



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Hazardous Materials Commission

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Thursday, March 27, 2025

4:00 PM

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

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

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**Chair: Mark Hughes**

**Vice Chair: Fred Glueck**

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: Fred Glueck, Mark Hughes, Andrew Graham, Eduardo Martinez, Ronald Chinn, Maureen Brennan, Jamin Pursell, Louis Flores, Tim Bancroft, Jim Payne

Public Present: Shoshana Wechsler, Alexander Gomez (HMC student intern), Cody Clem (CCCFPD)

Staff Present: Breanna Lingenfelter, Karine Abramians

2. The commissioners present voted to approve the February 27, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission meeting minutes.

Motion: Jim Payne

Second: Eduardo Martinez

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

Commissioner Brennan made a comment as a member of the public: foul smells noticed by the public in Rodeo and Richmond - curious to what extent the county is investigating this. Concerns around accessibility to our new ombudsman and the capacity of their involvement

4. The commissioners present received a report from Karine Abramians, Hazardous Materials Programs.  
Key points:  
November 19, 2023 Marathon fire - dedicated webpage for this incident <https://together.cchealth.org/marathon-hazmat> - anticipate having draft report of safety culture management systems evaluation in early May.  
February 1, 2025 MRC fire - staff will remain on site overseeing compliance until reopening later this year  
<https://www.cchealth.org/health-and-safety-information/hazmat-programs/martinez-refining-company-oversight/mrc-2025-fire>
5. The commissioners present received a report from the Operations Committee.  
Key points:  
Developing a plan for holding a public forum in September - discussion of topics, guest speakers, structure of event, responses to hazardous incidents, programs and resources for the public  
Discussed 2025 priorities assigned to this committee - resources to gain better understanding and potential guest speakers  
Tour of the Hazardous Materials Programs building - technology used and procedures followed

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

6. The commissioners present received a presentation on lithium-ion battery emergencies from Contra Costa County Fire Protection District's Captain Paramedic Cody Clem.
7. The commission presented George Smith with his ceremonial resolution from the Board of Supervisors and recognized his twenty years of service on the Hazardous Materials Commission.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

8. The commissioners present discussed the proposed changes to the Petroleum Refinery Process Safety Management Standards Rulemaking.  
<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/Refinery-Process-Safety-Mangement/>  
Key points:  
Exact changes unclear as there was some debate regarding the language used and the subsequent consequences. The commission cannot take a stance until there is a better understanding of what the changes will be - will revisit this topic.
9. The commissioners present discussed student intern research project topics and provided guidance as needed.  
Key points:  
Alexander Gomez is researching cadmium remediation strategies - inquired about how cadmium is used in various industries, byproducts created

- 10. The commissioners present discussed updates to the 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Priorities including scheduling for guest speakers.

Key points:

Will have a presentation on petroleum pipeline inspections during the April commission meeting, presentation from Twelve Co in June, hope to have presentations on PFAS and DTSC-contaminated sites in May or July depending on speaker availability

- 11. Reports from Commissioners on items of Commission interest.
- 12. Plan next meeting agenda

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 24, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

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