



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

AGENDA

Hazardous Materials Commission

Friday, May 9, 2025

10:00 AM

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

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

Call-in: 1 (646) 900-6833

Access Code: 940 2748 5383

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 April 11, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes. [25-1669](#)
Attachments: [HMC OPS April 11 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).

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4. DISCUSS the Hazardous Materials Commission 2025 Priorities assigned to the Operations Committee and DISCUSS potential guest speakers. [25-1670](#)
Attachments: [2025 HMC Priorities](#)
5. DISCUSS the logistics of holding a public forum and continue developing a plan of action.
6. DISCUSS contaminated soil testing, remediation, and management.
<https://www.cbecal.org/>
7. DISCUSS strategies for increasing public awareness and safety around lithium ion battery products.

8. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.

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

Adjourn

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1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-1669

Agenda Date: 5/9/2025

Agenda #: 2.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission

Subject: April 11, 2025 Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Operations Committee Chairs

Information: Attached to this agenda item is the draft meeting minutes for the April 11, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s): CONSIDER approval of the April 11, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes.



Meeting Minutes - Draft

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The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM.

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1. Roll Call and Introductions

Commissioners Present: Marielle Boortz, Maureen Brennan, Jamin Pursell, Fred Glueck, Louis Flores, Tim Bancroft

Commissioners Online: Madeline Kronenberg

Staff Present: Adam Springer

Public Present: Cheryl Sudduth

2. The commissioners present voted to approve the February 14, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes.

Motion: Fred Glueck

Second: Jamin Pursell

3. The commissioners present voted to approve the March 14, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes with revisions.

Motion: Jamin Pursell

Second: Maureen Brennan

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

Commissioner Flores and Brennan shared their experience while attending an event for Communities for a Better Environment (Richmond) for soil testing as members of the public. The public was able to bring soil samples to be tested and learn about different materials found in their soil (cadmium, mercury, cobalt, etc.) as well as the pH levels. They stated that this technology could be very useful. Most people had low testing numbers in their soil and they felt that knowing could be a great confidence builder for the public, specifically those in close proximity to refineries.

5. The Hazardous Materials Programs did not have any new updates on current hydrogen projects. Commissioner Glueck - renewable hydrogen project in Richmond (Raven Project) still in motion with permitting

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6. The commissioners present discussed the Hazardous Materials Commission 2025 Priorities assigned to the Operations Committee and discussed potential guest speakers.

Key points:

Transportation corridors - suggested someone from Richmond, "Pathway to Clean Air" SB 6.17, specific suggestions about corridors (sea level rise); any new data on hazardous materials transported throughout the county? (railroads, roads, etc.); any new data/projections about the amount of sea level rise or remediation strategies?; potential guest speaker Anita Hill from Cal - sea level rise & ground water intrusion (Zeneca site); presentation from Cheryl Sudduth West County wastewater - PPIC

Batteries - new fire code being worked on to address increased risks around EV and other lithium battery products (est July 2026); sodium batteries have a long way to go, extremely volatile when wet; CCCFPD battery fire presentation should be added to HMC webpage and referenced in the public forum - no regulation for manufacturers or retailers distributing batteries - raise public awareness

7. The commissioners present discussed the logistics of holding a public forum and continued developing a plan of action.

Key points:

Working on securing a location for the September 11, 2025 public forum (concerns around limited parking spaces); working on coordinating CCTV; considered budget & ability to print resources (100 copies), provide food/beverages (\$500), QR code options, "hands on" demonstration options to maintain engagement (hazmat emergency response equipment display), table displays (different fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, testing kits); various panelists discuss their roles for about 30 minutes, 20 minute Q&A (submit question on index cards), remaining time will be spent mingling & viewing tables/resources; suggest student interns advertise the forum to their schools; have panelists/agencies bring outreach materials;

8. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.

Commissioner Flores shared information regarding an upcoming air monitoring workshop in Pittsburg on April 15th and a clean up on Marsh Creek.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 AM.

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1025 ESCOBAR STREET
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Staff Report

File #: 25-1670

Agenda Date: 5/9/2025

Agenda #: 4.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee

Subject: Operations Committee Priorities for 2025

Presenter: Operations Committee Chairs

Information: Attached to this agenda item are the Hazardous Materials Commission priorities for 2025 and the priorities assigned to each committee.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s): DISCUSS the Hazardous Materials Commission 2025 Priorities assigned to the Operations Committee and DISCUSS 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 – unhooded 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)