

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes Operations Committee

February 12, 2021

Members and Alternates

Present: Marielle Boortz, Fred Glueck, Steve Linsley, Madiline Kronenburg (alternate), Heather Youngs (alternate) Tim Bancroft (alternate),

Absent: Rick Alcaraz, Gabe Quinto, Audrey Comeaux (represented by alternate), Sara Gurdian (represented by alternate),

Staff: Michael Kent, Susan Psara, Matt Kaufmann, Karine Abramians, Cho Nai Cheung, Steve Morioka

Members of the Public: Jan Warren

- 1) **Call to order, announcements:** Commissioner Glueck called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Michael Kent announced:

- BAAQMD is holding a meeting to discuss the composition of the advisory committee of their AB 617 project in Richmond on February 19th.

- 2) **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the January 8, 2021 meeting were moved by Commissioner Linsely, seconded by Commissioner Boortz and approved with corrections by a vote of 5 - 0.

- 3) **Public Comments:** None

- 4) **Old Business:**

- a) **Review and develop recommendations concerning draft Goals, Policies and Actions on Environmental Justice for the update to the County General Plan contained in an October 2, 2020 memo by Placeworks, not considered at the January 8, 2021 Operations committee meeting.**

The committee reviewed the previous recommendations they had suggested, but not previously considered, that were in the minutes from the December 11, 2020 Operations committee meeting and developed the following recommendations:

Goal C

Possible new Policy – Ensure homes potentially impacted by air quality hazards, including but not limited to chemical fires or releases, that may need to shelter-in-place as determined by the

County Health Officer are able to do so safely, with appropriate air exchange rates and protection from heat. These concepts can also be incorporated into Policies C-4 and C-5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Youngs, seconded by Commissioner Boortz, to recommend this possible new policy to the full Commission for consideration. The motion passed 5 -0.

Possible new Policy – Ensure an adequate level of continued public education to make sure all residents are provided adequate education about less toxic alternatives to household hazardous products, including pesticides, and education about the safe handling, storage and disposal of Household hazardous Waste, including pharmaceuticals. Ensure there are adequate options for HHW disposal for residents that don't drive.

A motion was made by Commissioner Linsley, seconded by Commissioner Youngs, to recommend this possible new policy to the full Commission for consideration. The motion passed 5 -0.

Goal J

Possible new policy - Provide annual education that is culturally and linguistically appropriate, and adequate for people with access or functional needs, to new and existing residents using multi-media approaches to ensure residents likely to be impacted by a hazardous material release or fire know what to do when a shelter-in-place is ordered.

A motion was made by Commissioner Youngs, seconded by Commissioner Linsley, to recommend this possible new policy to the full Commission for consideration. The motion passed 5 -0.

Modify Action 6 – Develop and implement a plan to provide clean air refuges, with public transportation access or transportation assistance, during times when outdoor air quality is unhealthy, as determined by the County Health Officer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Youngs, seconded by Commissioner Boortz, to recommend this possible new policy to the full Commission for consideration. The motion passed 5 -0.

5) New Business:

a) Discuss Committee Priorities for 2021

The committee reviewed and discussed the priorities developed at the January 10, 2020 Operations committee meeting and heard about the new issue of the disposal of treat wood waste from Karine Abramians of the Hazardous Materials Programs. They decided that at the March meeting they would learn more about the treated wood waste issue and the status of the lithium ion battery review.

6) **Plan Next Agenda:** The committee will review the wood waste and lithium batter issues.

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