

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes

Planning and Policy Development Committee

January 21, 2015

Members and Alternates:

Present: Rick Alcaraz, Don Bristol, Matt Buell, Frank Gordon, Jim Payne, Ralph Sattler, George Smith, Jack Bean (alternate)

Absent: Lara DeLaney,

Members of the Public: None

1. Call to order, introductions and announcements

Announcements:

Michael Kent announced that the US Chemical Safety Board will be holding a public meeting to consider the final draft report on the investigation of the August, 2013 Chevron fire on January 28th at the Richmond City Council Chambers.

Commissioner Sattler announced that he has asked if Hazardous Materials Commission members could attend future Shell CAP meetings if there were items of interest to the Commission on the agenda like the presentation of their Greenhouse Gas Reduction project

Commissioner Smith announced that tomorrow the East Bay Leadership Council's annual dinner will feature a debate between Ellen Tausher and Carl Rove.

Commissioner Bean announced that the Department of Toxic Substances Control has a new Director. She is Barbara Lee and was formerly head of the Northern Sonoma Air Quality Management District.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Approval of Minutes: There were no minutes from the November 19, 2014 meeting.

4. Old Business: None

5. New Business:

a) Election of Committee chairperson

Don Bristol nominated Commissioner Payne to be chairperson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bean. The motion passed 4 -0-1 with Commissioners Bristol Buell, Gordon and Smith voting Aye and Commissioner Payne abstaining.

b) Update on the North Shoreline Revitalization effort.

The East Bay Leadership Council's land use committee, serving as the Business Climate and Regulatory Environment Action team finalized their Issue Identification and Recommendations paper at their December 10, 2014 meeting. They did not accept any of the recommendations the Planning and Policy Committee submitted. The Quality of Life committee has still not met yet.

c) Develop committee priorities for 2015.

The committee began by reviewing the 2013 retreat minutes and the 2014 annual summary of Commission activities.

The committee agreed that they want to continue to track crude by rail issues and pipeline issues. They also felt it was valuable to continue to meet with each County Supervisors annually to update them on the Commission's work and to receive their input on issues of importance to them.

Some of the other topics commissioners thought might be worth looking at this year were progress of the State's Green Chemistry program, continued involvement in the Northern Shoreline Revitalization effort, and ways to spur the development of brownfield sites in the County.

Commissioner Gordon also thought the committee should try to get more public attendance at committee meetings.

6. Items of Interest: None

7. Plan Next Agenda – continue tracking the development of the crude by rail issue and the Northern Waterfront Initiative process

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