



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

AGENDA

Hazardous Materials Commission

Friday, January 9, 2026

10:00 AM

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

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

Meeting ID: 980 3193 6341

Operations Committee

Chair: Marielle Boortz

Vice Chair: Jamin Pursell

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 November 14, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes. [26-12](#)
Attachments: [HMC OPS November 14 2025 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. DISCUSS committee chair elections and CONSIDER approving a chair and vice chair for 2026.
5. DISCUSS commission priorities for 2026 and potential guest speakers. [26-13](#)
Attachments: [2025 HMC Priorities with Suggestions for 2026](#)
6. DISCUSS public forum topics, locations, and logistics.
7. REVIEW the Hazardous Materials Commission bylaws and identify aspects that need clarification. [26-14](#)
Attachments: [24-1959 - HazMat Commission Bylaws as of July 14, 2020](#)
8. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.
9. Plan next meeting agenda.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for February 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

Adjourn

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 26-12

Agenda Date: 1/9/2026

Agenda #: 2.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee

Subject: Approval of November 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Committee Chair

Information:

Attached to this agenda item are the draft meeting minutes for the November 14, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

CONSIDER approval of the November 14, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes.



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Hazardous Materials Commission

Friday, November 14, 2025

10:00 AM

777 Arnold Dr., Martinez, CA 94553 -

Paramount Room

<https://zoom.us/j/94027485383>

Call-in: 1 (646) 900-6833

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Operations Committee

Chair: Marielle Boortz

Vice Chair: Jamin Pursell

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM.

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, Terry Baldwin, Jamin Pursell, Fred Glueck, Maureen Brennan

Public Present Online: James Carro, Sharon Pinkstaff, Chase (District Representative for Ken Carlson)

Staff Present: Adam Springer

2. CONSIDER approval of the August 8, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes.

The commissioners present voted to approve the August 8, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes

Motion: Fred Glueck

Second: Terry Baldwin

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.

4. INTERVIEW candidates for the expiring Environmental Justice Representative seat and alternate seat. CONSIDER making a recommendation to the full commission.

The commissioners present interviewed the two candidates for the expiring Environmental Justice Representative seats and discussed who they felt would be most suited for the positions. The Operations Committee ultimately decided to recommend Maureen Brennan to be reappointed to the primary Environmental Justice Representative seat and for Sharon Pinkstaff to be appointed to the alternate seat. The commissioners present felt that James Carro would be better suited to serve as the Environmental Engineering Firm alternate seat. A former student intern had previously been recommended for the alternate seat, however, this committee feels James should be considered for the position so it should be discussed and voted on during the next full commission meeting.

Environmental Justice Representative

Motion: Jamin Pursell

Second: Terry Baldwin

Environmental Justice Representative Alternate:

Motion: Jamin Pursell

Second: Terry Baldwin

5. DISCUSS the September 11th Hazardous Materials Commission public forum and IDENTIFY learnings and process improvements.

The commissioners present discussed the public forum and identified areas of improvement. Commissioner Pursell shared that he felt the date of September 11th combined with events the day before and the forum location may have negatively impacted attendance. The event was held at the county administrative building which has the technological capacity to support the event, but also has a security checkpoint, limited parking, and food and beverages are not allowed in the assembly chambers. The committee felt it would be best to avoid holding future events on holidays or within government buildings. Commissioner Baldwin recommended the union hall on Arnold which has a large capacity, plenty of parking, allows food and beverage, and has the technological capacity to support future forums. The committee felt they did not secure a location far enough in advance which limited their options so this is an area they will improve upon for future events. Different food options were discussed in addition to securing sponsors from associated organizations. The commissioners present discussed different strategies for increasing advertising for future events such as sharing with local school districts (John Sweat weekly announcement for teachers and principals), city newsletters, Mayor's Conference, and encouraging the Board of Supervisors to advertise our events and ideally attend if possible.

6. DISCUSS commission priorities for 2026 and future public forum topics.

The commissioners present discussed what priorities they would like to continue working on in 2026 and what priorities they would like to add. Commissioner Pursell felt that the commission has worked extensively on management of lithium ion batteries and feels it should continue to be a priority, but suggested shifting focus to PFAs and obtaining more information on that topic. He suggested moving battery waste management into the general priorities and pulling PFAS into the Operations Committee priorities. Commissioner Brennan expressed that she feels carbon capture technology is an up and coming issue in this county (Montezuma/Carquinez pipeline) and that hydrogen generation should also continue to be a priority for next year. The commissioners present felt that none of the priorities should be removed as they are all still relevant topics and of importance to this commission. Commissioner Glueck suggested inviting PG&E to come give a presentation on what their power generation for the Bay Area might look like in terms of emerging technology and future plans. Commissioner Brennan suggested looking into the MCE solar farm in Richmond. Commissioner Pursell mentioned a recent Bay Area Air District report on road particulate matter and inquired about recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on this topic and if it is within the commission's scope (material used in asphalt/road maintenance, minimizing impact, runoff prevention). Commissioner Brennan suggested combining bioremediation strategies with PFAs as an Operations Committee priority and inviting Danielle Steele to give a presentation on clean up of heavy metals and PFAs using mushrooms.

7. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.

There were not any announcements made by commissioners.

8. Plan next meeting agenda.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for January 9, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.

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

Full meeting recording can be found here: <https://contra-costa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 26-13

Agenda Date: 1/9/2026

Agenda #: 5.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee

Subject: Commission Priorities for 2026

Presenter: Committee Chair

Information:

Attached to this agenda item are the commission priorities for 2025 and the committees they were assigned to as well as suggested edits for 2026 priorities.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

DISCUSS commission priorities for 2026 and potential guest speakers.

2025 HMC Priorities for Consideration

General Priorities

- Brownfield development-cleanup standards/reuses ; Emerging remediation technology e.g., in situ phytoremediation, bugs/bioremediation, albino redwoods, mycelium (mushrooms)
- Soil/water contamination – unhoused population impacts – signage for hazardous/carcinogenic/radioactive sites
- Carbon capture technologies/ carbon sequestration
- Concerns from increased electrification – byproducts, EV,
- PFAS/Forever chemical treatments (contact EPA)
- Thermographic ink used for receipts – carcinogenic concerns – raise public awareness AB134? Banning in CA

Assigned to Operations Committee

- Hazardous Materials transportation corridors. E.g., Railroads, impacts from Sea Level Rise DCD working on this as well)
- Battery waste management, recycling ; Promote sodium batteries vs lithium batteries ; emergency response/chemicals used for fires (contact EPA ; Con Fire)
- Hydrogen generation

Assigned to Planning & Policy Committee

- Monitor general plan (continue)
- CWS notification
- Aviation fuel changes (2031) (Richmond company “twelve” jet fuel from CO2)

Suggestions from November OPS meeting:

- Move battery waste management from OPS priorities to general priorities
- Move PFAs to OPS priorities and include bioremediation technologies
- Add public forum to general priorities
- Add PG&E power generation changes + future plans
- Add MCE solar farm in Richmond
- Edit AB134 -> AB1347

Suggestions from November P&P meeting:

- General Plan completed, remove from priorities. Receive presentation on plan from Will Nelson of DCD
- Add bill analysis/legislative packets
- CWS + system and tech
- Add track merger of hazmat to confire to P&P priorities
- Consider atrazine (herbicide - check with county AG)



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1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 26-14

Agenda Date: 1/9/2026

Agenda #: 7.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee

Subject: Hazardous Materials Commission Bylaws Review

Presenter: Committee Chair

Information:

Attached to this agenda item are the Hazardous Materials Commission bylaws as approved by the Board of Supervisors effective July 14, 2020.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

REVIEW the Hazardous Materials Commission bylaws and identify aspects that need clarification.

**AMENDED BYLAWS OF THE
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMISSION**

These Amended Bylaws of the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission (“Bylaws”) shall be effective upon approval of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on July 14, 2020, and supersede and replace all previous bylaws.

I. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25135.2, the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission (“Commission”) shall:
1. Advise the County Board of Supervisors, County staff, and the mayors, council members, and staffs of the cities within the county, on issues related to the development, approval, and administration of the county hazardous waste management plan.
 2. Hold informal public meetings and workshops to provide the public with information, and to receive comments, during the preparation of the county Hazardous Waste Management Plan.
- B. Pursuant to Board of Supervisors Order dated October 14, 1986, the Commission is charged with the following tasks:
1. Draft a County Hazardous Materials Storage and Transportation Plan for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.
 2. Draft a County Hazardous Materials Storage and Transportation Management Ordinance for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.
 3. Coordinate the implementation of the Hazardous Materials Release Response Plan and Inventory program (AB 2185) (Stats. 1985, ch.1184) with the other recommendations of the Hazardous Waste Task Force and the Hazardous Waste Management Plan.
 4. Address the economic effects of implementing these recommendations.
 5. Further develop the recommendations involving hazardous materials issues which should include obtaining broad public input.
 6. Oversee management coordination of all aspects of the storage or transportation of hazardous materials and the generation, storage, transportation, treatment, and

disposal of hazardous waste.

7. Recommend further charges for consideration by the Board of Supervisors, or recommend changes in the existing charges to the Commission for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.
- C. Report and make recommendations on such further matters concerning hazardous materials and wastes as are referred to the Commission by the Board of Supervisors.

II. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Members. The Commission shall consist of the following fourteen (14) members, each with an appointed alternate, and appointed as follows:

Three (3) representatives of cities, appointed by the City Selection Committee pursuant to Article 11 (§ 50270 et seq.) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title 5 of the Government Code;

Three (3) representatives of business, nominated as indicated below, screened by the Internal Operations Committee, and appointed by the Board of Supervisors;

- Business Seat #1 - to be nominated by the West County Council of Industries.
- Business Seat #2 - to be nominated by the Industrial Association.
- Business Seat #3 - to be nominated by the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association.

Two (2) representatives of environmental organizations, with all applicants to any of the two "Environmental Organization" seats to be nominated by an environmental organization, but that no particular environmental organization will have an exclusive right to nominate an individual to any one of the two aforesaid seats or their alternates, and therefore, which environmental organizations are represented on the Hazardous Materials Commission rests with the Internal Operations Committee and ultimately the Board of Supervisors;

One (1) environmental justice representative, being a layperson from a community that is highly impacted and burdened by hazardous material facilities and releases, who will be able to represent community interests, screened by the Internal Operations Committee, and appointed by the Board of Supervisors;

One (1) representative of the League of Women Voters, nominated by the League and appointed by the Board of Supervisors;

Two (2) labor representatives, nominated by labor organizations, screened by the Internal Operations Committee, and appointed by the Board of Supervisors;

One (1) representative of environmental engineering firms located in Contra Costa County, nominated by such firms, screened by the Internal Operations Committee, and appointed by the Board of Supervisors; and

One (1) representative of the general public, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

- B. Board Appointments. Board of Supervisors' Resolution No. 2020/1 shall govern the procedure for nominating and appointing members appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
- C. Terms. Members shall serve staggered terms of four years at the pleasure of the appointing authority. There is no limit to the number of terms a member may serve. The Commission shall determine how the terms shall be staggered.

If a Commissioner, or their alternate attending in their place, misses more than half of the full Commission meetings held in the final year of their term, the Commission shall recommend to the Board of Supervisors against reappointment for another term.

- D. Alternates. Organizations nominating or appointing members to serve on the Commission may designate alternates to members of the Commission by submitting the name of the alternate to the County Administrator. If the Board of Supervisors is the appointing authority, the County Administrator shall seek Board approval of the appointment, which becomes effective upon Board approval.

III. OFFICERS

- A. The Commission shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson for terms of one calendar year.
- B. The Clerk of the Board shall be notified of the selection of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
- C. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson may serve consecutive terms.

IV. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- A. Meetings. Meetings shall be conducted pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act. (Gov. Code, § 54950 et seq.)
- B. Chairperson. The Chairperson shall be responsible for:
 - 1. Conducting all meetings of the Commission
 - 2. Reviewing and approving Commission agendas.
 - 3. Selecting Commission members for standing and ad hoc committees.
 - 4. Representing the Commission, or designating a member to represent the

Commission, before the Board of Supervisors, City Councils, or other bodies before which the Commission may wish to appear.

- C. Quorum. Business shall be conducted by the Commission only when a quorum is present. A majority of authorized seats shall constitute a quorum.
- D. Final recommendations of the Commission to the Board of Supervisors shall require the number of affirmative votes equal to the quorum of the Commission on the date of the vote.

V. BYLAWS AND OTHER GUIDELINES

- A. Bylaws. These Bylaws shall govern the conduct and activities of the Commission. However, nothing in these Bylaws excuses compliance with any other law. The Commission may, from time to time, recommend to the Board of Supervisors that changes be made to these Bylaws.

VI. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A. General Board Policy. The Board of Supervisors has adopted a policy for Board appointees concerning conflicts of interest. The policy is set forth in Resolution No. 2002/376, which applies to the Commission and requires as follows:
 - 1. Statutes on Conflicts. Officials, Commissioners, and Committee members appointed by the Board shall adhere to the principles and rules of the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Gov. Code, § 81000 et seq.), including the following:
 - (a) Local government should serve the needs and respond to the wishes of all citizens equally, without regard to their wealth. (Gov. Code, § 81001 (a).)
 - (b) Public officials should perform their duties in an impartial manner, free from bias caused by financial interests of themselves or their supporters. (Gov. Code, § 81001 (b).)
 - (c) Public officials should disclose assets and income which may be materially affected by their official actions, and in appropriate circumstances they should be disqualified from acting, in order to avoid conflicts of interest. (Gov. Code, § 81002 (c).)
 - 2. Common Law Policy on Conflicts. All officials should so conduct the public business as to avoid even any appearance of conflict of interest. (See, e.g., Kimura v. Roberts [1979] 89 Cal.App.3d 871.)

- B. Board Policy for Hazardous Materials Commission. Consistent with Resolution No. 2002/376 and Health and Safety Code section 25135.2, the Board hereby declares, as a matter of legislative determination, that members of the Hazardous Materials Commission are intended to represent and further the interest of specified industries and groups responsible for their nomination. Accordingly, the Board of Supervisors hereby finds that for purposes of members of the Commission nominated by a trade, industrial or professional group, such trade, industrial or professional group constitutes a significant segment of the public within the meaning of Government Code section 87103.

By this policy, the Board does not find or imply that members of the Hazardous Materials Commission are public officials within the meaning of Government Code section 87100 (Political Reform Act). This declaration of policy is only to clarify the application of the Board's general policy on conflict of interest to the Hazardous Materials Commission.

