

## **Hazardous Materials Commission**

### **Draft Minutes** **Operations Committee**

March 10, 2017

#### **Members and Alternates**

**Present:** Fred Glueck, Steve Linsley, Ralph Sattler, Leslie Stewart, Rita Xavier (alternate)

**Absent** Rick Alcaraz, Mark Ross

**Staff:** Michael Kent

**Members of the Public:** None

- 1) **Call to order, announcements:** Commissioner Stewart called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Michael Kent announced:

- He will miss the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Commission meeting to attend a California Department of Public Health, Site Assessment section's stakeholder meeting. He will be providing examples of site cleanup cases near schools in Contra Costa County.
- A meeting with new County Supervisor Diane Burgis has been rescheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 in her Brentwood office.

Commissioner Sattler announced:

- There will be a rail safety training class in Contra Costa County on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.
- He attended a Refinery 101 class for CAP members and other on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
- CAER and the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services is scheduling a test of the Community Warning Systems Telephone Emergency Notification system this spring.
- The next CAER Safety Summit will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Shell Clubhouse at 8:00 am.

#### **2) Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the February 10, 2017 meeting were moved by Commissioner Glueck seconded by Commissioner Linsley and approved 4-0 with several wording amendments.

- 3) **Public Comments:** None

#### **4) Old Business**

##### **a) Update on the Pharmaceutical Disposal Ordinance**

Wholesellers of pharmaceuticals in the County have been notified that they must submit a list of the drugs and their manufactures sold in the County. They have two months to do this.

Notifications have started to come in. The County is also developing a webpage for the implementation of the Ordinance.

**b) Update on the Cybersecurity Workshop**

The date for the workshop has been set for June 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at the Shell Clubhouse. Michael Kent will work with CAER to develop a flyer for the workshop. It was recommended that Dennis Cuff, at the East Bay times, be contacted to consider doing a story on the workshop.

**5) New Business**

- a) Review letter to Board of Supervisors recommending brownfield assessment for the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative.

The committee reviewed the draft letter that staff had prepared based on the discussion and vote taken at the last meeting and made a couple of minor changes to it. The letter will be sent to the full Commission for consideration at their March 23, 2017 meeting.

**b) Discussion of School Siting regulations for hazardous materials issues**

The committee reviewed three documents sent to them by Fred Millar, a national advocate for Right-to-know issues and chemical exposure risks. Michael Kent explained that he was informed by Mr. Millar that the State of California was reviewing the state regulations pertaining to the siting of new schools, including the regulations that assessed risk from chemical hazards. Mr. Millar was hopeful that the Commission would review the current methodologies and consider recommending that they be strengthened, based on his assessment of some shortcoming he felt the current regulations contained. Mr. Kent further explained that the California Department of Education was accepting input now on potential changes to the regulations, and would probably develop new draft regulation before the Commission would be able to comment. But that the State Board of Education would be considering those draft regulation in the fall, which would give the Commission enough time to study the issue and make recommendation about the new draft regulations.

The committee expressed its interest in researching this issue, and directed staff to provide them with the current state requirements for site assessment and list of user suggested potential areas of attention regarding the California Department of Education's (CDE) advisory "Guidance Protocol for School Site Pipeline Risk Analysis" (Protocol mentioned in Fred Millar's memo at the next meeting.

**6) Reports from Commissioners on Matters of Commission Interest:**

Commissioner Steward provided the committee with an article about potentially changing lead clean up levels in soil and thought that Alameda County was taking a closer look at this issue. Michael Kent said he would consult with the Health Department's Lead Poisoning Prevention

Project and report back on what the implications of changing the rule might be, and what action Alameda County may be taking.

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