

Contra Costa County's Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc and the City of Richmond Committee
To Review the Community Warning System and the County's Industrial Safety Ordinance

June 11, 2013 Minutes

Supervisors Present: Supervisor John Gioia, District I and Supervisor Federal Glover, District V
Richmond City Council Member Present: Jim Rogers

1. Call to Order and Introductions: Supervisor Gioia called the meeting to order and stated that Richmond City Council Member Jim Rogers would be participating. Introductions were made by the people attending the meeting.

2. Public Comment: No public comments

3. Review Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) Recommendations

4. Review and Approve the County's Response to CSB Recommendations: Randy Sawyer went over the CSB recommendations for the City of Richmond and the County. The recommendations to the City of Richmond and the County are nearly identical. Randy also went over the other CSB recommendations that were made to Chevron, the California Legislature and the Governor, and the US EPA.

Councilman Rogers asked if the lessons learned from an incident investigation, would be applied to other areas of the refinery to see if actions are needed to address same items learned from the investigation. This question was in reference to changing the ordinance to address inherently safer systems. Randy stated that it most likely would but specific language to the ordinance should be included to make sure that this occurs.

The group also discussed what *impracticability* and *significant* meant and that these words may need to be defined in the ordinance.

Supervisor Glover emphasized that the ordinance changes are to address the recommendations and concerns raised by the CSB and should be focused on these recommendations.

Supervisor Gioia asked when the ordinance will be brought to the Board of Supervisors and the Richmond City Council. Randy stated that he believed that it could be ready at the end of this year. Supervisor Gioia stated that he would like it to be brought to the Board of Supervisors and the Richmond City Council as rapidly as possible and would like it to be completed before the end of the year.

Mike Smith from UST Local 5 brought up that the language on process safety leading and lagging indicators is not clear on what changes and actions will be required for the regulated industries.

Task (1): Randy will send a response on how the County and the City of Richmond are working together to address the CSB recommendations to the CSB. This will include clarification on the leading and lagging process safety indicators by June 14, 2013.

Task (2): Randy will draft changes to the Industrial Safety Ordinance to address the CSB recommendations by August 2, 2013.

Note: The Hazardous Materials Programs staff will draft the proposed changes to the ordinance and work with the City of Richmond staff on completing this draft.

Task (3): Randy will establish a working group by August 2, 2013 to work on the Industrial Safety Ordinance revisions.

Note: The working group will be made up of the City of Richmond and the Hazardous Materials Programs staff, USW Locals 5 and 326, Building and Trades Council, community groups such as CBE and APEN, and industry representatives.

5. Determine Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting was scheduled for August 2 at 1:00 PM in the City of Richmond. This meeting will review the timeline that was developed by the Hazardous Materials Programs staff to revise the Industrial Safety Ordinances and the makeup of the working group. This meeting will be a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Committee that the City of Richmond Committee to revise the Industrial Safety Ordinance.