

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes Operations Committee

September 11, 2015

Members and Alternates

Present: Rick Alcaraz, Ralph Sattler, Leslie Stewart,

Absent: Henry Clark, Fred Glueck, Don Tatzin,

Staff: Michael Kent

Members of the Public: Gail Garrett

- 1) **Call to order, announcements:** Commissioner Stewart called the meeting to order at 10:07.

Michael Kent announced:

- The Bay Area Air Quality Management District be accepting public comment on proposed refinery regulations until September 25th.
- The ISO work group will be meeting on September 23rd at 12:30 at the Hazardous Materials Programs offices in Martinez
- The CAER Safety Summit scheduled for September 24th has been cancelled.
- Michael Kent will be giving a presentation to the West County Council of Industries on the activities of the Commission on September 16th at noon at the Hotel Mac in Pt. Richmond.
- The CAER group gave a presentation on the Community Warning System at a community meeting in Crockett on September 8th.
- DTSC is conducting cleanup activities at Chevron, the Richmond UC field station and the Martinez USD.

Commissioner Sattler announced that Steve Leshner got a promotion to head of public relations for all of Shell.

2) Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the July 10, 2015 meeting were moved by Commissioner Alcaraz, seconded by Commissioner Sattler and approved 3 – 0.h

3) Public Comments:

Gail Garret announced that Meals on Wheels is holding a fundraiser for their Falls Prevention program on September 23rd, the Pleasant Hill Senior Center is having its 60th anniversary celebration on September 25th, there will be a Senior Fair in Antioch on September 25th, there will be a flea market on October 4th at Maple Hall in San Pablo, and there will be an eye screening at the San Pablo Senior Center on September 17th.

4) Old Business:

- a) Review the responses to the Commission letter on Environmental Justice sent to the Board of Supervisors**

Michael Kent let the committee know that the EJ letter had been sent to each County Supervisor in early September.

Thus far:

Supervisor Anderson responded and said, "I appreciate you sending this on. It is certainly a topic for us to continue to discuss and determine how to best implement in each District throughout the County. As was recently discussed at TWIC with Mary and myself, we all want healthier communities. There is great support for increased communication with each of our offices when needs are identified so that we can be both aware of efforts underway, and offer our perspective on how best to address specifics in our district."

Supervisor Piepho acknowledged receipt and wanted to know if it was shared with the Chair of the Board (Sup Gioia).

The other Supervisors did not respond.

Commissioner Stewart suggested that we should ask the next Supervisors the Commission has annual meetings with if they would bring it up with the Board of Supervisors. If none of them choose to do so, then the Commission should ask Dr. Walker if he would sponsor a Board Order. The committee agreed that this should be the approach to take.

5) New Business

- a) Consider recommendation to support the creation of a local EPR-styled (Extended Producer Responsibility) ordinance for pharmaceutical collection**

Michael Kent reported that there was progress on the County moving forward with an ordinance. One issue he said was of consideration that he had encountered was whether the County, as a General Law county, had the authority to implement a county-wide ordinance. The Committee thought that having a better understand of this issue would be necessary before they could decide on endorsing the creation of an EPR-style ordinance and instructed staff to research the question.

The committee also thought they should see if another strategy that might be viable would be to recommend to the Board that they endorse a state-wide bill, if one gets introduced next year.

b) Review upcoming expiring terms on the Commission and develop a plan for nominating new Commissioners.

The Environmental Seat held by Commissioner Clark and the General Public and alternate seat terms expire at the end of 2015.

The committee decided to open an application period until November 6, 2015. interview any new applicants at the November 13, 2015 meeting, and take their recommendation to the full Commission at the December 3rd meeting.

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

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