

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes Operations Committee

March 9, 2018

Members and Alternates

Present: Rick Alcaraz, Fred Glueck, Steve Linsley, Leslie Stewart, Ralph Sattler, Matt Rinn (alternate), Lisa Spark (alternate)

Absent Lara Delaney,

Staff: None

Members of the Public: Lynda Deschambault, Lois Courchaine, Contra Costa Climate Leaders

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

Commissioner Sattler announced that there will be a CAER Safety Summit meeting at the Shell Clubhouse in Martinez on March 15th starting at 8:00 am.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the February 9, 2018 meeting were moved by Commissioner Stewart, seconded by Commissioner Linsley and approved 4-0-1 with Commissioner Sattler abstaining with one correction: bullet point 5 first line, change “on” to “in”.

- 3) **Public Comments:** None

- 4) **Old Business:** None

- 5) **New Business:**

- a) **Discussion with Contra Costa Climate Leaders about hazardous materials usage and hazardous waste generation in the County**

Ms. Deschambault, Executive Director of Contra Costa Climate Leaders, began her presentation by explaining that it is an information sharing group. They try to get the 19 cities and the unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County to share information and ideas with each other so they are better able to create better policies.

There are 6 staffer who work with her, and they have about 3700 followers on social media. The group is about 10 years old and they really want to focus of sustainability and resiliency, especially in how the jurisdictions of Contra Costa County deal with climate change.

They like to create scorecards for the jurisdictions. For example, if they research which jurisdictions have the highest and best use of solar, they rate them and let them know how they stand in comparison to the other jurisdictions. They also inform them of where to obtain resources and assistance to improve access for themselves and the citizens of their respective communities.

Their goal is to bring the jurisdictions together, and to share best practices and ideas of how to improve their communities. They also are interested in issues like open space, green business opportunities, so as part of their internal discussions the issue of hazardous materials usage came up. Specifically, they discussed how it relates to each jurisdiction's Local Hazardous Mitigation Plan, as all jurisdictions are required to have one by state law.

They are not really sure what to do with the Toxics Release Inventory data they obtained from the EPA or the data the County's Hazardous Materials Program provided them. They do know about the CUPA (the County's Hazardous Materials Program) and the data it offers, but they are looking at what to do with the information, or to do anything at all with it.

They do not think "score carding" this data will be an effective main objective. They feel sharing this information with jurisdiction departments and staff to make sure that each is aware of what hazardous materials are being used within its borders will be valuable. It can help them manage it in an emergency due to flooding or sea level rise brought on by climate change, earthquakes or any other sort of disaster situation.

Their interest appears to be very similar to what Alamo wanted to learn from the pipeline studies. They are not looking to create an issue, but are interested in promoting Community Right To Know for the purpose of better decision making. They want to help cities develop good policies by making sure they have good and relevant information.

The committee recommend of other state and local agencies that can provide information, ie BAAQMD. They do not want to re-invent the wheel, just how to use it.

6) Reports from Commissioners on Matters of Commission Interest:

Commissioners Stewart and Smith announced they will be attending the Board of Supervisors TWIC meeting on March 12th to discuss the Commission's recommendations concerning the school siting issues.

7) Plan Next Agenda: None

8) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.