

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes

Planning and Policy Development Committee

November 18, 2020

Members and Alternates:

Present: Mark Hughes, George Smith, Ed Morales (alternate)

Absent: Jonathan Bash (represented by alternate), Don Bristol, Mark Ross, Jim Payne,

Staff: Michael Kent

Members of the Public: Jan Warren, Madeline Kronenberg

1. Call to order, introductions and announcements

Commissioner Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:10.

Announcements:

Michael Kent announced:

- The full Commission meeting will take place at the special date of December 3rd, but at the regular time. There will be a presentation on the Environmental Justice component of the update to the County's General Plan.
- On November 17th, the Board of Supervisors approved the Commission's recommendations to the Environmental seat, the Environmental Justice seat and the League of Women Voters seats. These new terms will start January 1, 2021.
- On December 14th, the Board's Legislative committee will consider the Commission's recommended additions to the County's Legislative Platform.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the October 21, 2020 meeting were moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hughes and approved with corrections 3-0.

4) Old Business:

a) Develop questions about the Placeworks memo concerning draft Environmental Justice Goals, Policies and Actions for the County General Plan update

The Committee reviewed selected draft goals, policies and actions from the Placeworks October 2, 2020 memo and developed the following comments and questions to be discussed at the December 3rd full Commission meeting with Placeworks and DCD.

Specific comments:

Overall question – Did DCD reach out to the business community to discuss these proposals?

Goal A

Policy 3 – better define the terms “early and significant”

Policy 4 – need to establish a specific timeline for this phaseout

Policy 4 – there are other industry types that present hazards, should there be specific policies for them?

Policy 4 and 5 – should also require that the economic impacts and consequences of implementing these policies be analyzed.

Policy 5 – need to define “major development project”

Policy 6 – Is “prioritizing” enough to ensure that equity is achieved, or do quantifiable endpoints need to be established to ensure equity?

Action 1 – DTSC needs to be coordinated with for phase out and site remediation

Action 2 – Is significant impact only determined by CEQA, or can Health Impact Analyzes also be used?

Goal K

Action K-1 – County does not have a Brownfield Cleanup policy. Be specific about what type of partnerships to establish with EJ groups, what would be their role (only jurisdictions can apply for grant funding.)

Possible new policy – If not already required by ISO or other regs, require facilities to demonstrate that they have adequate capacity or access to equipment and personnel to put out fires at their facility

5) New Business: None

6) Items of Interest: None

7) Plan Next Agenda: The committee will review the Environmental Justice goals, policies and actions proposed for the General Plan update.

8) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.