

# Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission

## Mission & Purpose

- **Protect and promote** the health, safety, and well-being of Contra Costa residents in relation to hazardous materials and hazardous waste.
- **Serve as a consensus-building forum** on environmental issues tied to hazardous materials, fostering collaboration among stakeholders.
- **Advise** the Board of Supervisors, its committees, and staff on policy matters concerning the storage, use, and management of hazardous materials — including aspects of health, safety, environmental impact, land use planning, and economic considerations.

## History & Background

- Established in **1983** by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.
- Its core mission: to develop policy recommendations related to hazardous materials and waste and provide guidance to the Board, city and county officials, and staff.

## Activities & Recommendations

The Commission has addressed a variety of topics through formal recommendations, including:

- Guidance on **community engagement and communication** strategies around Brownfields and other contaminated-site cleanup efforts.
- **Sea Level Rise**
- **County Legislative Platform**
- **General Plan Environmental Justice**
- Supportive input on **pipeline funding**
- **Treated Wood Waste** legislation feedback.

## Organizational Structure & Operations

- All meetings are open to the public through Contra Costa County's Public Meetings website.  
<https://contra-costa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
- The Commission is structured with two main committees:
  - The **Operations Committee**, which oversees organizational functions, provides guidance on departmental programs and addresses public education and communication.
  - The **Planning and Policy Development Committee** provides technical support for land-use ordinance updates and other strategic, long-term policymaking.



*Contra Costa County Meeting Calendar*



*Commission Website*