Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes
Operations Committee

June 10, 2016

Members and Alternates

Present: Fred Glueck, Rick Alcaraz, Leslie Stewart,
Absent: Ralph Sattler, Steve Linsley, Mark Ross
Staff: Michael Kent
Members of the Public: None

1) Call to order, announcements: Commissioner Stewart called the meeting to order at 10:05.

Michael Kent announced:
- DTSC sent out fact sheets about clean-up activities at the Zenica site in Richmond and the Biorad site in Hercules.
- The Board of Supervisors Transportation, Water and Infrastructure committee discussed the Commission’s recommendations about the Pipeline Safety Trust report at their June 9, 2016 meeting and directed staff to come back at a future meeting with a comprehensive response to the recommendations.
- Last week there was a pipeline leak from a shell pipeline in Sacramento County and a fire from a train derailment of tanker cars carrying bakken crude oil in Oregon. He will send the Commission newspaper articles on both.

2) Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the May 13, 2016 meeting were moved by Commissioner Glueck seconded by Commissioner Alcaraz and approved 3 - 0.

3) Public Comments: None

4) Old Business
   a) Update on the Pharmaceutical Ordinance

The committee reviewed a draft survey that the County is planning to administer over the summer to collect information about residents’ attitudes about pharmaceutical disposal. The commissioners provided input on the survey design. Commissioner Glueck questioned whether questions 3 and 4/5 were both necessary, and Commissioner Stewart thought in question 1 potential options should be listed.
Also, staff updated the committee on the status of AB 45 related to the development of model household hazardous waste programs that would effectively prohibit local governments from setting up Extended Producer Responsibility programs like that which the county is considering. It is currently in committee waiting for a hearing date.

b) Continue Commission retreat planning

Staff reported that funding would be available to hire a facilitator, and the committee agreed he should ask Mary Anne Morgan if she would be willing to do it again. They also reviewed the possible special topics to discuss at the retreat and agreed that the issue of Brownfield redevelopment and the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative would be a good topic.

5) New Business

a) Review and discuss EPA’s draft EJ 2020 Action Agenda

The committee reviewed the draft Action Agenda’s three goals and compared them to the County’s approach to addressing Environmental Justice. Commissioner Stewart commented that it was interesting that the EPA framed EJ issues around the areas of rulemaking, permitting and compliance. She thought that since the County does all three of these things, that perhaps the County’s implementation of its EJ policy could be implemented through this lens.

6) Reports from Commissioners on Matters of Commission Interest: None

7) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00