

## **2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Advisory Body Name:** Hazardous Materials Commission

**Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location:** Fourth Thursday of every month, 4-6 pm, 2477 Arnold Industrial Way, Concord

**Chair:** George Smith, Environmental Engineer Seat

**Staff:** Michael Kent, Contra Costa Health Services

**Reporting Period:** January-December, 2013

### **ACTIVITIES**

- Reviewed the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool.
- Received a presentation from the Watershed Project on their Mercury Disposal Program.
- Formally recommend support for State legislation about pharmaceutical collection to Board of Supervisors.
- Responded to request from Supervisor to investigate pipeline safety along Iron Horse Trail.
- Held a community education forum on pharmaceutical disposal.
- Reviewed Chemical Safety Board report on the August 2012 Chevron fire.
- Received presentation on the risks of fracking.
- Provided input into the development of pharmaceutical disposal educational poster.
- Reviewed WesPac Environmental Impact Report for Environmental Justice considerations.
- Commented on proposed changes to the Industrial Safety Ordinance.
- Formally recommended that a final draft of the proposed changes to the Industrial Safety Ordinance be circulated for public review before being considered by the Board of Supervisors.
- Received presentation on Telephone Emergency Notification System test from the Community Warning System manager.
- Analyzed six Department of Toxic Substances Control contaminated site 5-year reviews.
- Met individually with all five County Supervisors.
- Planned and implemented triennial planning retreat.

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The Commission continued its work on proper pharmaceutical disposal by holding a public forum on the issue in conjunction with regional Household Hazardous Waste facilities and the Contra Costa Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition. The Commission furthered this work by helping to design, produce and distribute a pharmaceutical disposal education poster with these same entities to pharmacies, medical offices and Senior Centers throughout the County. The Commission followed-up their work on brownfield policy by reviewing six 5-year reviews of contaminated sites to determine if they are being conducted adequately. The Commission continued to provide input to the Ad-Hoc Board

committee reviewing the Telephone Emergency Notification System and the Industrial Safety Ordinance by having four representatives on the working group of this committee, and reviewing and commenting on these efforts in Commission meetings. Responding to a request from a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Commission was able to determine that the Integrity Management Analysis that Kinder Morgan has done on their pipeline running parallel to the Iron Horse Trail has not yet been reviewed for adequacy by either the State Fire Marshall or the Federal Department of Transportation.

### **ATTENDANCE/REPRESENTATION**

The 13-member Commission has members from organized labor, environmental groups, industry, cities, environmental engineering firms, and the public at large. The Commission has membership from all regions of the County. All seats on the Commission were occupied this year. The Commission held seven meetings this year. One meeting had to be cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The Operations and Planning & Policy subcommittee each met 9 times this year. The Commission meetings averaged of 8 of the 13 members or their alternates being present.

### **TRAINING/CERTIFICATION**

No training or certification was provided or conducted.

### **PROPOSED WORK PLAN/OBJECTIVES FOR THIS YEAR**

The Commission held a planning retreat in December and decided that their priorities for 2014 would be:

- Continue to promote pharmaceutical disposal education posters and assist the Board of Supervisors in the development of a disposal ordinance if requested.
- Continue to provide input to Board of Supervisor Ad-hoc committee reviewing the Community Warning System and the Industrial Safety Ordinance
- Complete review of contaminated sites 5-year reviews and consider new issues around contaminated site clean-up and funding.
- Complete analysis of opportunities to address Environmental Justice considerations in CEQA and explore specific Environmental Justice issues to bring to the Board of Supervisors for action.
- Continue to explore issues related to pipeline safety and consider community participation grant for community along the Iron Horse trail.
- Begin to define the issues of concern surrounding the development of new crude oil facilities, explore additional needs for education.
- Begin to define issue of concern surrounding refinery modernization
- Learn about new Air District air monitoring program for refineries.