



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

AGENDA

Hazardous Materials Commission

Friday, October 10, 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 - CANCELED

Next meeting scheduled for November 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

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 August 8, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes. [25-4231](#)
Attachments: [HMC OPS August 8 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 the September 11th Hazardous Materials Commission public forum and IDENTIFY learnings and process improvements.
5. PREPARE for commissioner candidate interviews - logistics, interview questions, schedule [25-4232](#)
Attachments: [HMC Interview Questions](#)
6. DISCUSS commission study topics and priorities for 2026. [25-4233](#)
Attachments: [2025 HMC Priorities](#)
7. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.

8. Plan next meeting agenda.

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

Adjourn

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1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-4231

Agenda Date: 10/10/2025

Agenda #: 2.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee

Subject: Approval of August 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Committee Chair

Information:

Attached to this agenda item are the draft meeting minutes from the August 8, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

CONSIDER approval of the August 8, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes.



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Hazardous Materials Commission

Friday, August 8, 2025

10:00 AM

1025 Escobar St. Martinez, CA 94553

Room: Assembly Chambers

<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

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 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, Lou Flores, Fred Glueck, Aaron Winer

Commissioners Present Online: Madeline Kronenberg

Staff Present: Adam Springer

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

The commissioners present voted to approve the July 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.

OLD BUSINESS

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

The commissioners present reviewed the attached forum planning document and worked to finalized all details for the September 11th event. Staff will meet with the county administrative building tech staff to perform a dry run before the event to ensure all technical issues have been resolved. The committee suggests that the Operations Ad Hoc Committee attends this dry run meeting. The Operations Ad Hoc Committee will also meet again before the forum to finalize all assigned roles for the day of the event. Staff will send an email requesting commissioners to sign up for designated roles and these roles will be finalized at the full commission meeting on August 28th. The forum will be agendized and published on Legistar with all guest speaker presentations included. The commissioners present reviewed the layout of the Assembly Chambers and planned the seating layout for staff and commissioners. The Q&A aspect of the forum was reviewed and the possibility of allowing online attendees to submit questions was considered. Staff will log in to the Zoom meeting in the tabling area so that the presentations can be viewed from the either the conference rooms or the chambers. The role of the Ombudsperson was discussed with concerns expressed regarding who the public should contact in the event of hazardous releases. If hazards such as flaring or odors are observed the public should report this to emergency services by calling 911. The appropriate agencies will be contacted such as the Bay Area Air District or the Hazardous Materials response team. The Ombudsperson should be contacted to express concerns regarding public health impacts so that they can facilitate a resolution between the responding agencies and the public. You can also file an odor complaint at the Air District's website.

5. Review the Hazardous Materials Commission webpage and recommend any needed updates.

<https://www.cchealth.org/about-contra-costa-health/leadership/commissions-advisory-groups/hazardous-materials-commission>

The commissioners present reviewed their webpage and requested that the recording of the presentation on lithium ion battery fire safety from Con Fire be made accessible from there. Staff confirmed that a link to the AIA pipeline safety website has been added under the resources tab, the annual reports are now up to date, and Michael Kent has been removed as the contact person on the commission roster. The committee requested their recommendations to be updated with dates and sorted in chronological order. The hyperlink for hazardous waste incorrectly directs to the county's medical waste webpage, staff will have this corrected to link to household hazardous waste.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Operations Committee members will step out of the Assembly Chambers to inspect Conference Rooms 110ABC to plan the table set up for the public forum. The Committee members will report back to the Zoom meeting to provide an update on their discussion and plans.

The conference rooms were occupied during this meeting so the planned layout was discussed along with the forum planning document during agenda item #4.

7. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.

There were not any announcements made by commissioners.

8. Plan next meeting agenda.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for September 12, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

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1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-4232

Agenda Date: 10/10/2025

Agenda #: 5.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Operation Committee

Subject: Commissioner Candidate Interview Preparation

Presenter: Committee Chair

Information:

Attached to this agenda item are the interview questions for commissioner candidates for the committee to review and revise as needed.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

PREPARE for commissioner candidate interviews - logistics, interview questions, schedule

Name _____

Date _____

Question	Comments	Score (1 – 5)
1. Why do you want to join the Commission and why would you be a good choice?		
2. What special skills do you bring to the Commission? Where do you see yourself fitting into the overall composition of the Commission?		
3. Have you worked on hazardous materials issue before? On other public policy issues? Please tell us about that experience.		
4. One of the criteria for this seat is that you have an awareness of, and an interest in, the principles of Environmental Justice as defined in County Policy. Please discuss an Environmental Justice issue you are aware of in your community.		
5. The Commission is consensus-oriented. What is your experience with groups in which there are diverse opinions? How have you handled situations where others' views are different from your own?		
6. What issues would you like to see the Commission work on in the coming year or two?		
7. Can you attend the monthly Commission meeting and one monthly committee meeting in -person when needed?		
Total		



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Staff Report

File #: 25-4233

Agenda Date: 10/10/2025

Agenda #: 6.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee

Subject: Study Topics and Priorities for 2026

Presenter: Committee Chair

Information:

Attached to this agenda item are the commission priorities as assigned to each committee for 2025 for reference.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

DISCUSS commission study topics and priorities for 2026.

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 – unhoused 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)