

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes

Planning and Policy Development Committee

May 17, 2017

Members and Alternates:

Present: Don Bristol, Frank Gordon, Jim Payne, Jack Bean (alternate), Peter Dragovich (alternate), Matt Rinn (alternate)

Absent: George Smith, Matt Buell (represented by alternate), Lara DeLaney (represented by alternate), Usha Vedagiri (Represented by Alternate),

Members of the Public: None

1. Call to order, introductions and announcements

Commissioner Payne called the meeting to order at 4:0.

Announcements:

Michael Kent announced:

- The June 13th cybersecurity workshop is on schedule.
- DTSC put out fact sheets concerning three sites; Zenica, Ecology Controls and Chevron.
- The first annual Commission meeting with Supervisor Burgis was on May 3rd. She was interested in the Commission's input on the County's Legislative Platform.
- CalOSHA is considering the revised PMS standards in a meeting tomorrow.
- On May 31st he is meeting with Public Works, CAER and the Fire Marshal to complete the Pipeline emergency preparedness brochure.
- On May 25th the Board of Supervisors will hear a presentation on the BCDC Adapting to Rising Tides Study.

Commissioner Bean announced that on May 18th the Industrial Association will host a Mayor's forum at Zio Fraedo's with Mayors from Antioch, Pittsburg, Martinez, Concord and Hercules discussing job growth.

Commissioner Dragovich announced he heard three short blasts from the Community Warning System this morning that didn't sound like the normal test. Michael Kent will look into it.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the April 19, 2017 meeting were moved by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Bean and approved 4-0-1 with Commissioner Rinn abstaining.

4. Old Business: None

5. New Business

- a) **Review and discuss information and consider policy recommendations related to new chlorine dispersion modeling results.**

The committee reviewed the information in the packet and developed the following list of questions they would like Randy Sawyer and someone from the Chlorine industry to address at the next meeting about the new chlorine dispersion factors in the Chlorine Institute's Pamphlet 74.

- Commissioner Gordon - How much chlorine gas is transported by rail and truck through the County, and stored in the County?
- Commissioner Bean - If there were chlorine release from a facility, rail car or truck, who would do the dispersion modeling, who decides what model and factors to use, and how long would it take to do the modeling?
- Commissioner Payne and Bristol - What is the frequency of Chlorine releases in the County and in the Country? What is the scope of the problem?
- Commissioner Gordon - What are Randy's question about the jackrabbit tests and the new dispersion factors in P 74? Does he know the results of the last round of tests? Is he ready to accept the dispersion factors in P 74?
- Commissioner Gordon - How will the new dispersion factors in P 74 affect fire department responses to a chlorine release?
- Commissioner Dragovich - How will the new dispersion factors affect training for Fire Departments and Hazmat?
- Commissioner Rinn - How will the new dispersion factors in P.74 affect communications to the public and decisions to Shelter in Place or evacuate?
- Commissioner Dragovich – if it is true that more chlorine adheres to the surface at the site of release, will this change the scope of the clean-up for a site?

Commissioner Bean thought it would be a good idea to have a guest speaker on dispersion modeling and recommended inviting Ron Koopman, who was referred to the committee by Fred Millar.

6. Items of Interest:

Commissioner Gordon said that he had heard that the City of Pittsburg may purchase the old PGE west of downtown and build a solar farm on the site.

7. Plan Next Agenda: Continue discussion of chlorine dispersion modeling

8. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:15.