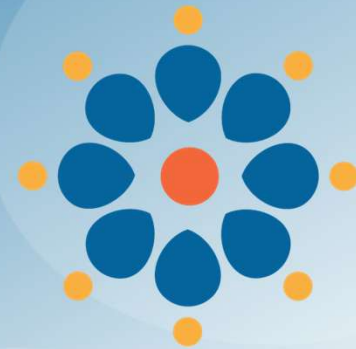


Hazardous Materials Commission Proposal

Internal Operations Committee

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Hazardous Materials Commission

- Established in 1986 under Health & Safety Code 25135.2
 - “local advisory committee to assist the county in the preparation and administration of the county hazardous waste management plan”
- SB 158 (2021) repealed requirement for local advisory committees.
 - State Board of Environmental Safety now leads hazardous waste planning.
- Certified Unified Program Agency implementation (1996) developed a unified hazardous waste and hazardous materials management program. The CUPA now oversees many of the original HMC tasks.

Evolution of HMC Tasks



Original task: develop detailed hazardous waste management plan.



Later focused on transportation safety, pipelines, and incident notifications.



Recent priorities: safety culture, notification policy, facility incident updates, brownfields, Li-ion fires, PSM changes, EJ & sustainability.



Significant topic overlap with other commissions.

Commission Overlap

- Many roles and priorities of the Hazmat Commission are duplicative across other bodies.



ISO Ad Hoc



Sustainability
Commission



Fire Advisory
Commission

Commission Make Up Analysis

	HMC	Sustainability	ISO Ad Hoc	Fire Advisory
<i>City Representatives</i>	3 seats	N/A	N/A	-
<i>Business Representatives</i>	3 seats	2 seats	N/A	-
<i>Labor Representatives</i>	2 seats	N/A	N/A	-
<i>General Public</i>	1 seat	5 seats (one from each district, appointed by board)	N/A	5 seats (one from each district, appointed by board)
<i>Environmental Justice</i>	1 seat	2 seats	N/A	-
<i>Environmental Organization</i>	2 seats	2 seats	N/A	-
<i>Environmental Engineering</i>	1 seat	N/A	N/A	-
<i>League of Women Voters</i>	1 seat	N/A	N/A	-
<i>Other</i>	N/A	1 education or research institution seat	N/A	2 At Large (one from East County) 3 At Large Alternates

Limitations of HMC

HMC's mission has narrowed over time.

Regulatory changes and overlapping committees reduce effectiveness.

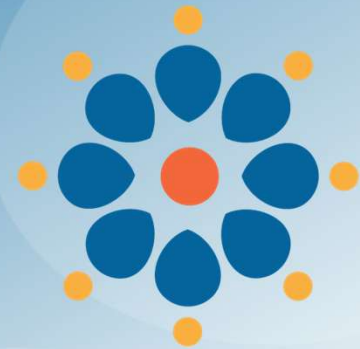
3-year average meeting cancellation rate
28%

Recommendation

- Staff recommends the Board sunset the Hazardous Materials Commission and refer topics to existing commissions.



Questions?



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