

## **2018 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, 2018

### **ACTIVITIES**

- Researched application of school siting criteria for hazardous materials to charter schools.
- Received a presentation on the clean-up activities at the former Concord Naval Weapons Station.
- Received a presentation about a hazardous materials factsheet being created by Contra Costa Climate Leaders.
- Received a presentation on outreach to businesses about Sea Level Rise from the Hazardous Materials Program.
- Solicited the Chambers of Commerce in the County to determine their interest in promoting a workshop on Cybersecurity to local businesses.
- Received a presentation by No Coal in Richmond about coal and petroleum coke loading operations in Richmond.
- Received a presentation by concerned residents about the cleanup plan for Selby Slag.
- Received a presentation by Levin Richmond Terminal about their Best Management Practices for loading coal and petroleum coke.
- Conducted an in-depth review of Commission by-laws.
- Received a presentation from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District concerning recent amendments to their regulations governing dust control relevant to Levin Richmond Terminal.
- Received a presentation from Ensuring Opportunities to End Poverty about their community engagement efforts for the Regional Adapting to Rising Tides project.
- Conducted annual meetings with each of the five County Supervisors.

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- The Commission assisted in developing and implementing three public workshops on pipeline safety by the Alamo Improvement Association.
- The Commission provided advice to the Board of Supervisors concerning school siting criteria related to sources hazardous materials.
- The Commission provided advice to the Board of Supervisors concerning the funding of the US Chemical Safety Board.

- The Commission provided extensive feedback on a hazardous materials factsheet being created by Contra Costa Climate Leaders.
- The Commission provided feedback to Ensuring Opportunities to End Poverty about their community engagement efforts for the Regional Adapting to Rising Tides project.
- The Commission developed a critique of the former DuPont Oakley site clean-up plan at the request of Supervisor Burgis.
- The Commission recommended changes and additions to the County's Legislative Platform concerning school siting criteria.

### **ATTENDANCE/REPRESENTATION**

The 13-member Commission has members and alternates 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. Ten seats on the Commission were fully occupied this year. One of the Environmental Seats was vacated during the year, though the alternate was still filled, and one of the business seats and its alternate was vacated during the year. The alternate for one of the Labor seats was vacant the whole year. The Commission held 8 full commission meetings this year. The Operations committee met 9 times this year and the Planning & Policy committee met 4 times this year. On average, nine of the thirteen Commission seats were represented at the full Commission meetings.

### **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.

In addition, the Commission added to their scope of work this year the review of State school siting guidelines, the Selby Slag clean-up plan, the former DuPont site clean-up plan, the control of dust at the Levin Richmond Terminals, and the review of the hazardous materials fact sheet by Contra Costa Climate Leaders. In 2019, additional new topics may be added to the work plan as requested.