



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Hazardous Materials Commission

Friday, May 9, 2025

10:00 AM

777 Arnold Dr., Martinez, CA 94553 -

Paramount Room

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Operations Committee

Chair: Marielle Boortz

Vice Chair: Jamin Pursell

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 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: Fred Glueck, Marielle Boortz, Louis Flores, Maureen Brennan, Jamin Pursell

Commissioners Present Online: Madeline Kronenberg

Staff Present: Adam Springer

2. CONSIDER approval of the April 11, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes.

The commissioners present voted to approve the April 11, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes.

Motion: Fred Glueck

Second: Maureen Brennan

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.

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4. DISCUSS the Hazardous Materials Commission 2025 Priorities assigned to the Operations Committee and DISCUSS potential guest speakers.

The commissioners requested any new data on hazardous materials transportation with the county or any new data projections about sea level rise.

Commissioner Glueck arranged a guest speaker, Aaron Winer, for June to discuss sea level rise, wetland management programs, all-season programs.

The commission will have another guest speaker, Cheryl Sudduth of West County Waste Water, in July or August.

Commissioner Brennan expressed interest in hydrogen generation and transportation (hydrogen ferry retired due to lack of access to fuel) The commission wants to better understand the barriers to utilizing hydrogen (distribution facility, permits, transport, safety requirements, storage) Considered inviting Supervisor John Gioia to discuss hydrogen generation and the county's plans for implementing.

The presentation from CCFPD on battery fires had a strong impact and the commission wants to get the word out about it through their September public forum and posting it on the HMC webpage. The commission would like more information on battery manufacturing (Moxion) and on battery recycling.

5. DISCUSS the logistics of holding a public forum and continue developing a plan of action.

The Assembly Chamber has been booked at the County Administration building for the public forum for September 11th, an additional room has been booked for table displays and interaction with the public.

The commissioners discussed having a reception period from 3:30-4:00 to allow time for guests to arrive and look over the display tables, 5 minute introduction from staff, presentations from 4:05-5:15, Q&A from 5:15-5:30 and spend the remaining time mingling and viewing the display tables.

A minimum of eight commission members are needed to support the forum before staff finalizes guest speakers - establish roles for each member.

Panelists: 10-12 minutes per speaker - explain regulatory roles for CWS, Con Fire, "day in the life" CC Hazardous Materials Programs emergency response, Central San household waste disposal (do's and don'ts), Bay Area Air Quality District. Need to limit number of panelists for sake of time - prioritize information that is most useful to average citizen

Q&A will be done by submitting index cards with questions for the panelists, must limit time spent on this.

Print itinerary and provide sign in sheet upon entering.

Look into options for providing food/beverages - commissioner sign up

6. DISCUSS contaminated soil testing, remediation, and management.
<https://www.cbecal.org/>

Commissioner Flores connected with someone from Community for a Better Environment to get more information on the work they do - will share with the full commission. He also found an article in the LA Times regarding the lack of soil testing being done after the fires. Commissioners expressed concerns around the potential for hazardous materials (soil) to be dumped with municipal waste - upcoming presentation from DTSC to learn more.

7. DISCUSS strategies for increasing public awareness and safety around lithium ion battery products.

The video recording of the presentation from CCFPD on lithium ion battery fires is posted online and available through the Commission's webpage. This topic will also be covered at the public forum to better inform the public.

8. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 13, 2025.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM.

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