

## **2022 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 (met by Zoom for all of 2022)

**Chair:** Fred Glueck, Business Seat # 1

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

**Reporting Period:** January - December, 2022

### **ACTIVITIES**

- Received a presentation by the Economic Development Manager on the potential of considering lithium-ion battery recycling as part of the NWEDI
- Provided feedback on a pipeline website survey by the Alamo Improvement Association
- Reviewed potential concerns with metal shredders wastes
- Reviewed potential concerns with marijuana waste
- Developed recommendations concerning Business perceptions of Sea Level Rise impacts
- Received a presentation by Raven about their proposed hydrogen production facility
- Received a presentation on the regulations, environmental and health impacts of PFAS
- Reviewed the draft update to the County General Plan
- Reviewed household lithium ion battery and PFAS legislation
- Conducted research on purchasing policies for treated wood and PFAS
- Received a presentation on PFAS in disposable foodware
- Received presentations on Safety Culture Assessments from 3 refineries
- Received a presentation on the Industrial Safety Ordinance annual report
- Developed recommendations on Environmentally Preferable Purchasing policies
- Participated in a workgroup on additions to the ISO concerning bulk terminals.
- Recruited, interviewed and selected two interns for the 2022/2023 school year
- Developed recommendations on the County's State Legislative Platform
- Received a presentation by DTSC on the State Hazardous Waste Management Plan
- Received a presentation from Healthy Contra Costa on contaminated site community engagement
- Received a presentation by the Economic Development Manager on the NWEDI

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Provided input to the Alamo Improvement Association on their pipeline website survey
- Made recommendations to the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee of the Board of Supervisors concerning Business Perceptions of sea level rise.

- Made recommendations to the Public Works Department on treated wood and PFAS policies for the update to the County's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing policy
- Made recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning the update to the County's General Plan
- Sponsored one student intern for the 2021/2022 school year and seated 2 interns for the 2022/2023 school year.
- Recommended candidates to the Board of Supervisors for the General Public seat and alternate seat and the Environmental Justice alternate seat.

### **ATTENDANCE/REPRESENTATION**

The 14-member Commission has members and alternates from organized labor, environmental groups, an Environmental Justice community, 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 2022. The Commission held 10 full Commission meetings this year, all by Zoom. The Commission meetings averaged 10 commissioners or their alternates per meeting.

### **TRAINING/CERTIFICATION**

No training or certification was provided or conducted.

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

In 2023 the Commission will continue to investigate some of the issues they began investigating in 2022 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 2022.

The issues the Commission intends to work on in 2022 that are carry-overs from 2022 are the inclusion of Environmental Justice and sea level rise issues in the update to the County's General Plan, public meetings on the ISO Safety Culture Assessments, supporting the AIA pipeline safety grant, and the update to the ISO for bulk terminals. New issues the Commission will address in 2023 are hazardous waste management policy and contaminated site clean-up policy.

Issues the Commission will continue to monitor are the implementation of AB 617 in Richmond, the implementation of the County's Pharmaceutical Ordinance, the operation of the Community Warning System, the implementation of the County's Industrial Safety Ordinance and Emergency Notification Policy, PFAS regulation and hazardous materials-related state legislation.