



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

AGENDA

Hazardous Materials Commission

Friday, April 11, 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 February 14, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes. [25-1283](#)
Attachments: [HMC OPS February 14 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)
3. CONSIDER approval of the March 14, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes. [25-1284](#)
Attachments: [HMC OPS March 14 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes](#)
4. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).
5. RECEIVE a report from Hazardous Materials Programs staff on current hydrogen projects.

OLD BUSINESS

6. DISCUSS the Hazardous Materials Commission 2025 Priorities assigned to the Operations Committee and DISCUSS potential guest speakers [25-1285](#)
Attachments: [2025 HMC Priorities](#)
7. DISCUSS the logistics of holding a public forum and continue developing a plan of action.

8. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.

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

Adjourn

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-1283

Agenda Date: 4/11/2025

Agenda #: 2.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee

Subject: February 14, 2025 Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Adam Springer, Hazardous Materials Programs Assistant Director

Information: Attached to this agenda item is the draft meeting minutes for the February 14, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s): CONSIDER approval of the February 14, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes.



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Hazardous Materials Commission

Friday, February 14, 2025

10:00 AM

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Operations Committee

Chair: Marielle Boortz

Vice Chair: Jamin Pursell

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 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: Jamin Pursell, Julian Vinatieri, Fred Glueck, Louis Flores, Maureen Brennan, Madeline Kronenberg

Commissioners Present Online: Tim Bancroft

2. 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.

3. The commissioners present voted to approve the January 10, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes.

Motion: Fred Glueck

Second: Julian Vinatieri

OLD BUSINESS

4. The commissioners present discussed the Hazardous Materials Commission 2025 Priorities assigned to the Operations Committee.
Assigned priorities: hazardous materials transportation corridors, battery waste management/recycling, hydrogen generation
Key notes: Jamin spoke with someone from Lawrence Labs and to Harpreet from Congressman Garamendi's office - they are in the very early stages, potentially lack of funding for new sciences - will follow up. Moss Landing fire - Fred is curious about the intensity of the fire burning - does it vaporize the byproducts of the battery/particulate matter. Sea level rise - reach out to ABAG and DCD. Presentation on batteries/fires (thermal runaway) - Contra Costa Fire Protection District; separate presentation on regulatory/permitting for battery storage facilities. Discussion from Tim regarding his knowledge and experience with battery storage/fires/regulations. Transportation corridors - pipeline safety/inspections presentation from office of state fire marshall

NEW BUSINESS

5. The commissioners present discussed the commissioner terms that will be expiring this year (Environmental Justice Representative)
Key notes: The current terms for the Environmental Justice Seats held by Maureen Brennan and Kevin Ruano Hernandez will expire on 12/31/2025. Commissioner Brennan stated she wanted to reapply for an additional term but does not feel she should have to be interviewed again for her seat. The committee will bring this to the full commission and check the bylaws to confirm if an interview is required for reappointment.
6. Announcements from Hazardous Materials Commissioners on matters of commission interest.

Commissioner Brennan: There is a community meeting in Benicia coming up regarding air toxins and your health.

7. Plan next meeting agenda

The next meeting is currently scheduled for March 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 AM.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-1284

Agenda Date: 4/11/2025

Agenda #: 3.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee

Subject: Operations Committee March 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Adam Springer, Hazardous Materials Programs Assistant Director

Information: Attached to this agenda item is the draft meeting minutes for the March 14, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operation Committee.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s): CONSIDER approval of the March 14, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes.



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Hazardous Materials Commission

Friday, March 14, 2025

10:00 AM

4585 Pacheco Blvd. Suite 100,
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Operations Committee

Chair: Marielle Boortz

Vice Chair: Jamin Pursell

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 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, Maureen Brennan, Tim Bancroft, Louis Flores, Jamin Pursell
Commissioners Present Online: Madeline Kronenberg, Fred Glueck
Staff Present: Adam Springer, Karine Abramians

2. The commissioners requested the February 14, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission meeting minutes to be revised to include a summary of discussions. This agenda item will be tabled until the committees next meeting on April 11, 2025.
3. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

Maureen Brennan made a comment as a member of the public regarding the Martinez Town Hall meeting on the MRC incident. She was unable to make a comment at the meeting, but wanted to state that she felt the MRC incident was a failure on two fronts: Industrial Safety Ordinance/Community Warning System Ad Hoc Committee and air monitoring.

OLD BUSINESS

4. The commissioners present discussed the Hazardous Materials Commission 2025 Priorities assigned to the Operations Committee and also discussed potential guest speakers.
Assigned priorities: hazardous materials transportation corridors, battery waste management/recycling, hydrogen generation
Key points: hydrogen generation used for transportation (bio source vs petroleum source), concerns around "trash to hydrogen" - burning plastics, metals, medical waste, etc., waiting for staff update on current hydrogen projects to decide on most appropriate speaker(s) to invite
Possible guest speakers: Raven SR, H Cycle, Browning Ferris Industries
5. The commissioners present discussed the logistics of holding a public forum and worked on developing a plan of action.
Key points: hold a forum in September (11th?) on a week day from 2-8 PM, record the meeting and offer a hybrid option (CCTV), location: steelworker's meeting hall, post link/recording on county and commission website, sign up/registration, materials/resources available, panelists will represent the commission's priorities for 2025, CWS notification sign up/response, regulatory review and roles, outreach, green business program, hazardous waste disposal,

NEW BUSINESS

6. The commissioners present discussed potential dates to meet with the new member of the Board of Supervisors: Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston, District V.
Key notes: Proposed meeting on a Wednesday or Thursday between 10 AM - 2 PM, will bring to the full commission to finalize dates
7. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest

There were not any announcements from commissioners.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 11, 2025 at 10:00 AM..

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 AM.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-1285

Agenda Date: 4/11/2025

Agenda #: 6.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee

Subject: Operations Committee Priorities for 2025

Presenter: Adam Springer, Hazardous Materials Programs Assistant Director

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)