

Attachment 1

Selected Hazardous Materials-related statements from 2020 State and Federal Platforms with September 16, 2020 comments of the Hazardous Materials Commission Planning and Policy Development Committee

2020 State Legislative Platform

SPONSORED BILLS AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Sponsored Bill #2: Legislation, in conjunction with Alameda County and other partners, that establishes statewide hauler permitting requirements and associated penalties as well as increases penalties allowed by State law for illegal dumping.

PRINCIPLES AND POLICY STATEMENTS

Climate Change

- SUPPORT legislative and administrative efforts that: address the impacts of climate change; support climate adaptation and resilience efforts; address the disproportionate impacts that some communities bear because they are located near large industrial facilities (author emphasis); reduce exposure to toxic air pollutants and greenhouse gases; and study and recognize the health impacts of global and regional climate change.

Support legislation that studies the economic, workforce and social impacts of transitioning away from fossil fuels. (Commissioner Hughes)

Health Care

- SUPPORT legislative efforts to reduce or eliminate lead and toxic substances in consumer products, particularly those used by infants and children.

Justice Systems

- SUPPORT legislation that provides a practical and efficient solution to addressing the problem of abandoned and trespassing vessels and ground tackle.

Transportation

- SUPPORT regional, coordinated aviation transportation planning efforts to improve service delivery and to provide options to the surface transportation system for people and goods movement.

- SUPPORT efforts to increase waterborne transport of goods, in particular relative to the San Francisco to Stockton Ship Channel. **Include provisions to do so with adequate environmental review. (Commissioner Bash)**

- SUPPORT measures to enhance rail safety with an emphasis on: increased state oversight of railroad bridges, funding for first responder training, funding to improve rail safety and prevent rail trespass fatalities, improved regulations for tank car safety standards, **funding for enforcement (Commissioner Bash)**, data sharing requirements between state emergency managers, local responders, and rail operators, **and support for improved partnerships between state and federal regulators (Commissioner Hughes)**. **The committee also wanted to see this measure be part of the Federal Platform as well.**

Waste Management

- MAINTAIN the County's existing discretionary authority over matters pertaining to waste management, recovery and disposal. ENSURE new or expanded responsibilities are not imposed on the County, either directly or indirectly, without providing statutory authority to guarantee funding to implement actions necessary to adequately enforce or comply.

- SEEK more robust local regulatory and enforcement authority relative to the storage, transport, processing, recovery and disposal of waste within our jurisdictional boundaries.

2020 Federal Legislative Platform

FEDERAL FUNDING NEEDS: PROJECT SPECIFIC

1. Secure funding for the Army Corps' annual maintenance dredging of the federal channels along the County's borders that maintain the ship channel to the authorized depth of -35 feet.

2. Advocate for and support the San Francisco to Stockton Navigation Improvement Project that proposes to deepen the ship channel to realize transportation efficiencies.

3. Mount Diablo Mercury Mine. Support legislation in the Water Resources Development Act that would give authority to the Army Corps of Engineers to build remediation projects in the Remediation of Abandoned Mine Sites program.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING NEEDS

✓ North Richmond Community Supportive Transportation Improvements: Alternate truck route/regulations, trail/school access improvements to address community safety, public health

and livability needs, and general transportation improvements to support job growth and priority development area access.

FEDERAL FUNDING NEEDS: PROGRAM SPECIFIC

4. Rail Safety: Support initiatives to increase safety by addressing trespass fatalities and relative to rail service to oil refineries.

6. Stormwater Program Funding: Support additional funding through the EPA to enable compliance with the Clean Water Act.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENTS

Climate Change

- SUPPORT legislative and administrative efforts that: address the impacts of climate change; support climate adaptation and resilience efforts; address the disproportionate impacts that some communities bear because they are located near large industrial facilities; reduce exposure to toxic air pollutants and reduce greenhouse gases; and study and recognize the health impacts of global and regional climate change.
- SUPPORT the concept of establishing a national price on carbon-based fuels to address the costs to society of emissions from those fuels.

The committee also reviewed the Principle Statements they developed for the 2020 platform at their January 15, 2020 meeting that were never acted upon by the full Commission (below). The committee identified the statements that are **bolded** as **not** being addressed in either the state or federal 2020 platform, and recommended that they be added.

2020 Principle Statements

Exposure

- 1) Support legislative efforts to reduce or eliminate lead and toxic substances in consumer products, particularly those used by infants and children.
- 2) Support legislative efforts to reduce exposure to toxic air pollutants and reduction of greenhouse gases.

Land Use

- 3) **Support legislative efforts to evaluate, clean up and redevelop contaminated sites.**

- 4) Support legislative efforts that address the illegal dumping of household hazardous wastes through incentives and enforcement.

Pipeline Safety

- 5) **Support legislative efforts that increase the safety of the shipment of hazardous materials by pipeline through better monitoring, detection, operational practices and equipment.**

School Siting

- 6) **Support legislative efforts that reduce the risk to students from the accidental release of hazardous materials by requiring risk assessments that account for all sources of hazardous materials as part of school siting and re-building decisions.**

Goods Movement

- 7) **Support legislative efforts to increase and improve waterborne transportation of goods when it increases safety.**

Rail Safety

- 8) Support legislative efforts that improve the safety of the shipment of hazardous materials by rail through training for local first responders, increased sharing of data, reduction of material hazards, and appropriate speed limits.

Waste Management

- 9) **Support legislative efforts that establish producer responsibility for management at the end of their useful life of products, including pharmaceuticals, batteries, sharps and veterinary medicine.**
- 10) Support legislative efforts to allow third parties, under specific circumstances and conditions, to collect and transport household hazardous waste to collection facilities.
- 11) **Support legislative efforts that reduce the quantity of harmful pharmaceuticals (including veterinary medicine) that ultimately enter wastewater treatment facilities, bodies of water, and landfills.**