

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMISSION**



March 1, 2021

Diane Burgis, District 3
Chairperson, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
3361 Walnut Boulevard, Suite 140
Brentwood, CA 94513

Dear Chairperson Burgis:

Below please find additional Contra Costa Hazardous Materials Commission's recommended changes and additions to the Environmental Justice goals, policies and actions proposed for the update to the County's General Plan, and contained in an October 2, 2020 memo from Placeworks, the County's consultant on the General Plan update, to County staff. These proposed goals, policies and actions were developed in response to the requirements of SB 1000.

These comments are made in addition to the comments the Commission previously submitted on February 1, 2021. The Commission is submitting these additional comments because the Commission did not have the time to discuss them at their January 28, 2021 meeting. The Commission voted unanimously to support these recommendations at their February 25, 2021 meeting.

- Proposed new Policy for Goal C – Ensure residents of dwellings potentially impacted by air quality hazards, including but not limited to chemical fires or releases, that may need to shelter-in-place as determined by the County Health Officer, are able to do so safely, with appropriate air exchange rates and protection from heat.
- Proposed new Policy for Goal C – Ensure an adequate level of continued public education to make sure all residents are provided adequate education about less toxic alternatives to household hazardous products, including pesticides, and education about the safe handling, storage and disposal of Household Hazardous Waste, including pharmaceuticals. Ensure there are adequate options for HHW disposal for all residents, including those that don't drive.
- Proposed new policy for Goal J - Provide annual education to ensure residents likely to be impacted by a hazardous material release or fire know what to do when a shelter-in-place is ordered. Such education shall be culturally and linguistically appropriate, and adequate for people with access or functional needs, to new and existing residents using multi-media approaches.

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- Proposed amendment to Goal J, Action 6 – Develop and implement a plan that will provide clean air refuges, with public transportation access or transportation assistance, during times when outdoor air quality is unhealthy, as determined by the County Health Officer.

Sincerely,

Fred Glueck, Chairperson
Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission

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