

Meeting Minutes MRC Oversight Committee – Risk Assessment



Date:

03/09/2023



Start: 2:20 PM



End: 3:44 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Attendance

Community Members: Cheryll Grover, Benjamin Therriault, Pedro Babiak, Tony Semenza, Deirdre Castillo, Kent Hull

City of Martinez: Lauren Sugayan

City of Benicia: Josh Chadwick

Contra Costa Hazmat: Nicole Heath, Michael Dossey, Sam Calvert

MRC: Ken Axe

MRC USW Rep: Nick Plurkowski

Agenda, Minutes, Recordings and other information posted at: cchealth.org/hazmat/MRC

CCH Chair introduced new community member added to the oversight committee, Kent Hull

CCH Health Officer Dr. Sefanit Mekuria provided the committee and public an update on the county's health advisory to not eat produce grown in personal gardens in the Martinez area until results of the Risk Assessment are completed. Health Officer noted that the advisory has been created out of "an abundance of caution" and stated that no immediate health concerns are known.

Public Comment (2 minutes each) on the Health Officer announcement. A total of 16 comments were received. Main concerns presented by members of the public:

- Concerns about the length of time it took for the advisory to be announced, many were already eating the produce from their gardens in the months following the incident
- Concerns about the safety of the water supply for the Martinez area
- Comments about the need to improve the process of informing members of the affected community that the advisory had been made

FAQ will be developed and posted (cchealth.org/hazmat/mrc) answering the questions received during the public comment period. Additionally, to listen to all public comments see the website listed above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

- a. CCH Chair introduced proposal to remove this item from the agenda. Instead, **meeting minutes will be emailed to oversight committee members** by the Monday following the meeting and members will have **24 hours to comment** before the minutes are approved and posted.

- i. **Committee voted to approve this proposal**

- b. Meeting minutes from 02/16/23 meeting approved

IV. OPEN ISSUES

- a. Update on consultants who received Request for Proposal
 - i. Blankenship and Associates informed CCH that they will not be submitting proposal
 - ii. New consultant (TRC) has been provided Request for Proposal and informed CCH that they will be submitting a proposal

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review scoring rubric developed by CCH for scoring consultant proposals and interviews
 - i. Proposal scoring
 - 1. Comments/Suggestions:
 - a. Committee members requested that equal weight be given to each of the scoring categories, this was approved and the rubric will be updated to reflect this
 - ii. Interview scoring
 - 1. Comments/Suggestions:
 - a. Committee members requested that equal weight be given to each of the scoring categories, this was approved and the rubric will be updated to reflect this

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

- a. N/A

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. The committee received 13 comments from the public. Main comments/concerns presented by the public:
 - i. Questions about health testing for members of the public who feel they have been impacted by the release
 - ii. Concerns that the amount of time that has passed since the incident will make the soil testing and other evaluations less accurate
 - iii. Concerns about impacts to the public water systems in Martinez

City of Martinez Representative, Lauren Sugayan, provided information to the public about water testing that was conducted after the incident confirming that the water supply was safe. Also, discussed that the water treatment process is designed to remove contaminants from the supply and testing occurs frequently

To listen to all public comments, see the website listed in the introduction.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 PM