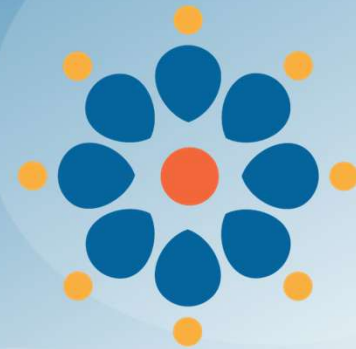


# Hazardous Materials Commission Proposal

## Internal Operations Committee

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# Hazardous Materials Commission

- Established in 1986 under Health & Safety Code 25135.2
  - “local advisory committee to assist the county in the preparation and administration of the county hazardous waste management plan”
- SB 158 (2021) repealed requirement for local advisory committees.
  - State Board of Environmental Safety now leads hazardous waste planning.
- Certified Unified Program Agency implementation (1996) developed a unified hazardous waste and hazardous materials management program. The CUPA now oversees many of the original HMC tasks.

# Evolution of HMC Tasks



Original task: develop detailed hazardous waste management plan.



Later focused on transportation safety, pipelines, and incident notifications.



Recent priorities: safety culture, notification policy, facility incident updates, brownfields, Li-ion fires, PSM changes, EJ & sustainability.



Significant topic overlap with other commissions.

# Commission Overlap

- Many roles and priorities of the Hazmat Commission are duplicative across other bodies.



ISO Ad Hoc



Sustainability  
Commission



Fire Advisory  
Commission

# Commission Make Up Analysis

	HMC	Sustainability	ISO Ad Hoc	Fire Advisory
<i>City Representatives</i>	3 seats	N/A	N/A	-
<i>Business Representatives</i>	3 seats	2 seats	N/A	-
<i>Labor Representatives</i>	2 seats	N/A	N/A	-
<i>General Public</i>	1 seat	5 seats (one from each district, appointed by board)	N/A	5 seats (one from each district, appointed by board)
<i>Environmental Justice</i>	1 seat	2 seats	N/A	-
<i>Environmental Organization</i>	2 seats	2 seats	N/A	-
<i>Environmental Engineering</i>	1 seat	N/A	N/A	-
<i>League of Women Voters</i>	1 seat	N/A	N/A	-
<i>Other</i>	N/A	1 education or research institution seat	N/A	2 At Large (one from East County) 3 At Large Alternates

# Limitations of HMC

HMC's mission has narrowed over time.

Regulatory changes and overlapping committees reduce effectiveness.

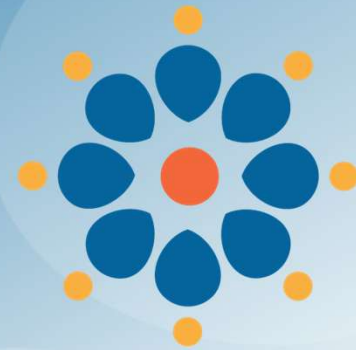
3-year average meeting cancellation rate  
28%

# Recommendation

- Staff recommends the Board sunset the Hazardous Materials Commission and refer topics to existing commissions.



# Questions?



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