



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

AGENDA

Hazardous Materials Commission

Thursday, July 24, 2025

4:00 PM

777 Arnold Dr., Martinez, CA 94553 -
Paramount Room

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93502466349>

Phone: 1 (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 935 0246 6349

Chair: Mark Hughes

Vice Chair: Fred Glueck

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions
2. CONSIDER approval of the June 26, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission meeting minutes. [25-3030](#)
Attachments: [June 26 2025 HMC Meeting Minutes](#)
3. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).
4. RECEIVE a report from the Operations Committee.
5. RECEIVE a report from the Hazardous Materials Programs.

NEW BUSINESS

6. RECEIVE a general overview of the Draft Hazardous Waste Management Plan from Ryan Dominguez of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).
<https://dtsc.ca.gov/hazardous-waste-management-plans/>
<https://dtsc.ca.gov/hwplan-workshops/>
7. REVIEW the September 11, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Public Forum planning draft document and PROVIDE direction to staff as needed. [25-3031](#)
Attachments: [HMC Public Forum Sept 11 2025 Planning rev 1](#)

8. CONSIDER drafting a letter of recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Hazardous Materials Commission student intern research presentations.
9. Announcements from Commissioners on items of Commission interest.
10. Plan next meeting agenda.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for August 28, 2025.

Adjourn

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-3030

Agenda Date: 7/24/2025

Agenda #: 2.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission
Subject: Approval of June 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Presenter: Commission Chair

Information:

Attached to this agenda item are the draft meeting minutes from the June 26, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

CONSIDER approval of the June 26, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission meeting minutes.



Meeting Minutes - Draft

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The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM.

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Commissioners Present: Marielle Boortz, Drew Graham, Jim Payne, Lisa Martell, Eduardo Martinez, Maureen Brennan, Jamin Pursell, Mark Hughes, Ron Chinn

Commissioners Present Online: Fred Glueck, Madeline Kronenberg

Staff Present: Devra Lewis, Nicole Heath, Breanna Lingenfelter

HMC Interns Present: Alexander Gomez, Aimee Benedict

Public Present: George Carter, Derek Phelps, Ashwin Jadhav, Jan Warren, Carol Mascali, Carolyn Graves, Cheryl Sudduth, Charles Davidson, Shoshanna Wexler, Jenna Mesic

2. CONSIDER approval of the April 24, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission meeting minutes.

The commissioners present voted to approve the April 24, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission meeting minutes.

Motion: Jim Payne

Second: Eduardo Martinez

3. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

Charles Davidson made a public comment expressing concerns regarding the proposed transfer of the hazardous materials division from health services to Con Fire and respectfully urged the Board of Supervisors to consider several critical questions. He proposed a dual authority framework that preserves the Health Department's regulatory oversight and community engagement while creating operational integration with Con Fire for emergencies.

4. RECEIVE a report from the Operations Committee.

The Committee devoted their meeting time to two main topics: presentation on a proposed design of a living levee by West County Wastewater District to address possible coastal flooding due to sea level rise and finalizing the logistics for holding a Hazardous Materials Commission Public Forum on September 11, 2025.

5. RECEIVE a report from the Hazardous Materials Programs.

Director of the Hazardous Materials Programs, Nicole Heath, shared a few announcements with the Commission. There are no new incidents to report, but 72 hour and 30 day reports can be found on their website: <https://www.cchealth.org/health-and-safety-information/hazmat-programs/hazmat-incident-response/search-incident-report>

Marathon Refining Company: the county has been working with a third party consultant regarding the November 2023 fire - a safety culture and management systems evaluation is anticipated to be put out for public notice in July.

Martinez Refining Company (MRC) February 1, 2025 fire: toxicologist has presented out to Martinez Oversight Committee and Investigation Consultant. Public comment period and public meeting held in June - toxicologist

report identified that there was no impact to public health.

In their June 24, 2025 meeting, the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to approve the proposal to transition the Hazardous Materials division from the Health Department to the Fire Department, but the effective date has not yet been determined.

NEW BUSINESS

6. RECEIVE a presentation from Ashwin Jadhav and Derek Phelps of Twelve Co., The Carbon Transformation Company on decarbonizing aviation.
7. RECEIVE a presentation from each of the Hazardous Materials Commission student interns: Aimee Benedict and Alex Gomez.
8. DISCUSS the June 11th meeting with Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston and topics of interest for the commission.

The commissioners present during the June 11th meeting with Supervisor Scales-Preston discussed the Hazardous Materials Commission Priorities for 2025, guest speaker presentations, student interns, and the public forum scheduled for September 11, 2025. Supervisor Scales-Preston expressed concerns regarding the proposal to have Keller Canyon accept hazardous waste.

9. Reports from Commissioners on items of Commission interest.

There were not any reports made by commissioners.

10. Plan next meeting agenda.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for July 24, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-3031

Agenda Date: 7/24/2025

Agenda #: 7.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission

Subject: Public Forum Planning Draft Document

Presenter: Marielle Boortz, Operations Committee Chair

Information:

Attached to this agenda item is a draft document created by Operations Committee members regarding plans for the September 11, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Public Forum.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

REVIEW the September 11, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Public Forum planning draft document and PROVIDE direction to staff as needed.

DRAFT CONTENTS OF FORUM ADVERT/FLYER

The Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission Presents a Public Forum:

Thursday, September 11, 2025, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

[insert catchy/attention-grabbing title—PIO to determine]

Hazardous Materials Safety for Residents

Learn about:

- Household hazardous waste and pharmaceuticals disposal
- Rechargeable batteries safety
- County hazardous materials incidents emergency response
- The Community Warning System
- Reporting odors and air pollution

Panelists and Information Tables from:

- Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Program
- Contra Costa Fire Protection District
- Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
- Community Warning System of Contra Costa County
- Bay Area Air District

In-person at the Contra Costa County, Administration Building, 1025 Escobar Street, Martinez

Via Zoom at this link [insert link]

Pre-registration not required

The forum will be recorded and the recording posted on the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission's webpage

Include on flyer backside: QR codes (or one QR code with all the QR codes) and/or website links for each presenter's organization and link for the Hazardous Materials Commission's webpage

Proposed Forum agenda and some logistics

3:30 -4:00 pm: doors open, people view/mingle at information tables

4:00-4:05 pm: HMC chair welcome, introductions, etc.

4:05-5:15 pm: the five panelists present/speak

Target 10-12 minutes each; 14 minutes max

5:15-5:30 pm: moderated Q&A

5:30-6:00 pm: people view/mingle at information tables

[can adjust timeline based on amount of in-person attendance, e.g., longer Q&A seems wise]

No food or beverages provided

Attendee sign-in sheet at entrance: name, where live (city/town), elected official or their staff? (specify if yes), with an organization? (specify if yes), contact info (optional). HMC/staff use sign-in info to gauge interest in the Forum and identify which Supe Districts attendees are from (BOS would likely want to know).

In-room questions written on index cards, collected and then organized/combined/summarized by staff and read to panelists.

On Zoom webinar questions submitted via webinar Q&A feature, organized by staff and staff read to panelist(s).

Won't use Zoom chat feature; is too distracting.

HMC roles/jobs at the Forum (commissioners sign-up):

HMC Information table (2): Maureen,

Greeters (2):

HMC Chair (1): Mark

Q&A index card hand-outers/collectors (2):

Floater (1):

Note: Commissioners could do multiple roles and roles can be adjusted as needed during the Forum. Commissioner(s) may also assist staff with organizing/reading questions submitted during the Q&A.

County staff roles at the Forum: coordinate the presenters, Zoom host/moderator/manager, 2-3 people categorize/combine/summarize questions submitted during Q&A in room and via Zoom.

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Forum main room: BOS Chambers

Information tables: in separate room (Room A/B/C), located near the BOS Chambers.

Note: Breanna has reserved the two rooms for 9/11/2025 and requested max. Tech/IT support

Have at the HMC information table:

Info/resources on select (five) issues the HMC has studied/is studying. Laminated stand-up frames to hold images and typed info (Maureen and Jamin have frames). Few handouts. Images marked with dates the HMC discussed the issue. Have QR codes at table for link to HMC webpage (likewise at panelist organizations' tables have QR codes for their websites). OK to have handouts from entities that have been invited presenters at HMC meetings if the entity asks.

- Pharma collection bin photo (staff to get)
- Li ion fire image and Li ion battery safety flyer (also request ConFire to have at their table)
- Sea level rise: graphic(s) from living levee presentation (Jamin to get)
- PFAS (Jamin to work on)
- Brownfields redevelopment: Center for Creative Land Recycling brochures (Maureen to ask); staff ask Alyson Greenlee if she has something
- About the HMC: description, activities list (things noted in prior annual reports), meeting schedule, link to where videos of HMC meetings are posted
- HMC intern program application flyer
- Contact info for the County Haz Mat ombudsperson, description of their role
- Invite current & past HMC interns to be at HMC table
- Invite the County Haz Mat ombudsperson to be at County Haz Mat program table

Forum Welcome and Introduction talking points:

- Welcome
- What HMC is, report to the BOS, our priorities (inspirational, how important the HMC is)
- Thank BOS for sponsoring us
- Point out any elected officials/their staff present (get info from Forum sign-in sheet)
- Room safety, emergency exits
- Meeting logistics (agenda and time frames, include how will do Q&A: in room and Zoom, indicate if you want your question directed to a specific panelist)
- Note the meeting being recorded on Zoom and recording will be posted on HMC webpage

Forum To Do's Checklist (indicate who is responsible for having what done by when)

TASKS	WHO	BY WHEN	STATUS
Secure panelists: explain our expectations for their panelist talk (time limit, what we want them to cover), tell them they each will have an information table for their organization, relay any requests we have re their information table (eg, ConFire: Lithium ion battery safety handout, CWS: handout/means for people to sign-up for CWS, BAAD: what is flaring flyer)	Adam/staff	Next Operations Committee meeting (August 8, 2025)	
Procure/create hand-out documents for HMC information table that need to be copied			
Give hand-out documents for HMC information table to County staff (Adam) to make copies, 20 copies max each	Various		
Make copies of documents for HMC information table	Adam		
Bring document copies for HMC information table to the Forum	Adam		
Invite County Haz Mat ombudsperson to join County Haz Mat program information table...also invite them to attend a HMC meeting so that HMC can meet them	Adam		
Invite current and forum HMC interns to attend Forum and join HMC information table	Breanna		
Get Forum info to County PIO so they can create Forum advert/flyer and advertise on social media, etc.	Breanna	Right after July 11, 2025 Operations Committee meeting	
Review and comment on Forum advert/flyer draft	Operations Committee ad hoc committee (Jamin, Maureen, Marielle)	Before August 1, 2025 –so can finalize at August 8, 2025 Operations Committee meeting	
Confirm/finalize Forum advert/flyer	Operations Committee	Do at August 8, 2025 meeting	
Provide electronic copy of Forum advert/flyer to HMC commissioners so			

TASKS	WHO	BY WHEN	STATUS
commissioners can share with their organizations, etc.			
County staffs (PIO, Haz Mat program) to disseminate Forum/advert flyer per their standard distribution lists and means. Distribution to include: public libraries, BOS offices, HMC interested parties, MACs, City Halls	staff		
Assign a timekeeper to track time (during the Forum) and help keep Forum activities on schedule	Adam/staff		
Confirm/assign who organizes the Q&A questions (in room and on Zoom) and who reads questions to panelist(s)	Adam/staff		
Determine room layout for information tables, how many people could fit at HMC table, other logistics info (e.g., the rooms' safety info to state in Forum welcome, ask building security how to keep the entrance line moving—HMC greeters can help?).	Operations Committee	Do at August 8, 2025 Operations Committee meeting	
Have HMC Commissioners sign-up for Forum roles	Adam/staff	Do at July 24, 2025 HMC meeting; confirm at August 28, 2025 HMC meeting	
Procure index cards and some pens/pencils for Q&A and bring to Forum	Adam/staff		
Assign/confirm Zoom webinar host	Adam/Breanna		
Set up information tables and chairs in Room A/B/C per prepared room layout	HMC and staff	Do on September 11, 2025	
Write HMC chair welcome/opening remarks (to be 5 minutes long max)	Jamin & Marielle	Draft by July 18 (so can review at July 24, 2025 HMC meeting) OR by August 1 (so can review at August 8, 2025 Operations Committee meeting)	
Ensure recording of ConFire presentation re Li ion battery safety made at HMC	Adam/Breanna		

TASKS	WHO	BY WHEN	STATUS
meeting can be easily found via HMC webpage			
Procure and bring to the Forum: peel & stick name tags for HMC commissioners, staff, panelists to wear during the Forum	Adam/staff	Have by Sept 1, bring to Forum on Sept 11	
Post Forum recording on HMC webpage	Adam		