

## **2016 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, 2016

### **ACTIVITIES**

- Reviewed recommendations on pipeline safety by the Pipeline Safety Trust.
- Received a presentation from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District concerning their proposed regulation for oil refinery emissions.
- Received a presentation on the Adapting to Rising Tides study of sea-level rise for Contra Costa County from the Bay Conservation and Development Commission.
- Participated in the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Quality of Life committee.
- Provided input on a consumer survey about Pharmaceutical disposal.
- Reviewed the recommendations of the Adapting to Rising Tides study that pertained to hazardous materials.
- Received a presentation on Industrial Cyber Security from the Department of Homeland Security.
- Participated in the review of the County's Industrial Safety Ordinance.
- Reviewed proposed changes to the Industrial Safety Ordinance and supported the recommendation that Commission review of the Ordinance become a format part of the review process.
- Received a presentation from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on their proposed Toxic Air Contaminants rule.
- Began development of a brochure on emergency planning for congregant facilities near pipelines.
- Held triannual Commission planning retreat.
- Conducted 2 annual meetings with County Supervisors

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- The Commission continued its work on proper pharmaceutical disposal by monitoring the development of local ordinances throughout California and participating in the Contra Costa Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition.

- The Commission supported the development of a local Extended-Producer-Responsibility style ordinance for pharmaceutical collection and provided comments to the Board of Supervisors on a draft Pharmaceutical Disposal Ordinance.
- The Commission provided input to the Board of Supervisors concerning the recommendations in the Pipeline Safety Trust report on pipeline safety in Contra Costa County.
- The Commission began development of a brochure on emergency planning for congregant facilities near pipelines.
- The Commission provided input to the County's review of the Industrial Safety Ordinance.
- The Commission began developing input to the Board of Supervisors concerning adoption of hazardous materials-related recommendations of the Adapting to Rising Tides Study.

### **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 8 meetings this year. The Operations committee met 9 times this year and the Planning & Policy committee met 5 times this year. The Commission meetings averaged of 11 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, 2016 and decided that their priorities for 2017 - 2019 would be:

- Continue to monitor the implementation of the Pharmaceutical Disposal Ordinance.
- Conduct formal annual reviews of the Industrial Safety Ordinance.
- Consider policies to redevelop brownfields within the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative.
- Complete development of pipeline emergency preparedness brochure.
- Monitor pipeline safety issues.
- Consider the hazardous materials issues in the Adapting to Rising Tides Study and address policy issues as they arise.
- Sponsor a workshop on cybersecurity.
- Monitor rail transport of crude oil safety issues including tank car design.
- Monitor implementation of refinery air quality and safety regulations.