



Planning and Development Department
Toxics Management Division

Community Environmental Advisory Commission

AGENDA FOR MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2001, 7:00 PM

Planning and Development - SECOND Floor Conference Room, 2118 Milvia Street

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- II. Report from the Chair**
- III. Announcements from Commissioners**
- IV. Comments from the Public/Announcements, 3 minutes per person**
- V. TMD Report: tbd**
- VI. Agenda Prioritization**
- VII. Action Minutes Review/Adoption**
- VIII. Discussion Only Items**
 - a) Wood Smoke council item
- IX. Discussion/Action Old Business:**
 - a). Tritium Exit Signs – Communication to Radiological Section of Cal DHS on performance
 - b). Chrome 6 Mitigation at Harrison Skate Park, Staff Report
 - c). New Environmental Services Dept., Staff Update
 - d). UC Berkeley Storm Water Updates – Steve Maranzana, Greg Haet EH&S
 - e). Dioxin Update from ABAG – Ref. Alta Bates medical waste incineration
- X. Discussion/Action New Business**
 - a). Peace & Justice Commission, request for funding for alternative legal opinions, E. Cohen
 - b). Computer Recycling
 - c). Alta Bates Medical Waste – presentation from ABAG
 - d). February Election
- XI. From Public to Commission**
- XII. Next Agenda**

Correspondence:

Information Items:

City Manager's Status Report on Chromium VI. CEAC Roster, Draft Wood Smoke Council Item, sent electronically. New CEAC Roster.

DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

I. Roll Call: Absent: Morgan, Pinderhughes.

Pamela Webster for Dona Spring, sworn in .

II. Report From Chair: None.

III. Announcements from Commissioners:

- ◆ **Chatterjee** – David Brower's passing. Commissioners should send letter to Mrs. Brower. Memorial broadcast on KPFA on 12/08/2000, at noon. Concerns over burning Alta Bates medical waste at IES of Oakland.

IV. Comments from the Public:

- ◆ **LA Wood, Community Activist** – TMD conflict of interest over Harrison. Gordon Wozniak conflict of interest. Air monitoring strategy is to look at hot spots.
- ◆ **John Selawsky, Former CEAC Chair** – Acknowledge commissioners, staff, public. CEAC & TMD dropped ball on 4th & Harrison.
- ◆ **Michael Green, Exec. Dir. Center for Environmental Health** – Alta Bates/IES violations. Take action to challenge Alta Bates.
- ◆ **Susan Chang, Health Advisor, Green Action** – Pressure Alta Bates to act responsibly.
- ◆ **Robert Clear** – Comment on body burdens from tritium radiation. Black carbon datasheet presented.
- ◆ **Laura Keerre, SEIU** – Alta Bates workers.
- ◆ **Pamela Sihvola, CMTW** – Concerns regarding Alta Bates. Put item on agenda for January, 2001. No buffer zone. Conflict of interest for Gordon Wozniak – wants City Attorney opinion.
- ◆ **Kathleen Frumpkin, Community Activist** – When will CEAC send wood burning item Council? Commission should list all pros and cons of EPA stoves.

V. TMD Staff Report:

4th & Harrison presentation – Fiedler, Al-Hadithy.

VII. Minutes

- ◆ Accept October and September minutes (MSC Caseber, Chatterjee. Unan. Absent: Morgan, Pinderhughes.)
- ◆ Allow Robert Clear to participate in Winegar interview (MSC Smith, Luten. Unan. Absent: Morgan, Pinderhughes.)
- ◆ a.) Recommend Council fund long-range educational effort with BAAQMD on adverse health effects of wood burning. b.) Urge Council adopt ordinance to ban new construction/require air-cleaning devices in restaurants and adopt the recommendations as in the BAAQMD model ordinance. c.) Urge citizens to convert to gas or EPA stoves. d.) Undertake comprehensive air quality study, including PM2.5 and PM10 data and the proportions of those from wood smoke versus those from mobile sources (MSC Grossman, Caseber. Absent: Morgan, Pinderhughes. Against: Chatterjee, Luten).

Discussion

- ◆ West Berkeley Air Monitoring Report – interview with Eric Winegar. Questions to be forwarded: submit data for Robert Clear; why are metals throughout Berkeley and not only industrial areas; respond to BAAQMD comments on acrolien and formaldehyde; extrapolating 24 hour data from shorter periods may give unacceptable or inaccurate predictions for missing data – attempt different methods of extrapolation; check where met data came from at 1300 feet, if met data not from Oakland, make changes; correlation of pollution more with wind direction and other factors than speed, reevaluate; suggestions for next phase is multi location and statistically reliable number of days – not necessarily multiple testing on same day – please confirm numbers.