

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes Operations Committee

September 9th, 2016

Members and Alternates

Present: Rick Alcaraz, Leslie Stewart, Aaron Winer (alternate)

Absent: Ralph Sattler, Steve Linsley, Mark Ross, Fred Glueck (represented by alternate)

Staff: Michael Kent

Members of the Public: Mary Ann Morgan

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

Michael Kent announced:

- DTSC sent out fact sheets about clean-up activities at the Zenica site, Blair Landfill and Philips 66
- There will be a special showing of a film about the history of North Richmond on September 20th at
- The Commission meeting with Supervisor Piepho will be on September 21st at 12:15 in her Brentwood office.
- OEHHA will hold a public meeting on the latest proposed version of EnviroScreen on September 20th from 6:00 – 8:00 at the Asian Cultural Center on 9th street in Oakland.
- BCDC will be holding their next stakeholder meeting for the Adapting to Rising Tides project for the Contra Costa Shoreline on September 2th from 9:00 – 12:00 at the Richmond City Council Chambers.
- The Council of Industries will be hosting a boat tour of the Richmond Harbor on the afternoon of September 21st.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the August 12, 2016 meeting were moved by Commissioner Alcaraz seconded by Commissioner Winer and approved 3-0.

- 3) **Public Comments:** None

- 4) **Old Business**

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

The Health Department has begun to post at various web sites the community survey discussed at the last meeting designed to collect data about community attitudes and needs concerning unused pharmaceutical disposal options. The survey will be sent to commissioners and they will

be encouraged to fill it out and to post it to appropriate web sites. It will probably remain active until the end of September.

Staff recently learned that Walgreen pharmacies in Walnut Creek and San Pablo now have collection boxes for pharmaceuticals, including controlled medications. These are being run by and paid for by Walgreens, and are the only two in the county that are taking advantage of the new DEA regulations that make this legal.

5) New Business

a) Commission Retreat Planning with Facilitator

Mary Ann Morgan, who will be facilitating the October 27th Commission retreat, joined the meeting to discuss the retreat agenda. The committee reviewed the agenda from the last retreat along with the notes from the retreat that talked about the pluses and minuses of that retreat.

Based on input from the committee, it was decided that a survey would be created for Commissioner to take before the retreat in which they could propose issues they would like to see the Commission address in the next three years. It was also decided to have more commissioner participation in the sharing of background information, so it was decided that the following Commissioners would be asked to prepare to be part of the agenda:

Commissioner Smith – Introduction and Public Comment, and summary of ISO work

Commissioner Stewart - Summary of areas of limited or no activity

Commissioner Sattler – Summary of pharmaceutical work

Commissioner Glueck – Summary of pipeline work

Commissioner Gordon – Summary of brownfield/Northern Waterfront Economic Development Work

The rest of the agenda would remain similar to what was done at the last retreat.

Staff reported that he is still securing a speaker on the topic of brownfield revitalization, and is talking to representatives of the EPA, DTSC and the Center for Creative Land Recycling.

6) Reports from Commissioners on Matters of Commission Interest:

Commissioner Stewart informed the committee that the League of Woman Voters is reviewing their options for appointments from West Contra Costa County.

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