

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Advisory Body Name: Hazardous Materials Commission

Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location: Fourth Thursday of every months, 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, 2009

ACTIVITIES

- Continued effort to develop Household Hazardous Waste recommendations
- Continued effort to develop Brownfield recommendations
- Reviewed emergency planning efforts in West County
- Received presentation on Green Chemistry Initiative
- Received presentation on addressing cumulative impacts of pollution
- Supported UC Berkeley effort to get grant to study cumulative impacts
- Received presentation by BAAQMD on their Clean Air Communities initiative
- Received presentation by Curbside Inc on mobile HHW collection
- Conducted community workshop in Monument Corridor on HHW management
- Received presentation by Monument Futures on Green Cleaning
- Received presentation on a community health assessment by CBE
- Reviewed results of infiltration study conducted by Hazardous Materials Program
- Studied proposal to eliminate the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
- Reviewed hazardous materials impacts on proposed Pt. Molate development
- Studied a request to support an Extended Producer Responsibility resolution
- Reviewed potential impact of flooding in Contra Costa County
- Received presentation on new County stormwater permit
- Met with each County Supervisor individually

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Commission continued their commitment to the implementation of the County's Environmental Justice Policy by supporting and participate in an effort by UC Berkeley to obtain a grant to develop methods to assess the cumulative impacts of pollution. The Commission continued to educate themselves as part of their effort to develop recommendations concerning Household Hazardous Waste collection by receiving presentations on various topics and holding a community workshop to obtain

input. The Commission continued to educate themselves as part of their effort to develop recommendations for brownfields development by receiving presentation on various related topics. The Commission began to develop a position on an Extended Producer Responsibility model resolution that the Board of Supervisors was going to be asked to support.

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, though 2 were vacant for part of the year due to resignations. The Commission has held 10 meetings this year, as well as 9 meetings of the Operations subcommittee and 5 meetings of the Planning and Policy Development subcommittee. All of the full Commission meetings obtained a quorum, with an average of 10 of the 13 members or their alternates being present at these meetings.

TRAINING/CERTIFICATION

No training or certification was provided or conducted.

PROPOSED WORK PLAN/OBJECTIVES FOR THIS YEAR

This year the Commission intends to complete its evaluation of brownfield development and Household Hazardous Waste Management; hold at least one more townhall meeting on household hazardous waste issues; continue to review efforts to address emergency evacuation; review the Praxair Hydrogen Pipeline proposal; respond to any requests from the Board of Supervisors, especially those concerning the model Extended Producer Responsibility resolution; and continually evaluate emerging issues, including those related to addressing cumulative impacts and Environmental Justice concerns.