

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes Operations Committee

December 11, 2015

Members and Alternates

Present: Rick Alcaraz, Fred Glueck, Leslie Stewart, Peter Dragovich (alternate), Usha Vedagiri (alternate)

Absent: Henry Clark (represented by alternate), Ralph Sattler, Don Tatzin,

Staff: Michael Kent

Members of the Public: None

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

Michael Kent announced:

- A professor from the Evergreen State College in Washington is looking for people familiar with the Asarco Smelting operation in Crockett to interview for his research.
- The next CAER Safety Summit will be on December 15th at 8:00 am at the Shell Clubhouse.
- The County Board of Supervisors will be adopting the Climate Action Plan for the unincorporated parts of the County at their December 15th meeting.
- The annual meeting with Supervisor Glover will be on December 17th at 11:00.

Commissioner Glueck announced that the ISO revision taskforce met on December 7th.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the November 13, 2015 meeting were moved by Commissioner Glueck seconded by Commissioner Alcaraz, and approved 3-0-1 with Commissioners Dragovich and Vedagiri abstaining.

- 3) **Public Comments:** None

- 4) **Old Business:**

- a) **Update on a possible Unused Pharmaceutical Collection Ordinance**

Supervisor Piepho's office has asked for a meeting with the Health Department to discuss implementation of an ordinance, and has indicated that they want to hold stakeholder meeting possible starting in late January, but no date has been scheduled for introducing an ordinance to the Board.

5) New Business

a) Report back on Pipeline Safety Conference

Michael Kent reported that he attended the pipeline safety conference sponsored by the Pipeline Safety Trust in New Orleans from November 18 – 20. He gave a presentation on the pipeline safety workshops the Commission co-sponsored this summer along with Roger Smith from the Alamo Improvement Association and Pete Murphy from Kinder Morgan. The presentation went well, was well attended, and had a good Q&A session afterwards.

b) Interview Usha Vedagiri for the open Environmental Seat and c) develop a recommendation to the full Commission for whom to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to fill the Seat.

The committee interviewed Usha Vedagiri for the Environmental Seat being vacated by Dr. Henry Clark. After the interview the committee discussed the merits of her application and that of Charles Davidson, who interviewed at the November meeting for consideration for the open seat.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Glueck, to recommend to the full Commission that they nominate Usha Vedagiri for the vacant seat and consider Charles Davidson for her vacant alternate seat when it opens up. The motion passed 4-0.

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

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