensure there are adequate options for HHW disposal for residents that don't drive.

Goal E

Concerned about the use of the word “equal” in goal. Is this really possible?

Goal F

Action F-4 – make sure the criteria established considers the type of hazmat being transported and the air pollution from the trucks.

Goal J

Policy J-3 Possible new policy – more specificity for how far away sensitive receptors need to be from sources to be safe, and be clear that they shouldn't be placed within that zone.

Goal K –

Define “resilient” better – Need policies and actions that address resiliency

Possible new policy – Ensure residents and businesses that live near hazards are adequately educated about the risks from near-by hazardous materials and have adequate ways to protect themselves.

Policy K-1 – What is the definition of “large scale hazardous waste facility” Is this a TSD facility or a facility that generates a large amount of hazardous waste?

Policy K-2 – replace “advocate for” with “Coordinate with agencies to equitably remediate...”

Possible new policy - require setbacks of pipelines, rail lines, oil & gas drilling from healthcare, schools, residences, senior & child care, etc., & setback of those new receptor development from those industrial facilities as well as other facilities using hazardous materials

Possible new policy - safe clean up, not cover up of contaminated sites to be developed for sensitive receptor uses. (no cleanup with deed restrictions)

Possible new policy - No development of cleaned up contaminated sites which have not passed current 5-year reviews

Possible new policy - no development of sites in violation of existing land use covenants imposed by DTSC or the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Climate Equity

New policy - no new facilities using or storing hazardous materials to be sited in areas impacted by projected sea level rise without adequate preplanning for that eventuality.

6) Plan Next Agenda: The committee continue to review recommendations for Environmental Justice issues to be included in the update to the County's General Plan.

7) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.