

REGULAR CEAC MEETING OF 4/6/2000

I. Roll Call: Absent: Pinderhughes, Simon, Smith

II. Report From Chair:

New Organic Farming Regs update. Comment period on early draft until mid-May.

III. Announcements from Commissioners:

- ◆ Luten: Concerned about number of votes to pass motion.

IV. Comments from the Public:

- ◆ Robert Clear
- ◆ John Allman, Formerly UCB EH&S employee
- ◆ Eliot Cohen, Peace & Justice Commission

V. TMD Staff Report:

New Universal Waste Program started. Batteries, high intensity lights, fluorescent bulbs can be taken under Universal Waste Program. Inspections above average for 3-year cycle but need to be increased. CUPA program is short staffed. New requirements for hazardous wastes sent out to dentists. TMD is not prepared or authorized for medical waste management. Remediation – met with DTSC, they claim DTSC has controlling authority and not TMD; TMD maintains authority for UST fuel sites only. TMD taking over waste oil recycling program from Public Works. Revising codes at TMD to match most of Health and Safety code. Regional Water Board meeting on 4/19/00 regarding groundwater basin plan amendments.

VII. Minutes

- ◆ Motion to pass amended minutes 3/2/00 and 2/3/00. M/S/C Caseber/Wozniak For-5, Absent: Pinderhughes, Simon, Smith, Chattergee. Amendment was “UCB wants to upgrade seismic buildings due to the large number of earthquakes over the last few years” to “UCB wants to upgrade seismic buildings,” and “Rob (Transportation Commission)” to “Wrenn (Planning Commission).”

VIII. A. Wood Burning

Dr. Lipsett (UCSF professor, Office of Env. Health Hazard. Assessment) gave a presentation discussing the health effects of wood burning and particulate matter. Studies on indoor wood smoke; relationships to asthma and other health problems, and outdoor exposures by firefighters were discussed. Dr. Balms (UCSF professor, SF Gen. doctor) also discussed health effects of wood smoke. Exposure to wood smoke particulates on asthmatics and parental smoking as a factor for children developing asthma. Dr. Balms noted that viral infections, exposure to toxins, and genetics are also contributors to asthma. Wozniak requested an explanation of the C-14 study data. Casebar feels that public education of the people about air quality and wood smoke will serve as a catalyst for less wood burning and more responsibility for more responsibility of the situation. Wozniak requested a copy of Puget Sound Air Quality District policies and procedures.

VIII. B. UCB Storm Water Violation

Mark Frieberg was unable to attend; Carl Hans from UCB gave report. No information was given regarding any of the violations noted by the City and in the RWQCB letter. Hans gave report on five technical reports that were submitted on spill reporting and spill response guidelines. Monthly monitoring program of Strawberry Creek. Hydro station being installed on North Fork of Strawberry Creek to log water quality data; eventual South Fork hydro station. Selawsky concerned about if there were specific responses to the notice of specific violations of storm water. John Allman gave a synopsis of his involvement with the University EH&S and volunteered to review the UCB response to RWQCB letter on water quality violations. Selawsky would like Allman to speak at May meeting. Discussion on what constituted old buildings and new building violations and what impact from City sewers.

VIII. C. Council Air Monitoring Project

Staff reported that Council failed to fund \$10,000 in mid year adjustment. However, money will be obtained if project deemed important. CEAC recommendations to consultant have been taken into account.

VIII. D. Tritium Exit Signs

Discussion on record keeping on tritium exit signs. Energy commission interested in joint meeting with DHS and CEAC. Wozniak would like to confirm that letters were sent to BUSD and manufactures.

VIII. E. UCB Hillside Fuel Reduction Project

Caseber reported that Carl Schwab explained procedures and how public health is protected. Carl Schwab, DOE at LBNL should be contacted for more information on the health effects of the UCB fuel reduction methods.

VIII. F. LBNL Request to Delist Tritiated Mixed Waste Residues

US EPA meetings on treatability were held. Caseber attended and learned that mixed waste residue after oxidation becomes a low level rad. waste and can be sent for disposal instead of being sent to an incinerator or continued to be stored in Berkeley. Issue of mixed tritium waste from interactions with storage units or at dumpsite raised. One of the benefits of delisting would be the shipping of this radioactive material out of Berkeley.