

2015 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, 2015

ACTIVITIES

- Requested information on the implementation of the County's Environmental Justice Policy from the Health Services, Public Works, Agriculture, and Conservation and Development Departments.
- Provided input to the Department of Conservation and Development on the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative.
- Received presentation on Brownfield remediation funding options
- Received presentation on Health in All Policies approach from Public Health Director
- Tracked the development of Crude by rail issues in California
- Participated in the County's review of the Industrial Safety Ordinance
- Received presentation on Chevron Modernization Project
- Provided recommendations to Board of Supervisors on implementation the County's Environmental Justice Policy
- Co-sponsored two Public Workshops on pipeline safety
- Reviewed recommendations on pipeline safety by the Pipeline Safety Trust
- Tracked implementation on Pharmaceutical Disposal Ordinances in California
- Received Presentation on Cybersecurity for Industrial Facilities
- Conducted annual meetings with County Supervisors

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Commission continued its work on proper pharmaceutical disposal by monitoring the development of local ordinances throughout California and participating in the Contra Costa Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition. The Commission provided recommendations for implementing the County's Environmental Justice Policy to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission co-sponsored two public workshops on pipeline safety. The Commission participated in the Northern Waterfront Revitalization effort by providing input to the Quality of Life Action Team. The Commission provided input to the County's review of the Industrial Safety Ordinance.

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. The Operations committee met 10 times this year and the Planning & Policy committee met 8 times this year. The Commission meetings averaged of 8 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 2016 the Commission will focus their efforts on following up their recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning the County's Environmental Justice Policy, providing input and assisting in stakeholder engagement for a pharmaceutical disposal ordinance, providing input into the Northern Shoreline Economic Development Initiative, providing input into the review of the Industrial Safety Ordinance and addressing issues referred to them by the Board of Supervisors.