

## **2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Advisory Body Name:** Hazardous Materials Commission

**Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location:** Fourth Thursday of every month, 4-6 pm, 2477 Arnold Industrial Way, Concord

**Chair:** George Smith, Environmental Engineer Seat

**Staff:** Michael Kent, Contra Costa Health Services

**Reporting Period:** January-December, 2014

### **ACTIVITIES**

- Actively followed the development of Alameda County Pharmaceutical Ordinance
- Received presentation on CEQA from California Attorney General's office
- Developed recommendations for addressing Environmental Justice considerations in CEQA
- Received presentation on PG&Es pipeline safety program
- Received presentation on Northern Waterfront Revitalization effort
- Received presentation on Bay Area Air Quality Management District's CARE program and proposed Refinery Emissions Rule
- Received presentation on Chevron Refinery Expansion EIR
- Received presentation on issues related to crude by rail
- Provided input to Hazardous Materials Program White Paper on Crude by rail issues
- Provide recommendations to Board of Supervisors on SB 1319 and AB 380.
- Participated in the Northern Waterfront Revitalization effort
- Received presentation on illegal dumping in North Richmond
- Developed strategy for determining implementation of the County's Environmental Justice Policy by County Departments.
- Received presentation from the State Refinery Safety Task Force.
- Received presentation on the Shell Greenhouse Gas Reduction project

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The Commission continued its work on proper pharmaceutical disposal by monitoring the appeal of the Alameda County Pharmaceutical Ordinance and participating in the Contra Costa Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition. The Commission developed recommendations for addressing Environmental Justice considerations in CEQA. The Commission furthered their interest in the crude-by-rail issue by providing input on the Hazardous Materials Programs White Paper and making recommendations on state legislation to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission developed a process for ascertaining the implementation of the County's Environmental Justice Policy and began to

implement that process. The Commission began to participate in the Northern Waterfront Revitalization effort by attending Action Team meetings.

### **ATTENDANCE/REPRESENTATION**

The 13-member Commission has members from organized labor, environmental groups, industry, cities, environmental engineering firms, and the public at large. The Commission has membership from all regions of the County. All seats on the Commission were occupied this year. The Commission held nine meetings this year. One meeting had to be cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The Operations committee has met 7 times this year and the Planning & Policy committee met 8 times this year. The Commission meetings averaged of 9 of the 13 members or their alternates being present.

### **TRAINING/CERTIFICATION**

No training or certification was provided or conducted.

### **PROPOSED WORK PLAN/OBJECTIVES FOR THIS YEAR**

The Commission held a planning retreat in December 2013 and decided that their priorities for 2014 - 2017 would be:

- Continue to promote pharmaceutical disposal education posters and assist the Board of Supervisors in the development of a disposal ordinance if requested.
- Continue to provide input to Board of Supervisor Ad-hoc committee reviewing the Community Warning System and the Industrial Safety Ordinance
- Complete review of contaminated sites 5-year reviews and consider new issues around contaminated site clean-up and funding.
- Complete analysis of opportunities to address Environmental Justice considerations in CEQA and explore specific Environmental Justice issues to bring to the Board of Supervisors for action.
- Continue to explore issues related to pipeline safety and consider community participation grant for community along the Iron Horse trail.
- Begin to define the issues of concern surrounding the development of new crude oil facilities, explore additional needs for education.
- Begin to define issue of concern surrounding refinery modernization
- Learn about new Air District air monitoring program for refineries.

In addition, in 2015 the Commission will focus their efforts on a survey of County Departments for the implementation of the County's Environmental Justice Policy, a potential Pharmaceutical Ordinance, Crude by Rail issues, input into the Northern Shoreline revitalization effort, and issues referred to them by the Board of Supervisors.