



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Hazardous Materials Commission

Thursday, June 26, 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 4:04 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: Marielle Boortz, Drew Graham, Jim Payne, Lisa Martell, Eduardo Martinez, Maureen Brennan, Jamin Pursell, Mark Hughes, Ron Chinn

Commissioners Present Online: Fred Glueck, Madeline Kronenberg

Staff Present: Devra Lewis, Nicole Heath, Breanna Lingenfelter

HMC Interns Present: Alexander Gomez, Aimee Benedict

Public Present: George Carter, Derek Phelps, Ashwin Jadhav, Jan Warren, Carol Mascali, Carolyn Graves, Cheryl Sudduth, Charles Davidson, Shoshanna Wexler, Jenna Mesic

2. CONSIDER approval of the April 24, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission meeting minutes.

The commissioners present voted to approve the April 24, 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).

Charles Davidson made a public comment expressing concerns regarding the proposed transfer of the hazardous materials division from health services to Con Fire and respectfully urged the Board of Supervisors to consider several critical questions. He proposed a dual authority framework that preserves the Health Department's regulatory oversight and community engagement while creating operational integration with Con Fire for emergencies.

4. RECEIVE a report from the Operations Committee.

The Committee devoted their meeting time to two main topics: presentation on a proposed design of a living levee by West County Wastewater District to address possible coastal flooding due to sea level rise and finalizing the logistics for holding a Hazardous Materials Commission Public Forum on September 11, 2025.

5. RECEIVE a report from the Hazardous Materials Programs.

Director of the Hazardous Materials Programs, Nicole Heath, shared a few announcements with the Commission. There are no new incidents to report, but 72 hour and 30 day reports can be found on their website: <https://www.cchealth.org/health-and-safety-information/hazmat-programs/hazmat-incident-response/search-incident-report>

Marathon Refining Company: the county has been working with a third party consultant regarding the November 2023 fire - a safety culture and management systems evaluation is anticipated to be put out for public notice in July.

Martinez Refining Company (MRC) February 1, 2025 fire: toxicologist has presented out to Martinez Oversight Committee and Investigation Consultant. Public comment period and public meeting held in June - toxicologist

report identified that there was no impact to public health.

In their June 24, 2025 meeting, the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to approve the proposal to transition the Hazardous Materials division from the Health Department to the Fire Department, but the effective date has not yet been determined.

NEW BUSINESS

6. RECEIVE a presentation from Ashwin Jadhav and Derek Phelps of Twelve Co., The Carbon Transformation Company on decarbonizing aviation.
7. RECEIVE a presentation from each of the Hazardous Materials Commission student interns: Aimee Benedict and Alex Gomez.
8. DISCUSS the June 11th meeting with Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston and topics of interest for the commission.

The commissioners present during the June 11th meeting with Supervisor Scales-Preston discussed the Hazardous Materials Commission Priorities for 2025, guest speaker presentations, student interns, and the public forum scheduled for September 11, 2025. Supervisor Scales-Preston expressed concerns regarding the proposal to have Keller Canyon accept hazardous waste.

9. Reports from Commissioners on items of Commission interest.

There were not any reports made by commissioners.

10. Plan next meeting agenda.

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

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

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