

## **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Advisory Body Name:** Hazardous Materials Commission

**Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location:** Fourth Thursday of every month, 4-6 pm, 1025 Escobar St., Martinez

**Chair:** Fred Glueck, Business Seat # 1

**Staff:** Michael Kent, Contra Costa Health Services

**Reporting Period:** January - December, 2023

### **ACTIVITIES**

- Received presentation by DTSC on contaminated site community engagement
- Received presentation by the Center for Creative Land Recycling on brownfield redevelopment
- Received presentation by the Richmond Southwest Shoreline Community Advisory Group on the history of community engagement at the Zeneca site
- Reviewed DTSC guidance on addressing sea level rise in remediation projects
- Received presentation by County Hazardous Materials Program on the hazardous waste management system
- Received presentation by the Alamo Improvement Association on their pipeline safety website
- Reviewed and evaluated hazardous materials-related State legislation
- Received presentation on the Community Warning System by the Office of Emergency Services
- Received presentations from HMC interns on their research topics
- Interviewed candidates for open HMC seats and student intern positions
- Received presentation by Environmental Health on the Unused Pharmaceutical Collection Ordinance
- Reviewed the collection of Household Hazardous Waste in the County
- Received presentation by the Hazardous Materials Program on the enforcement process for hazardous waste violations in the County
- Received presentation on a methodology to analyze cumulative impacts from refinery emissions
- Received presentation by Healthy Contra Costa on contaminated site community engagement
- Reviewed information on household Lithium-ion battery handling and recycling education
- Received presentation by DTSC on their Hazardous Waste Management Report
- Received presentation on the AB 617 draft Community Emissions Reduction Plan for the Richmond/San Pablo area

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Recommended to the Board of Supervisors that they support the development of the AIA model web page.

- Recommended to the Board of Supervisors that they support AB 1238 related to the development of Alternative Minimum Standards for solar panels
- Developed a letter of support for DCD applications for brownfield remediation grants
- Worked with Contra Costa CAER to distribute Pipeline Emergency Preparedness brochures to schools in Contra Costa County
- Appointed 2 student interns for the 2023/2024 school year
- Recommended candidates to the Board of Supervisors for the General Public and Environmental Organization seats.
- Conducted annual meetings with all five members of the Board of Supervisors

### **ATTENDANCE/REPRESENTATION**

The 14-member Commission has members and alternates from organized labor, environmental groups, an Environmental Justice community, industry, cities, environmental engineering firms, the League of Women Voters and the public at large. The Commission held 10 full Commission meetings this year. The Commission meetings averaged 9.4 commissioners or their alternates per meeting.

### **TRAINING/CERTIFICATION**

No training or certification was provided or conducted.

### **PROPOSED WORK PLAN/OBJECTIVES FOR THIS YEAR**

In 2024 the Commission will continue to investigate some of the issues they began investigating in 2023 and will address emerging issues that are brought to them by the Board of Supervisors, the public and members of the Commission. In addition, the Commission will continue to monitor several issues that they monitored in 2023.

The issues the Commission intends to work on in 2024 that were carried over from 2023 are the update to the County's General Plan, review of the AB 617 Community Emissions Reduction Plan for the Richmond/San Pablo area, review of the DTSC Hazardous Wastes Management Plan and local hazardous waste management, the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative's efforts to clean-up brownfield sites within its border, brownfield community engagement and signage, and hazardous materials-related State legislation.

New issues the Commission will address in 2024 will be carbon sequestration and Community Warning System Level 1 notifications.

Issues the Commission will continue to monitor are the implementation of the County's Pharmaceutical Ordinance, the operation of the Community Warning System, the implementation of the County's Industrial Safety Ordinance and Emergency Notification Policy, PFAS regulation, the impacts of sea level rise on hazardous materials and wetlands, and refinery conversion to biofuels.