

## **Hazardous Materials Commission**

### **Draft Minutes** Operations Committee

December 9, 2016

#### **Members and Alternates**

**Present:** Fred Glueck, Leslie Stewart, Steve Linsley, Linus Eukel (alternate)

**Absent:** Rick Alcaraz, Mark Ross, Ralph Sattler,

**Staff:** Michael Kent

**Members of the Public:** Rita Xavier

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

Michael Kent announced:

- The LWV seat and alternate, Commissioner Linsley's Environmental seat, and the Taxpayers seat and alternate all expire at the end of the year. The open Environmental Seat will have to be advertised. Commissioner Stewart agreed to review any applications that are received.
- The EPA has published their EJ2020 Action Agenda
- DTSC has published notices for RCRA permits for Chevron and Phillips 66
- The County is forming an advisory body called the Sustainability Advisory Board. Their primary focus initially will be implementation of the County's Climate Action Plan.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the October 14, 2016 meeting were moved by Commissioner Linsley, seconded by Commissioner Glueck and approved 3-0.

- 3) **Public Comments:** Rita Xavier introduced herself as the nominee to fill the expiring League of Women Voters alternate seat. She has a long history of working on environmental issues and was a member of the San Pablo Planning Committee.

- 4) **Old Business**

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

The Board of Supervisor considered a draft Pharmaceutical disposal ordinance at the December 6, 2016 meeting. At that meeting they directed staff to determine the appropriate findings and amend the ordinance to include disposal of over-the-counter medications, with maximum penalties under current statutory authority; to include in the Board order direction that a report back to the Board will come within 6 to 9 months that includes an update on implementation of

the ordinance, and addressing the concerns of stakeholders for consideration. The Board will hear the second reading of the Ordinance on December 20, 2016.

## **5) New Business**

### **a) Review Draft pipeline emergency preparedness brochure for congregant facilities.**

The committee reviewed the text of a draft brochure that was developed by County staff, the Fire Marshal and CAER. They made several recommended additions and changes to the text that staff will introduce at the next planning meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **b) Receive update on efforts of the Quality of Life Committee of the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative**

Linus Eukel, who chairs the committee provided the following update. He said the earlier meetings of the committee were fairly antagonistic and unproductive, and that with Supervisor Glover's re-election, he expects that forward momentum will be reinvigorated. He feels the purpose of the Quality of Life Committee is to validate the public voice. He said that the Muir Land Trust recently held a breakfast to bring people together to discuss these issues. He also mentioned that the Emerald Consulting group is going to help facilitate meetings in East County to solicit public input.

Commissioner Glueck asked if they have ever tried to conduct a general survey to get a wider understanding of community views. He also suggested they go out to School Superintendents to get their input. He felt they really need to ramp up public input to build public trust.

Mr. Eukel said that they are finding the City Councils in the project area open to participation as well.

### **c) Develop work plan for issues assigned to the Operations Committee from the Commission Retreat**

The committee began with a discussion of Brownfields. Commissioner Stewart thought there are questions about community awareness of brownfield redevelopment sites. Commissioner Glueck thought the definition and understanding of brownfields is outdated and that we need to change the name and connotation. While sites may have constrictions due to contamination, the impression of them as "bad" needs to be changed. Commissioner Stewart noted that the Center for Creative Land Recycling uses the term recycling instead of cleanup.

Michael Kent asked Commissioner Glueck what the importance of changing the terminology. Commissioner Glueck said that the County needs to change how they talk about these lands to help open them up for redevelopment. The real question is what can the County do to help support the redevelopment and reuse of these lands. One thing that would help would be to show the public health benefits of redeveloping these lands.

Commissioner Eukel said that the Land Trust Alliance program for land reuse held a conference in Minnesota, and the proceeds from that conference may have some good ideas on how to help promote the reuse of contaminated property. Commissioner Glueck also thought Ludmyrna Lopez might have some good ideas about this as well.

The committee decided to continue this discussion at the next committee meeting, and review the materials from the Minnesota conference and from the Center for Creative Land recycling.

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

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