



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## AGENDA

### Hazardous Materials Commission

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Wednesday, February 18, 2026

4:00 PM

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

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

Meeting ID: 980 3193 6341

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#### Planning and Policy Committee

*Committee Chair: Jim Payne*

*Committee Vice Chair: Eduardo Martinez*

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 19, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Planning and Policy Committee meeting minutes. [26-652](#)  
**Attachments:** [HMC P&P November 19 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 2026 committee chair elections and CONSIDER approving a committee chair and vice chair for 2026.
5. DISCUSS priorities for 2026 and potential guest speakers. [26-653](#)  
**Attachments:** [2026 HMC Priorities](#)
6. DISCUSS AB 1243 and SB 684 and CONSIDER drafting a resolution. [26-654](#)  
<https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB1243/id/3136931>  
<https://legiscan.com/CA/text/SB684/id/3137202>  
**Attachments:** [SF Resolution - SB 684](#)  
[LA Resolution - SB 684](#)
7. DISCUSS any upcoming legislative issues.

8. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.
9. Plan next meeting agenda.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 15, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

#### Adjourn

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



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET  
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

## Staff Report

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**File #:** 26-652

**Agenda Date:** 2/18/2026

**Agenda #:** 2.

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Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Planning and Policy Committee

Subject: Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Committee Chair

**Information:**

Attached to this agenda item are the draft meeting minutes from the November 19, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Planning and Policy Committee meeting.

**Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

CONSIDER approval of the November 19, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Planning and Policy Committee meeting minutes.



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Hazardous Materials Commission

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Wednesday, November 19, 2025

4:00 PM

777 Arnold Dr., Martinez, CA 94553 -

Paramount Room

<https://zoom.us/j/99128939868>

Phone: 1 (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 991 2893 9868

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#### Planning & Policy Committee

*Committee Chair: Jim Payne*

*Committee Vice Chair: Eduardo Martinez*

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 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: Nick Plurkowski, Soheila Bana, Mark Hughes, Drew Graham, Lisa Martell

Public Present: Maureen Brennan, George Carter, Kathryn Grace

Staff Present: Adam Springer

2. CONSIDER approval of the September 17, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Planning and Policy Committee meeting minutes.

The commissioners present voted to approve the September 17, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Planning and Policy Committee meeting minutes.

Motion: Soheila Bana

Second: Nick Plurkowski

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 public comment urging the Planning and Policy Committee to draft a resolution in support of the AB 1243 and SB 684 to hopefully be signed by the Board of Supervisors. She had previously presented these bills to the committee in September, but the committee's understanding then was that the bills had been shelved so no further action was taken. Maureen stated that the bills were not shelved and that organizers in support want to continue to move it forward. She provided copies of resolutions from Los Angeles county and San Francisco in September and is happy to provide them again for the committee to use as a template; stating that 19 new communities throughout the state have come forward with similar resolutions.

Kathryn Grace made a public comment stating that she was also here in support of AB 1243 and SB 684. She stated that these bills are currently stalled in committee in their respective houses. She feels these bills are very important citing that they would create a statewide climate superfund that would aid communities like ours in recovery from climate disasters such as wildfires and floods. She also stated that it would fund climate-resilient infrastructure to protect vulnerable areas from future climate impacts and that they would support frontline communities by providing resources for those who are most affected by climate change. She urged the committee that these bills are not dead and offered to share resources with the committee.

**4. DISCUSS Hazardous Materials Commission Priorities for 2026.**

The commissioners present reviewed the priorities for 2025 and discussed priorities for 2026. Monitoring the general plan has been a standing item for the Planning and Policy Committee, but will remove it from their priorities for 2026 considering that the updated plan has been adopted and will most likely not be revised for another 15 years. The committee would like to receive a presentation on the updates to the general plan from Will Nelson from DCD. Commissioner Graham felt that any legislation being considered and brought in front of the assembly should be a priority of this committee. Staff had previously shared a legislative packet from the CUPA forum board and has also requested a legislative packet from the county as well. The Planning and Policy Committee would like to continue monitoring the Community Warning System (CWS) in addition to any changes to its system and technology. This committee would also like to add tracking the merger of the hazardous materials programs to ConFIRE to its priorities for 2026; staff will work to get a presentation on this for early 2026. Commissioner Martell suggested considering the problems associated with increased electrification like the impacts from the introduction of AI data centers in the county. Commissioner Bana suggested looking into the use of atrazine, an herbicide, and recommending that it be banned in the county; staff will check with the county's agriculture department for more information.

**5. DISCUSS the 2026 committee chair elections**

The commissioners present discussed the 2026 committee chair elections. Committee chair elections typically take place at the start of each year so this committee will revisit this item in 2026.

**6. DISCUSS the current regulations around backup batteries for 5G towers.**

The commissioners present discussed the current regulations around back up batteries for 5g towers. Staff shared some background information regarding the permitting process and what the permits entail: anyone working on it must be properly trained, there must be safety equipment on site, must be contained and not leaking. Its location is more of a community Right to Know Act component rather than for emergency response; however, emergency responders would be aware of it if responding to an event in its proximity. The commissioners present reviewed the attached documents regarding the regulation guidelines in place for the county. Staff noted that most of the questions and concerns from commissioners are in regard to the safety measures for storing and building, rather than how the county regulates it once it has been built. Staff suggested receiving a presentation from someone representing fire or building codes to better understand their regulations.

7. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.

Commissioner Rubio initiated the formation of a Sustainability Advisory Committee in San Ramon and they have since revamped their Climate Action Plan.

Commissioner Plurkowski expressed concerns after a recent meeting with CalOSHA and the county, noting that CalOSHA has the ability to issue citations and enforce compliance, but is concerned about how the county can enforce compliance when it does not penalize. Staff provided background information sharing that the Accidental Release Prevention Program currently does not receive fines, but the county is in the process of revising their administrative enforcement order.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for January 21, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

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

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



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## Staff Report

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**File #:** 26-653

**Agenda Date:** 2/18/2026

**Agenda #:** 5.

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Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Planning and Policy Committee

Subject: 2026 Priorities and Guest Speakers

Presenter: Committee Chair

**Information:**

Attached to this agenda item are the 2026 Hazardous Materials Commission Priorities and the committees they have been assigned to.

**Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

DISCUSS priorities for 2026 and potential guest speakers.

## 2026 HMC Priorities for Consideration

### General Commission Priorities

- Brownfield development-cleanup standards/reuses ; Emerging remediation technology e.g., in situ phytoremediation, bugs/bioremediation, albino redwoods, mycelium (mushrooms)
- Concerns from increased electrification – byproducts, EV,
- Battery waste management, recycling; sodium batteries vs lithium batteries;
- Impacts from Sea Level Rise
  - Hazardous Materials transportation corridors. E.g., Railroads,
  - Soil/water contamination
  - Presentation from DOT
- Public Forum – tentative September 2026

### Assigned to Operations Committee

- PFAS/Forever chemical treatments (contact EPA); AI data center impacts
  - treatment tech/remediation; mycoremediation vs mycelium
  - emergency response/chemicals used for battery fires
- Hydrogen generation
- Carbon capture technologies/ carbon sequestration
- PG&E power generation changes + future plans
- MCE solar farm in Richmond

### Assigned to Planning & Policy Committee

- CWS notification including system and technology
- Aviation fuel changes (2031) (Richmond company “twelve” jet fuel from CO2)
- Receive presentation on plan from Will Nelson of DCD regarding the completed General Plan
- Bill analysis & legislative packets
- Track merger of HazMat programs to CONFIRE



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## Staff Report

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**File #:** 26-654

**Agenda Date:** 2/18/2026

**Agenda #:** 6.

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Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Planning and Policy Committee

Subject: AB 1243 and SB 684

Presenter: Committee Chair

**Information:**

Attached to this agenda item are resolutions from Los Angeles and San Francisco in support of SB 684 for reference. Links to these bills are included below.

**Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

DISCUSS AB 1243 and SB 684 and CONSIDER drafting a resolution.

<https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB1243/id/3136931>

<https://legiscan.com/CA/text/SB684/id/3137202>

Re: SB 684



City and County of San Francisco  
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Resolution

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

File Number: 250364

Date Passed: April 15, 2025

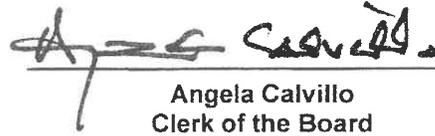
Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 684, introduced by Senator Caroline Menjivar, and Assembly Bill No. 1243, introduced by Assembly Member Dawn Addis, to address the climate crisis in California by shifting the burden of increased taxpayer costs away from California residents and small businesses to fossil fuel companies that have created the climate crisis.

April 15, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

File No. 250364

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/15/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

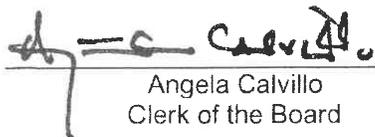
Unsigned

4/25/2025

Daniel Lurie  
Mayor

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

4/25/2025

Date

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 684 (Menjivar; Allen, Gonzalez, Stern, Wiener)  
2 and Assembly Bill No. 1243 (Addis; Garcia, Kalra, Haney) - The Polluters Pay Climate  
3 Superfund Act]

4 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 684, introduced by Senator**  
5 **Caroline Menjivar, and Assembly Bill No. 1243, introduced by Assembly Member Dawn**  
6 **Addis, to address the climate crisis in California by shifting the burden of increased**  
7 **taxpayer costs away from California residents and small businesses to fossil fuel**  
8 **companies that have created the climate crisis.**

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10 WHEREAS, Climate change is increasing the frequency and severity of climate disasters  
11 across California, including devastating wildfires, extreme heat events, floods, hurricane-force  
12 winds, droughts, mud slides, and sea level rise; and

13 WHEREAS, The 2025 Palisades and Eaton fires in Los Angeles alone caused over \$250  
14 billion in damages, burning 58.5 square miles of land and destroying 16,200 structures,  
15 resulting in the displacement of tens of thousands of families; and

16 WHEREAS, A series of atmospheric rivers that impacted Northern California in 2024  
17 caused \$4.5 billion in damages; and

18 WHEREAS, Major fossil fuel companies have emitted billions of tons of climate  
19 warming gasses while generating billions of dollars in profits from products they knew were  
20 driving the climate crisis and climate-related catastrophes; and

21 WHEREAS, California has a long and successful history of holding industries  
22 accountable for the harm of their operations and the impacts of their products through  
23 Extended Producer Responsibility laws, litigation, and other means; and

24 WHEREAS, The Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act addresses the financial injustices  
25 imposed on taxpayers and working families from climate-related disasters by requiring fossil

1 fuel polluters to offset the costs imposed on the taxpayer for the damage caused and  
2 enhanced by their products; and

3 WHEREAS, The Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act will ensure polluters pay to  
4 remedy at least some portion of the burdens they have imposed on Californians, all while  
5 amassing exorbitant profits; and

6 WHEREAS, The Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act is modeled on the federal  
7 Superfund law (CERCLA) and California's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act; and

8 WHEREAS, The bill is distinct from, complementary to, and does not affect ongoing  
9 lawsuits to hold Big Oil accountable for their decades of deception and denial regarding the  
10 known, dire risks their products pose; and

11 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 684 and Assembly Bill No. 1243 are sponsored by a broad  
12 array of state legislators, consumer advocates, environmental organizations, and unions,  
13 including the Center for Biological Diversity, California Environmental Voters, Physicians for  
14 Social Responsibility, California Federation of Teachers, and the California Nurses  
15 Association; and

16 WHEREAS, With the passage of Senate Bill No. 684 and Assembly Bill No. 1243,  
17 California would join Vermont and New York, the first states to pass climate superfund laws  
18 last year; now therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
20 supports Senate Bill No. 684 and Assembly Bill No. 1243; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges our local delegation  
22 representing San Francisco in the State Legislature to support SB 684/AB 1243 and further  
23 urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to sign Senate Bill No.  
24 684 and Assembly Bill No. 1243 into law; and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, President pro-Tempore Mike McGuire, Speaker of the State Assembly Robert Rivas, and the offices of San Francisco's State delegation.

Re: SB 684

Superfund Act of 2025

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, climate change has presented a number of reoccurring issues for the City of Los Angeles, and the State of California as a whole, such as increasing the likelihood of fire weather conditions by intensifying drought and drying vegetation, along with increased risk of other natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, across the state, local governments and taxpayers are bearing immense and mounting costs of rebuilding from damage caused by climate change, increased insurance premiums, property taxes, and utility bills. State and local budgets are impacted as climate risks rise, jeopardizing public services, and forcing communities to carry the burden to address climate-related emergencies; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before both houses of the State Legislature, are two companion bills, Assembly Bill 1243 (Addis) and Senate Bill 684 (Menjivar), which seek to create the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025 (Act); and

WHEREAS, the bills would establish the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Program (Program) to be administered by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and require the largest fossil fuel polluters to pay for environmental and health damages suffered by Californians as a result of their emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Act will direct CalEPA to complete a climate cost study to quantify total damages to the state (through 2045), caused by past fossil fuel emissions, and to identify responsible parties and assess compensatory fees on the largest fossil fuel polluters proportional to their fossil fuel emissions from 1990 through 2024, to address damages quantified in the cost study, and directs that fees collected will fund projects and programs to mitigate disaster-related rate increases for Californians and remedy or prevent climate-related costs and harms; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Act advances California's commitment to equity and environmental justice by directing at least 40% of funds from the Program to go to disadvantaged communities. The funds will support urgently-needed projects such as implementing wildfire prevention measures like home hardening, upgrading stormwater management systems to prevent flooding, and installing solar panels and energy storage systems to reduce energy costs and increase resilience during power outages. Additionally, these funds

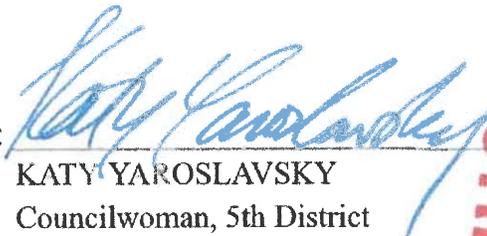


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could help develop urban green spaces to mitigate heat islands and improve air quality. It could fund programs to support first responders and additional workers who provide essential services during climate disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025 because it proposes to shift the burden of paying for the high costs of climate change recovery from California taxpayers to the businesses that have profited off the fossil fuel industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 State Legislative Program support for both AB 1243 (Addis) and SB 684 (Menjivar), the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025, which would establish a framework for fossil fuel polluters to pay their fair share of the costs of climate damages, adaptation, and mitigation.

PRESENTED BY:   
KATY YAROSLAVSKY  
Councilwoman, 5th District

SECONDED BY: 

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