

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes

Planning and Policy Development Committee

April 21, 2021

Members and Alternates:

Present: Don Bristol, Ken Carlson, Mark Hughes, Jim Payne, George Smith, Fred Glueck, Ed Morales (alternate), Madeline Kronenberg (alternate), Tim Bancroft (alternate), Peter Cloven (alternate), Amy McTigue (alternate), Erika Hernandez, intern,

Absent: Mark Ross, Jonathan Bash (represented by alternate)

Staff: Michael Kent, Ellen Dempsey,

Members of the Public: Jan Warren, Zoe Seigel, Karen Rosenberg, Sadie Wilson, Paul Seager

1) Announcements:

Michael Kent announced:

- The Commission meeting with Supervisor Burgis on March 31st went well. She had concerns about oil and gas exploration in East County, and made a referral to Phillips 66 about researchers at Lawrence Livermore Labs interested in carbon sequestration.
- The facilitator from DTSC of the Lithium-ion car battery recycling workgroup will give an overview of the program at the April 22nd HMC meeting.
- On April 26th the Board of Supervisors Sustainability committee will meet at 1:00 and the Sustainability Commission will meet 6:30.
- AB 332 pertaining to reinstating the alternative management standards for Treated Wood Waste is on the consent calendar in the Assembly.

Commissioner Smith announced that the Army Corp of Engineers gave a presentation at the April 20th meeting of the EBLC Water and Environment committee about the beneficial reuse of Bay dredging materials, including the implications of Sea Level Rise.

Commissioner Hughes announced that the Industrial Association's Mayors Forum will be on May 27th from 10:30 to 12:00, and their golf tournament will be on June 14th at the Oakhurst club in Clayton.

2) Public Comments: None

3) Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the March 17, 2021 meeting were moved by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Commissioner Bristol and approved 5 - 0 - 1 with corrections. (Commissioner Carlson abstained).

4) Old Business:

a) Discuss process for developing recommended next steps for the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure committee of the Board of Supervisors to take to address Sea Level Rise

Commissioner Morales began the discussion by saying that he doubts that anyone in the County is taking any actions to address SLR in a comprehensive way. Commissioner Hughes observed that a lot of groups are doing a lot of assessments, but that none are creating adaptation plans yet. He felt that educating people and partnering with them to develop best practices is the right approach.

Commissioner Glueck noted that there was someone from the South Bay area at the last Sustainability committee meeting of the Board of Supervisors, and that they would be good to connect with about they are doing in their region. He also wanted to know who decides at what predicted amount of SLR does action have to be taken. Commissioner Morales noted that these predictions have all been modeled for the Bay area, but that we are already having impacts from SLR.

Commissioner McTigue said that the Regional Water Quality Control Board issued order in January to the refineries that they do climate change vulnerability assessments and adaptation plans by 2022 for a 50-year time horizon. In addition to SLR, they are supposed to look at the impacts from heat, flooding, power shortages and wildfires.

Zoe Siegel from the Greenbelt Alliance added that the San Francisco Bay region doesn't have a regional SLR plan. She has been following the regional planning effort facilitated by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and it appears to her that every jurisdictions is going to have to do their own plan. She also wasn't aware of a consistent benchmark of SLR used to trigger action.

Paul Seger said that the Governor's sustainability plan is starting to prepare for SLR. His office gave several presentations to the Delta Water Council and BCDC. He is very concerned about the potential impacts of SLR on East County. He thought the Commission should look at the FEMA recommendations now requiring that jurisdictions be prepared for 200 year floods. He added that predictions are that there will be more storms, but also more drought in the future. He said the Diablo Valley Water District, of which he is the president, would be interested in doing SLR planning. They are already working with the Ryan Hernandez at the County's Water Agency.

The committee then discussed what steps the Commission should take next. Commissioner Morales made a motion that the Commission should collect information from other stakeholder in the County to find out what they are doing to address SLR, what sort of funding sources they have or anticipate, and what interest they have in working with County on this issue. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion and it carried 6 – 0.

5) New Business: None

6) Items of Interest: None

7) Plan Next Agenda: The committee will address the next Steps for Sea Level Rise issue.

8) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.