

## **Hazardous Materials Commission**

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

July 10, 2015

#### **Members and Alternates**

**Present:** Rick Alcaraz, Ralph Sattler, Leslie Stewart, Don Tatzin, Peter Dragovich (alternate)

**Absent:** Henry Clark (represented by alternate), Fred Glueck,

**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:

- The City of Pittsburg will be holding a public meeting on the latest draft of the WesPac proposal EIR on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 at City Hall
- The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has released its annual report which is available at their web site.
- The State Refinery Task Force will be holding a community forum on proposed regulatory changes on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Richmond City Council Chambers.
- Peter Dragovich will be switching his affiliation from the Martinez Environmental Group to Sustainable Contra Costa.

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

The minutes for the June 12, 2015 meeting were moved by Commissioner Sattler, seconded by Commissioner Alcaraz and approved 3 – 0 – 1 with Commissioner Tatzin arriving after the vote and Commissioner Stewart abstaining.

#### **3) Public Comments:** None

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

##### **a) Update on consideration of a pharmaceutical disposal ordinance**

Given the Supreme Court decision not to hear the appeal of the Alameda County Ordinance, meaning the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court decision to uphold it remains in effect, Supervisor Piepho has

indicated she is interested in introducing consideration of a similar ordinance for Contra Costa County, but has not done so yet.

In East Contra Costa County, Delta Diablo Sanitation District has placed collection bins at the Pittsburg Police Department and Supervisor Piepho's office.

Commissioner Dragovich said he would like to put consideration of the Commission supporting the creation of a local ordinance on a future agenda for consideration. Commissioner Stewart indicated to staff to do so for the September meeting.

**b) Review and discussion of draft letter to the Board of Supervisors on the implementation of the County's Environmental Justice Policy**

The committee reviewed the June 24, 2015 rough draft of the letter prepared by staff with Commissioner Glueck's comments. Commissioner Tatzin supported the suggested edits by Commissioner Glueck and recommended referencing the recommendations made in the 2008 letter the Commission wrote to the Board on the EJ policy and that those recommendations now be implemented.

The committee agreed with that recommendation and suggested several more edits.

Commissioner Tatzin made a motion to revise the letter as directed by the committee and forward it to the full Commission for approval. Commissioner Dragovich seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 – 0.

**5) New Business** None

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

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