



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Hazardous Materials Commission

Thursday, September 25, 2025

4:00 PM

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

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93502466349>

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Meeting ID: 935 0246 6349

Chair: Mark Hughes

Vice Chair: Fred Glueck

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM.

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, Mark Hughes, Drew Graham, Maureen Brennan, Jamin Pursell, Lou Flores, Lisa Martell, Jim Payne, Marielle Boortz

Commissioners Present Online: Madeline Kronenberg

Staff Present: Karine Abramians, Nicole Heath, Breanna Lingenfelter

Public Present: Jennifer Quallick

2. CONSIDER approval of the August 28, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission meeting minutes.

The commissioners present unanimously voted to approve the August 28, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission meeting minutes.

Motion: Jim Payne

Second: Marielle Boortz

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. RECEIVE a report from the Planning and Policy Committee.

The Planning and Policy Committee discussed SB 684 & AB 1243 and noted that the bills had been sent back to revise the language and are expected to be proposed again in 2026. Some committee members felt that the retroactive penalties were a point of contention considering that companies would have been in compliance with the law at that time. Other committee members referenced previous lawsuits that demonstrated companies were aware of the potential harm at the time despite operating within the law. The committee decided to not make a recommendation until the bills have been revised and brought forward again. The committee also discussed a Stanford article on the health impacts of gas stoves in the home. There is current legislation on gas water heaters and furnaces, but gas stoves fall under federal jurisdiction. One committee member noted that the State has decided to place warning labels on gas stoves since they cannot apply regulations. Another stated that cities have previously proposed bans on gas stoves and were met with strong opposition from the restaurant industry. The commission will continue to follow these topics and will discuss them further as additional information becomes available.

5. RECEIVE a report from the Hazardous Materials Programs.

The Hazardous Materials Programs is in the process of recruitment and will begin interviewing over the next two weeks for two vacant Hazardous Materials Specialists positions and one vacant Accidental Release Prevention Engineering position. The Industrial Safety Ordinance/Community Warning System Ad Hoc committee is having a meeting on September 29th from 3-5 PM in which the final report for both the toxicologist and incident investigation root cause analysis of the MRC February 1st fire will be presented to the board.

NEW BUSINESS

6. DISCUSS the public forum that took place on September 11, 2025.

The commission felt that the public forum was a success and that the preparations made the event run very smoothly. They felt that the guest speakers shared a great deal of meaningful information and the variety of topics were well received by the public. The commission felt there were a few contributing factors for the low attendance rate: time and day of the week, location, holiday, political events, and insufficient advertising. The commissioners present gave suggestions for future events such as food/beverages, a raffle, outdoor venue, later start time. Staff will look into how the commission can obtain funds for future events.

7. DISCUSS the expiring terms for Business Seat #2, Environmental Engineering Firm Seat, and Environmental Justice Representative Seat.

Business Seat 2: Mark Hughes and Amy McTigue have been nominated by the Industrial Association to serve another term. Environmental Engineering Firm Seat: Innovex Environmental Management Inc. has nominated Ron Chinn to serve another term and Maile Chinn to serve for her first term. Environmental Justice Representative Seat: Maureen Brennan will apply for another term in this position. The seat opening has been posted and members of the public interested in the position can submit their application online:

<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/3418/Appointed-Bodies-Committees-Commissions>

Fred Glueck will be retiring from his position as Business Seat 1 at the end of this year after serving for over ten years. His alternate Aaron Winer is interested in holding the primary seat, staff will obtain a nomination for the alternate seat from the West County Council of Industries.

8. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.

The Richmond Shoreline Alliance has been launching their videos series to discuss the Zeneca Site in Richmond. They created an animated video series to make the information more digestible for the public. They will be holding an event to discuss this topic further on Friday October 3rd from 3-5 PM.

<https://youtube.com/@richmondshorelinealliance?feature=shared> [youtube.com]

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxCFZPBfNmjs450BxhZZ5dXBmO7ED7bP6qGZF0okCa5isQhA/viewform> [docs.google.com]

9. Plan next meeting agenda.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for October 23, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM.

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