

Hazardous Materials Commission

Draft Minutes

Planning and Policy Development Committee

March 17, 2021

Members and Alternates:

Present: Jonathan Bash, Don Bristol, George Smith, Madeline Kronenberg (alternate), Ed Morales (alternate)

Absent: Mark Hughes Jim Payne, Mark Ross,

Staff: Michael Kent, Ellen Dempsey, Susan Pasara, Jody London, DCD

Members of the Public: none

1) Announcements:

Michael Kent announced:

- The Board of Supervisors Sustainability committee will be meeting on March 22nd at 1:00.
- The DTSC Lithium-Ion Car Battery Recycling Advisory Group is meeting on March 23rd at 10:00.
- The Commission is holding the annual meeting with Supervisor Burgis on March 31st at 2:00.
- The Board of Supervisors Transportation, Water and Infrastructure committee will be discussing the letter on Sea Level Rise the Commission sent them at their April 12th, 9:00 am meeting.

Commissioner Smith announced that the Phillips 66 refinery made a presentation to the EBLC Water and Environment Committee on their proposed shift to renewable fuels, and that the Marathon refinery was coming in May or June to talk about their plans to shift to renewable fuels. The Army Corp of Engineers is coming to their April 20th meeting from 8:30 to 10:00 to talk about the beneficial reuse of Bay dredging materials.

2) Public Comments: None

3) Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the February 17, 2021 meeting were moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bash and approved 2 - 0 with corrections. (Commissioner Bristol arrived late).

4) Old Business: None

5) New Business:

a) Prepare for discussion of Sea Level Rise with the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure committee of the Board of Supervisors.

Jody London, the County's Sustainability Coordinator, began the discussion by stating that she would like to see the County organize a process to look at SLR, and bring in other stakeholders. She said that BCDC presented their Adapting to Rising Tides studies to the Mayors Conference in November of 2020, so they are aware of the issues. She brought the committee's attention to AB 844 which would create Green Empowerment zones and large advisory boards, as a possible vehicle for action. She also thought the East Bay Leadership Council might be interested in helping. She also thought the railroads need to be engaged.

Commissioner Smith mentioned that he is the co-chair of the EBLC Water and Environment committee. He thought they could get this on their program. He thought that maybe they could have Ellen Dempsey from the Hazardous Materials Program give a presentation of the Commodity Flow Study they had done in the later part of the year.

Commissioner Bristol thought it would be important to get private landowners to the table to find common ground to move forward.

Michael Kent asked the committee if they thought a conference or workshop would be something the Commission should recommend to TWIC as something to consider. Jody London said that the committee needs to think about who would staff such an event.

Commissioner Bash thought there needs to be staff focused on this issue to develop a plan with actions.

Jody London informed the committee that the Goldman School study she had commissioned recommended that the County form a working group to address SLR.

Michael Kent mentioned that there are specific grants available to do specific projects.

Ellen Dempsey mentioned that the grant she received to conduct the Commodity Flow Study came through CalOES, and she wasn't sure if they would fund implementation efforts.

Commissioner Bash suggested that the Commission might want to ask TWIC to consider adopting a SLR resolution, similar to the Climate Change resolution they passed last year, that would set up a process to bring the stakeholders together. Jody London said that the Climate Resolution gave them some specific action items, mainly to implement the CAP and work on Just Transition. A resolution without specific action items wouldn't accomplish anything.

Ellen Dempsey thought the Commission could recommend to TWIC that they require the information in the ART studies and the Commodity Flow study be used in future planning, development, and approval processes in the County. Commissioner Bristol thought this was a good idea.

Commissioner Smith thought creating a public/private partnership is the key. He thought the Board of Supervisors should focus on this, maybe through the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative.

Commissioner Bristol thought new development needs to consider SLR. Maybe a SLR resolution should call for a workshop on this.

Michael Kent said he would take the ideas put forward at the meeting today and incorporate them into the staff report for the April 12th TWIC meeting.

- 6) **Items of Interest:** None
- 7) **Plan Next Agenda:** The committee would address the next Steps for Sea Level Rise issue.
- 8) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.