Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes
Operations Committee

April 14, 2017

Members and Alternates

Present: Steve Linsley, Leslie Stewart, Aaron Winer (alternate), Rita Xavier (alternate)
Absent Rick Alcaraz, Mark Ross, Ralph Sattler, Fred Glueck (represented by alternate)
Staff: Michael Kent
Members of the Public: None

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

Michael Kent announced:

- The draft flyer for the cybersecurity workshop on June 13 is completed.
- The first annual meeting with Supervisor Burgis is sent for May 3rd at 10:00
- The Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative Ad Hoc committee will meet on April 11 and the letter the Commission wrote concerning Brownfield prioritization will be read into the record.
- On May 23rd the Bay Conservation and Development Commission will make a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on the Contra Costa Adapting to Rising Tides Study.
- April 29th will be a DEA sponsored drug takeback day at police stations throughout the County
- DTSC is conducting cleanup activities at the Liquid Gold site in Richmond

2) Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for the March 10, 2017 meeting were moved by Commissioner Linsley, seconded by Commissioner Stewart and approved 2-0-1 with Commissioner Winer abstaining.

3) Public Comments: None

4) Old Business

a) Update on the Pharmaceutical Disposal Ordinance

Public Health Director Dan Peddycord is meeting with City Managers this week to discuss their participation in the ordinance. The County is still waiting to hear back from drug wholesalers as to which manufacture’s products they sell in the County.
b) Update on the Cybersecurity Workshop

The committee reviewed the flyer for the June 13 cybersecurity workshop and had no changes to recommend.

c) Update on pipeline emergency preparation brochure

The latest draft of the brochure is still being reviewed by the Public Works Department. No new updates.

5) New Business

a) Review Current School Siting Regulation Requirements for Hazardous Chemical Risks

The committee reviewed the state regulations and guidelines for school siting, a comment letter from the Safe Routes to Schools National Partnership and a summary of the areas of concern raised about the state’s pipeline risk analysis protocols.

After the review the committee brainstormed approaches they could take to get a better understanding of the potential issues. They came up with the following strategies:

1) Look at the EPA’s guidelines for school siting
2) Look at the Environmental Justice study concept mentioned in the Safe Routes to School letter
3) Look at a recent example of a risk assessment done for a local school
4) Have a presentation from a speaker that conducts school risk assessments

Commissioner Stewart thought that the best approach would be to prioritize looking at a case study and having a speaker, but that the committee could also look at the EPA guidelines and the EJ study concept. The committee agreed.

Commissioner Stewart also said she would talk to a contact she has at the West Contra Costa Unified School District to see if she could help the committee find a good case study.

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

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