



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

AGENDA

Hazardous Materials Commission

Thursday, June 25, 2026

4:00 PM

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

<https://cchealth.zoom.us/j/98031936341>

Meeting ID: 980 3193 6341

Chair: Mark Hughes

Vice Chair: Aaron Winer

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 May 28, 2026 Hazardous Materials Commission meeting minutes. [26-2848](#)
Attachments: [May 28 2026 HMC Draft 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.
6. DISCUSS any updates to the priorities for 2026 and potential guest speakers. [26-2849](#)
Attachments: [2026 HMC Priorities](#)
7. DISCUSS DTSC's decision to not proceed with the Manifest Exemption rulemaking package. [26-2850](#)
8. DISCUSS any upcoming legislative issues of commission interest.
9. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.
10. Plan next meeting agenda.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for July 23, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

Adjourn

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For Additional Information Contact: Adam Springer at 925-655-3216



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 26-2848

Agenda Date: 6/25/2026

Agenda #: 2.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission

Subject: Approval of May 2026 Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Commission Chair

Information:

Attached to this agenda item are the draft meeting minutes from the May 28, 2026 Hazardous Materials Commission meeting.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

CONSIDER approval of the May 28, 2026 Hazardous Materials Commission meeting minutes.



Meeting Minutes - Draft

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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

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1. Roll Call and Introductions

Commissioners Present: Aaron Winer, Mark Hughes, Andrew Graham, Eduardo Martinez, Soheila Bana, Ron Chinn, Maureen Brennan, Jamin Pursell, Lou Flores, Lisa Martell, Tim Bancroft,
Commissioners Present Online: Madeline Kronenberg, Amy McTigue
Staff Present: Adam Springer, Nicole Heath
Public Present: Shoshana Wechsler, Jennifer Quallick

2. CONSIDER approval of the April 23, 2026 Hazardous Materials Commission meeting minutes.

The commissioners present voted to approve the April 23, 2026 Hazardous Materials Programs meeting minutes.

Motion: Aaron Winer

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).

There were not any comments made by members of the public on items not on this agenda.

4. RECEIVE a report from the Operations Committee.

During their last meeting the Operations Committee primary focused on reviewing and revising existing documents used by their committee for duties such as commissioner and student intern interviews. They also worked on developing new documents to outline the procedures and workflows followed by the committee for interviews and forum planning.

5. RECEIVE a report from the Hazardous Materials Programs.

As the Hazardous Materials Programs transition from the Health Department to the Fire Protection District there are a lot of items going to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. The Hazardous Materials Programs have been working very closely with Cal EPA on the amended application and on July 17th Cal EPA will be having a public hearing on that amended application.

NEW BUSINESS

6. DISCUSS the May 26, 2026 Internal Operations Committee meeting.

A proposal to potentially sunset the commission was presented by the Hazardous Materials Programs at the Internal Operations Committee meeting; the Board members suggested that staff refine this proposal before bringing it forward again. Director Nicole Heath clarified that the proposal was not specifically related to the transition of hazardous materials programs to Contra Costa Fire Protection District, but rather an evaluation of workflow efficiency and potential duplicative efforts across different committees. Commissioners expressed strong concerns about the proposal, emphasizing the unique value and diverse representation of the commission, which includes community members, business representatives, environmental organizations, and technical experts. The discussion noted that while some overlap exists with other committees like the Industrial Safety Ordinance committee and Sustainability Commission, the commissioners present felt that the Hazardous Materials Commission provides essential expertise and community representation that would be lost if dissolved. Commissioners suggested alternative approaches including formal advisory roles to other committees and improving communication with the Board of Supervisors through regular reports and updates. The conversation ended with agreement that staff would gather more information about the other committees' operations and work with the fire chief before developing a refined proposal for the Internal Operations Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

7. DISCUSS any updates to the priorities for 2026 and potential guest speakers.

There were not any updates to discuss during this meeting.

8. DISCUSS any upcoming legislative issues of commission interest.

There were not any upcoming legislative issues discussed.

9. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.
10. Plan next meeting agenda.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 25, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53pm.

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1025 ESCOBAR STREET
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Staff Report

File #: 26-2849

Agenda Date: 6/25/2026

Agenda #: 6.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission

Subject: HMC Priorities for 2026

Presenter: Commission Chair

Information:

Attached to this agenda item are the Hazardous Materials Commission priorities for 2026 and the committees they have been assigned to.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

DISCUSS any updates to the priorities for 2026 and potential guest speakers.

2026 HMC Priorities for Consideration

General Commission Priorities

- Brownfield development-cleanup standards/reuses ; Emerging remediation technology e.g., in situ phytoremediation, bugs/bioremediation, albino redwoods, mycelium (mushrooms)
- Concerns from increased electrification – byproducts, EV,
- Battery waste management, recycling; sodium batteries vs lithium batteries;
- Impacts from Sea Level Rise
 - Hazardous Materials transportation corridors. E.g., Railroads,
 - Soil/water contamination
 - Presentation from DOT
- SB 868: Bright Star balcony solar

Assigned to Operations Committee

- PFAS/Forever chemical treatments (contact EPA); AI data center impacts
 - treatment tech/remediation; mycoremediation vs mycelium
 - emergency response/chemicals used for battery fires /suppression
- Hydrogen generation
- Carbon capture technologies/ carbon sequestration
- PG&E power generation changes + future plans
- MCE solar farm in Richmond
- Public Forum – tentative September 2026

Assigned to Planning & Policy Committee

- CWS notification including system and technology /ISO
- Aviation fuel changes (2031) (Richmond company Raven fuel from bio waste)
- Receive presentation on plan from Will Nelson of DCD regarding the completed General Plan
- Bill analysis & legislative packets
- Track merger of HazMat programs to CON FIRE
- HMC bylaw review/revision
- Refinery process safety management/pipeline safety/PHMSA
- Small modular nuclear reactors (SMR) - waste streams + general overview



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Staff Report

File #: 26-2850

Agenda Date: 6/25/2026

Agenda #: 7.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission
Subject: DTSC Notice of Decision Not to Proceed
Presenter: Committee Chair

Information:

Department of Toxic Substances Control has decided not to proceed with the Manifest Exemption rulemaking package (OAL Notice File Number Z-2025-0603-04) at this time.

The Notice of Decision Not to Proceed regarding the DTSC Manifest Exemption (Reference No. R-2023-0603-04) signifies that the Department of Toxic Substances Control has formally halted its rulemaking to adopt federal EPA exemptions for transporting hazardous waste across public rights-of-way between contiguous properties.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

DISCUSS DTSC's decision to not proceed with the Manifest Exemption rulemaking package.