

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes **Operations Committee**

April 8, 2016

Members and Alternates

Present: Rick Alcaraz, Fred Glueck, Leslie Stewart, Steve Linsley

Absent: Ralph Sattler, Mark Ross

Staff: Michael Kent

Members of the Public: Charles Davidson

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

Michael Kent announced:

- North Richmond will be holding an Earth Day Event at the Baseball fields on April 23rd.
- The Board of Supervisors Transportation, Water and Infrastructure committee will be reviewing the recommendations from the Pipeline Safety Report from the Pipeline Safety Trust at their April 14th meeting.
- Commissioner Linsley has joined the Operations Committee and Commissioner Vedagiri will now be on the Planning and Policy Committee.

Commissioner Stewart announced that there will be a webcast on April 11th from 1:00 – 4:00 about the safety of food watered with spent water from fracking operations sponsored by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

2) Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the March 11, 2015 meeting were moved by Commissioner Glueck seconded by Commissioner Alcaraz, and approved 3-0-1 with Commissioner Linsley abstaining.

3) Public Comments: None

4) Old Business:

- a) **Develop a recommendation as to whether the Commission should support an Extended Producer Responsibility-styled pharmaceutical disposal ordinance for the County**

The Committee discussed the presentation made by Bill Pollock from the Alameda County Environmental Health Department at the last full Commission meeting. Commissioner Glueck said it was good to see that the pharmaceutical industry was forming a consortium to administer

all the local collections programs that have been created to date, and that having these county by county ordinances won't be creating numerous separate collection programs. He was also ok with the idea that the way they are measuring the benefit of the program was by measuring the additional amount of material collected rather than by the impact on drug abuse rates.

Michael Kent described how the lawyer that defended Alameda County in the Court challenges explained how the issue of cost was never brought up in those challenges and that the estimates of the cost to the industry were very low.

Commissioner Linsley made a motion to recommend that the Commission support the development of an EPR-styled collection ordinance for Contra Costa County. Commissioner Glueck seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

5) New Business

a) Consider applicants for the vacant Environmental Seat Alternate

The committee interviewed Charles Davidson for the vacant seat, as he was the only applicant.

After much discussion the committee voted 2-2 (aye – Stewart, Linsely Nay – Glueck, Alcaraz) on recommending him to the full Commission for consideration.

b) Set committee priorities for the year

The committee discussed their priorities for the remainder of the year and came up with the following list

- Look at the impact of the disposal of solar panels
- Implementation of the County's Environmental Justice
- Input into the Pharmaceutical Ordinance
- Plan Commission retreat for the Fall

6) Reports from Commissioners on Matters of Commission Interest: None

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