

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes **Operations Committee**

February 11, 2022

Members and Alternates

Present: Marielle Boortz, Fred Glueck, Steve Linsley, Treston Shull, Heather Youngs (alternate), Madeline Kronenberg (alternate)

Absent: Gabe Quinto, General Public seat – vacant,

Staff: Michael Kent, Matt Kaufmann, Nicole Heath, Adam Springer,

Members of the Public: Sadie Wilson

1) Call to order, announcements:

Commissioner Glueck called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Michael Kent made the following announcements:

- The Planning and Policy meeting for February 16th has been cancelled.
- CAER will be holding a Safety Summit on February 17th at 9:00 am.
- Sara Guadian, the Environmental Justice seat holder, has resigned due to conflicts with her school schedule.

2) Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the minutes from the January 14, 2022 meeting were moved by Commissioner Shull, seconded by Commissioner Boortz and approved with corrections by a vote of 5- 0.

3) Public Comments: None

4) Old Business:

- a) Review the findings from the Commission’s business sea level rise survey and discuss how to present the findings to the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure committee**

Michael Kent began the discussion by informing the committee that the Board of Supervisors had recently adopted a resolution supporting the BCDC Bay Adapt platform and supported giving them regional authority to address sea level rise. Sadie Wilson said she things this is a good idea, and the organization she represents, the Greenbelt Alliance, supports BCDC’s platform. They think there needs to be local programs to complement BCDC’s efforts. But the idea of granting BCDC more regional authority is new to her.

Commissioner Glueck thought the biggest problem with granting BCDC more authority is related to how funds get distributed. But he thought giving them more authority to coordinate is a good idea.

Commissioner Boortz asked who prepared the resolution. Michael Kent said that Jody London, the County's Sustainability Coordinator and Ryan Hernandez from the County's Water Agency prepared the resolution and that Supervisor Gioia sponsored it.

Commissioner Glueck observed that the Bay Adapt Platform Item 2 supported what the Commission found in the survey, which was that this issue isn't getting a lot of attention or concern from the business community.

Sadie Wilson added that many calls for increased regulatory control actions in one part of the Bay impact other areas, so questions about coordination are really important.

Commissioner Boortz said the Commission still needs to respond to TWIC about the finding of the report. She felt the response was underwhelming and indicated that this issue is not a high priority for businesses potentially affected. She thought the Commission should be supportive of the Bay Adapt Action number 2 – Elevate Communities to Lead. She wondered if the Commission should be a conduit to the business community.

The Committee then came up with the following bullet points to be included in a letter to TWIC:

- Low response rate –
- List responses
- Finding – not a lot concern or actions taken to SLR as of this time
- Therefore, there appears to be a need, and so Commission support more outreach and education to business about potential impacts – make connect to the Bd res in support of Bay Adapt
- Consistent with Bay Adapt Action 3
- Reference the recs that were in the letter the Commission wrote – keep focus on impacts to hazmat. Still want to see action on these recs
- Ensure that these recs get incorporated into gen plan and CAP
- As you support Bay Adapt implementation, make sure we act locally to be compatible with BA goals on action 3
- Commission will continue to monitor, provide input and support County efforts as it relates to hazardous mat.

Chairperson Glueck asked staff to draft a letter from these bullet points for the full Commission to consider at their February 24, 2022 meeting.

b) Discuss recruitment opportunities for the General Public Alternate seat

Michael Kent informed the committee that Tim Bancroft's nomination to the General Public seat will be going to the Internal Operations committee of the Board of Supervisors for approval on February 14th. He further explained that if it is approved by them, and then approved by the Board of Supervisors, the Commission will then have to vacate the General Public Alternate seat held by Mr. Bancroft and can then start recruiting for candidates to apply for that seat. He went on to say that assuming this all happens, the Commission can start recruiting for the General Public Alternate seat on March 1st.

The committee agreed with this and decided to keep the recruitment period open until May 1st so that they could interview qualified candidates at their May 13th meeting.

The committee then discussed ways to promote the open seat and came up with the following:

- Commissioner Glueck would promote it through the Council of Industries and Ask Commissioner Hughes to promote it through the Industrial Association
- Michael Kent would promote it to the Air District staff running the AB 617 process in Richmond and the Community Clinics, Lifelong and La Clinica, participating in an EPA grant doing asthma mitigations.
- Commission Linsley would promote it to the members of the Richmond South Shoreline Area Community Advisory Group
- Commissioner Shull would promote it through various Labor organizations
- Commissioners Boertz and Kronenberg would promote it through the League of Women Voters Newsletters.
- Michael Kent would ask the County to promote it through their social media accounts and Next Door accounts and web sites.
- Michael Kent would ask Howard Adams to promote it to the organizations he belongs to in the Crockett/Rodeo area.
- Michael Kent would ask our interns to promote it to any student organizations they belong to.
- Michael Kent would ask the Library system to promote it through their outlets.

c) Provide feedback on draft pipeline safety survey by the Alamo Improvement Association

Several of the committee members said they had taken the survey and provided the feedback directly to AIA already. But they agreed that in general the survey was too long and that it could benefit from an introduction.

The committee felt it would be ok if the introduction mentioned that the Commission was supporting the survey and AIA could add a link to the Commission's web site.

The committee also identified the follow organizations that AIA should contact to find people to take the survey:

- County CERT teams
- Members of CARE
- The Richmond Neighborhood Association Coordinating Council
- County Municipal Advisory Councils
- Labor organizations that work on pipelines
- Refinery and pipeline operators
- Residents of Walnut Creek impacted by the recent pipeline spill

5) New Business: None

6) Plan Next Agenda: The committee will develop an outreach strategy for seeking applicants for the Environmental Justice Seat

7) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.