

2019 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, 2019

ACTIVITIES

- Conducted annual meetings with each of the five County Supervisors.
- Received presentations on the proposed control of coal loading in Richmond.
- Received regular updates on the status of the AB 617 process in West County.
- Received an update on the status of the Pharmaceutical Disposal ordinance.
- Received a presentation on PFASs in the environment.
- Received three presentations on DTSC development of SB 673 TSD permit requirements.
- Received a presentation on SB 1000 Environmental Justice requirements for General Plans.
- Received an update on the status of the Community Warning System from the Office of Emergency Services.
- Reviewed the draft annual report on the ISO.
- Received a presentation on a Carbon Tax proposal.
- Received a presentation concerning a proposed deep-water dredging project.
- Advertised for and reviewed applications for open Commission seats.
- Planned a workshop on Cybersecurity with Contra Costa CAER and the Department of Homeland Security.
- Received presentations on WSPA lawsuits about State accident prevention laws.
- Received a presentation on the repurposing of the State underground storage tank cleanup fund.
- Received a presentation from Phillips 66 refinery on their Marine Terminal proposal.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Created an ad-hoc Student seat for the Commission.
- Made recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning pipeline safety.
- Provided input to the Hazardous Materials Program on the annual ISO report.
- Made recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning appointments to 2 Environmental seats and a General Public Seat.
- Held a workshop on Cybersecurity with Contra Costa CAER and the Department of Homeland Security.

ATTENDANCE/REPRESENTATION

The 13-member Commission has members and alternates from organized labor, environmental groups, industry, cities, environmental engineering firms, the League of Women Voters and the public at large. The Commission had membership from all regions of the County in 2019. All thirteen seats on the Commission were occupied this year. One of the Environmental Seats and one of the Environmental Seat alternates were vacated and replaced this year. One of the Business Seats and one of the Business alternate seats were vacated this year and replaced this year. The alternate for one of the Labor seats was vacant the whole year. The Commission held ten full commission meetings this year. The Operations committee met nine times this year and the Planning & Policy committee met seven times this year. On average, ten of the thirteen Commission seats were represented at the full Commission meetings.

TRAINING/CERTIFICATION

No training or certification was provided or conducted.

PROPOSED WORK PLAN/OBJECTIVES FOR THIS YEAR

In 2020 the Commission will continue to investigate some of the issues they began investigating in 2019 and will address emerging issues that are brought to them by the Board of Supervisors, the public and members of the Commission. In addition, the Commission will continue to monitor several issues that they monitored in 2019.

The issues the Commission intends to continue investigating in 2020 are the WSPA lawsuits concerning state accident prevention laws, the relationship of deep water dredging and other activities at Phillips 66 to their long-term crude oil slate, the implementation of state regulations concerning TSD permits for large industrial facilities, principle statements for the County's legislative platform, and Environmental Justice requirements in the development of the County's General Plan update.

The issue the Commission intends to continue to monitor in 2020 are the implementation of the County's Pharmaceutical Ordinance, the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative, implementation of the recommendations of the Adapting to Rising Tides study, the AB 617 process in Richmond, the adoption of a local coal ordinance in Richmond, and implementation of the Industrial Safety Ordinance and the Community Warning System.

Additional activities the Commission will conduct in 2020 are annual meetings with each of the County Supervisors, placement of an ad-hoc student seat on the Commission, and recruitment of a candidate for the new Environmental Justice seat on the Commission, if it is approved by the Board of Supervisors.