CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMISSION



February 18, 2016

MEMO

To: Internal Operations Committee

From: Michael Kent, Executive Assistant to the Hazardous Materials Commission MK

Re: Appointment Recommendations to the Hazardous Materials Commission

The Hazardous Materials Commission was established in 1986 to advise the Board, County Staff and the mayor's council members, and staffs of the cities within the County, on issues related to the development, approval and administration of the County Hazardous Waste Management Plan. Specifically, the Board charged the Commission with drafting a Hazardous Materials Storage and Transportation Plan and Ordinance, coordinating the implementation of the Hazardous Materials Release Response Plan and inventory program, and to analyze and develop recommendations regarding hazards materials issues with consideration to broad public input, and report back to the Board on Board referrals.

The bylaws of the Commission provide that Environmental Seat #2 be nominated by an environmental organization, but that no particular environmental organization will have an exclusive right to nominate an individual to this seat and therefore, which environmental organization is represented on the Hazardous Materials Commission rests with the Internal Operations Committee and ultimately the Board of Supervisors. This term for this seat expired on December 31, 2015. The Hazardous Materials Commission advertised for this open seat, interviewed two candidates, and on January 28, 2016 unanimously voted to recommend that Usha Vedagiri be re-assigned from her current position as the alternate for Environmental Seat #3. The Commission is also recommending that her current seat be vacated and the vacancy be posted by the Clerk of the Board for 10 days. The outreach materials are attached. The term for this seat expires on December 31, 2019.

The bylaws of the Commission also provide that the General Public Seat and General Public Seat Alternate be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The terms for these seats expired on December 31, 2015. The Hazardous Materials Commission advertised for these open seats and received two applicants and on January 28, 2016 unanimously voted to re-appoint Frank Gordon

and Tim Bancroft to these seats. Their applications and outreach materials are attached. The terms for these seats expire on December 31, 2019.

The bylaws of the Commission also provide that Labor Seat #2 and Labor Seat #2 Alternate be nominated by labor organizations, screened by the Internal Operations Committee and appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County has nominated to re-appoint Jim Payne to Labor Seat #2 and Tracy Scott to Labor Seat #2 Alternate. Their applications and letter of nomination are attached. The terms for these seats expires on December 31, 2019.