

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes

Planning and Policy Development Committee

August 18, 2021

Members and Alternates:

Present: Jonathan Bash, Don Bristol, Ken Carlson, Mark Hughes (chair), George Smith, Edi Birsan (alternate), Amy McTigue (alternate), Madeline Kronenberg (alternate)

Absent: Jim Payne, Mark Ross (represented by alternate)

Staff: Michael Kent, Susan Psara

Members of the Public: Jan Warren

1) Call to Order, Announcements:

Commissioner Hughes called the meeting to order at 4:03

Michael Kent announced:

- AB 332, legislation to reinstate alternative management standards for Treated Wood Waste, is working its way through the legislature with no opposition, and the Governor is expected to sign it.
- The Transportation Water and Infrastructure committee of the Board of Supervisors received an update on the Commission's efforts to develop recommendations on sea level rise at their August 9, 2021 meeting, and is scheduled to receive the Commission's recommendations on sea level rise at their September 13, 2021 meeting.
- The Internal Operations committee is working to fill the open General Public and Labor seat, and the Business and Environmental Engineer seat expiring at the end of the year. They are also going to interview candidates for the two Commission interns.

Commissioner Smith announced that the annual East Bay Leadership Officer Installation is going to be on August 23rd at 7:00 at the Metro in Lafayette.

2) Public Comments: None

3) Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the July 21, 2021 meeting were moved by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Birsan and approved 6 - 0 with corrections.

4) Old Business:

a) Discuss and develop recommendations from the information collected from interview with County staff on their efforts to address sea level rise.

The committee reviewed the summary of information that had been collected from interviews with County staff and the recommendations that the Operations committee developed. They generally agreed with the recommendations made by the Operations committee.

Commissioner Hughes observed that it doesn't appear that anyone is comprehensively responsible for addressing the potential impacts of sea level rise. He asked who was updating the County's Climate Action Plan and General Plan. Michael Kent said that both were being done by the County's Department of Conservation and Development.

Commissioner Carlson asked is the reason there is no current efforts being made to begin to address the potential impacts of sea level rise is because everyone is waiting for the upcoming revisions to the General Plan. Michael Kent said he thought it was hard to say why.

Susan Psara noted that the interim version of the Climate Action Plan can be found on the DCD web site.

Commissioner Hughes said he thought it would be a good idea for the County to have a clearing house for all the efforts taking place related to sea level rise so that everyone could know what was going on.

Commissioner Carlson suggested these recommendations could be part of the update to the General Plan. Commissioner Birsan said he agreed to a certain extent, but it is up to the Board of Supervisors when to decide to act on these issues. Commissioner Smith thought the Commission should talk to all the Supervisors about these issues in the annual meetings with them.

Michael Kent said he would take the recommendations developed by the Operations committee and the additional comments made by the Planning and Policy Development committee and write a draft letter that the Commission could review at their August full Commission meeting.

5) New Business: None

6) Items of Interest: None

7) Plan Next Agenda: The committee would look at their priorities.

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