

## **Hazardous Materials Commission**

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

May 13, 2016

#### **Members and Alternates**

**Present:** Fred Glueck, Ralph Sattler, Leslie Stewart,

**Absent:** Rick Alcaraz, Steve Linsley, Mark Ross

**Staff:** Michael Kent

**Members of the Public:** None

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

Michael Kent announced:

- Charles Davidson nomination to the Environmental Seat Alternate will go to the Internal Operation Committee of the Board of Supervisors on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Resilient Communities Initiative is holding a workshop on engaging communities in addressing Climate Change on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 9:00 to 4:00 at 1111 Broadway in Oakland.
- The Bay Conservation and Development Commission is holding a public workshop on their Adapting to Rising Tides Plan for the Contra Costa Shoreline on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Department of Conservation and Development in Martinez.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the April 8, 2016 meeting were moved by Commissioner Glueck seconded by Commissioner Stewart and approved 2-0-1 with Commissioner Sattler abstaining.

- 3) **Public Comments:** None

- 4) **Old Business:** None

- 5) **New Business**

- a) **Begin Planning for Commission Retreat in the Fall**

Michael Kent reviewed for the Committee that the Commission held its last retreat in 2015 and is due for another one. The committee discussed possible topics for special consideration during the retreat.

One idea was to discuss and consider expanding the role and mission of the Commission, especially considering that the Public and Environmental Health Advisory Board is currently on hiatus.

Commissioner Glueck suggested that a possible topic for retreat could be speaker on brownfield policy especially on how to accelerate the reuse of contaminated areas. He had also previously mentioned an emerging issue we could consider is how to deal with all the waste solar panels that will eventually be generated in the county when the solar panels currently being installed reach the end of their useful life.

The Committee directed staff to find out if funding would be available to hire a facilitator for the retreat, and to get an update from DCD on the status of the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative as it relates to the redevelopment of brownfield sites.

**b) Review and discuss consumer survey for pharmaceutical disposal**

Michael Kent informed the committee that County Council has asked the Health Department to develop a consumer survey that can be implemented and used to base findings on for the proposed pharmaceutical collection ordinance. The committee reviewed two consumer surveys that had been implemented by the Delta Diablo Sanitation District and the Los Angeles County Public Health Department that county staff are using as the basis for developing their survey.

The committee agreed the survey needs to be fairly short. The committee felt a question about how consumers get information on proper disposal options should be kept in the survey, and they felt that the question in the LA survey about fresh vegetables wasn't necessary. Commissioner Glueck thought two good ways the survey could be distributed to the general public were through utility bill stuffers and as school handouts. He also didn't think a question about what impact pharmaceuticals had on the environment was necessary.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of doing a random survey vs a convenience survey and ultimately wouldn't have an objection if the County chose to do a convenience survey.

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

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