

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes

Planning and Policy Development Committee

May 16, 2018

Members and Alternates:

Present: Frank Gordon, Jim Payne, Don Bristol,

Absent: Mark Ross, Usha Vedagiri, George Smith, Industrial Association (vacant)

Members of the Public: Maureen Brennan

1. Call to order, introductions and announcements

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

Announcements:

Michael Kent announced:

- The Alamo Improvement Association community workshops on pipeline safety being co-sponsored by the Commission are coming up on May 29, 30, and 31 in Alamo, Richmond and Antioch respectively.
- The County is going to hold a meeting in June on the efforts to determine the potential impact on Keller Canyon landfill from possibly radiologically-contaminated dirt from the Hunters Point cleanup site.
- The Board of Supervisors sent a letter to the California Department of Education on May 22 which contained the recommendations from the Commission concerning school siting criteria.
- Usha Vedagiri has decided to step down from her Environmental Seat due to work commitment conflicts.

2. Public Comments:

Maureen Brennan, a resident of Rodeo, spoke to her concerns about the draft EIR for the Selby Slag site in West County. She was very concerned about the lack of studies on the health risks and about the impact of slag dust on the near-by community during the remediation. She said the proposed remediation is to remove the cap that is over upland slag, move slag that is near the water further inland to that uncapped area, and then recover it with a new cap. She is concerned about the dust this will kick up because that area is in the 96th highest percentile for asthma. She said it is planned to be a 2 ½ year project. She said the comment period for the draft EIR recently closed in April and DTSC, the lead agency for the project, has not indicated when the Final EIR will be published. Chairman Payne thanked Ms. Brennan for her comments and suggested the matter be put on the next full Commission agenda so that it could be discussed.

3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the January 17, 2018 meeting were moved by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Smith and approved 2-0.

4. Old Business:

a) Update on Brownfield Legislation

None of the potential brownfield legislation that the committee discussed at their January meeting was sponsored by a legislator this session.

b) Update on the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative

Staff reported that the Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc committee met on May 3rd and heard an updated from the County's consultants on their latest plan to move forward. Cleanup of contaminated sites in the Initiative catch basin is still a priority, but there are no specific plans on the table to move forward. Pittsburg received an assessment grant from the EPA, and the county is coordinating with them on it.

Commissioner Smith was not present to discuss a meeting he had in his professional capacity working for with a consultant with the new Economic Development Director and the Sustainability coordinator to discuss cleanup issues in the NWEDI.

5) New Business:

a) Discuss implementation of Committee Priorities

The committee reviewed the list of priorities they had developed in January and decided that the next step for their main priorities would be to set up the annual meeting with Supervisor Glover to discuss the NWEDI since it is just getting up and running again to see if he is willing to prioritize brownfield redevelopment.

6) Items of Interest: Commissioner Gordon asked staff to look into whether there is any proposed legislation about redevelopment. He had heard from someone in Jim Fraizier's office that there may be some coming up.

7) Plan Next Agenda: No items discussed.

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