



Planning and Development Department
Toxics Management Division

Community Environmental Advisory Commission

AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF May 24th, 2000, 6:00 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, John Selawsky
- III. Announcements from Commissioners
- IV. Comments from the Public/Announcements, 3 minutes per person
- V. TMD Report: Budget, DTSC, Integrated Waste Management, Tritium IFEU Contract
- VI. Agenda Prioritization
- VII. Minutes /Discussion/Action: Regular meeting of 4/6/00
- VIII. Old Business - Discussion/Action
 - a) TMD Budget
 - b) Groundwater Monitoring Plan
 - c) UC Storm Water
- IX. New Business - Discussion/ Action
 - a) *Underhill Draft EIR*
- X. Subcommittee Reports
 - a) Subcommittee report on Groundwater Management Plan / Adopting Policy
 - b) Subcommittee report on Pesticide Referral from City Council
 - c) Subcommittee report on Plastics Policy
 - d) Subcommittee on Aquatic Park
- XI. April Agenda
- XII. Correspondence: 1. BAAQMD Delay in PSC Study 2. TMD Medical Waste Min Outreach letter 3. Bob Clear
- XIII. Information Items: 1. US EPA Incineration 2. US EPA Pesticide Registration 3. US EPA Diesel Trucks 4. AP/NYT Dioxin Cancer Risk

* *Note, new items are italicized*

REGULAR CEAC MEETING OF 5/4/2000

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Roll Call

Absent: Pinderhughes (excused absence), Morgan (excused absence)

II. Report From Chair, John Selawsky

Draft copy of CEAC position presented on air quality issues in UC Underhill project. Possibly a special meeting to discuss CEAC position about air pollution in proposed complex. Organic food regulations update. Proposal that woodburning subcommittee be formed.

III. Announcements from Commissioners

- ◆ Luten: List correspondences and information items in commissioner packets on a separate table of contents.
- ◆ Caseber: Endocrine disrupters symposium on May 6th in San Francisco.
- ◆ Selawsky: Petition to state government requesting for more money budgeted to local schools.

IV. Comments from the Public

- ◆ Robert Clear (retired LBNL), Terry Powell, Berkeley Labs (LBNL), LA Wood, Pamela Sihvola, Elliot Cohen

V. TMD Staff Report

CUPA program update. 370 CUPA mailers sent, 200 returned; notice of violation letters sent out. • April had twice the goal in the number of inspections. • New Universal Waste program inspections start in the summer. Medical waste emergency response unresolved - Ca DHS has ruling authority and will not relinquish to County. • Caseber interested in city's policy on emergency responses to medical wastes and training of TMD staff. • Cal EPA/RWQCB can only support City remediation program in a limited capacity but goes beyond DTSCs finding that the City only has authority over UST fuel leak remediation. • TMD will meet with Al Co EH for non-UST remediation. • City Manager's referral on remediation of Bennett Garage complete. Voluntary revocation of use permit not obtained. • TMD adopting city's waste oil recycling program. • In process of reviewing 2 year risk assessment on tritium contract of \$35 K. • Funds (\$10k) for Berkeley Air Study approved – starting on 5/15/2000, delay due to rain. • Request sent to city manager for non-chlorine paper purchase for Finance. • Medical wastes training by DHS for hospitals on 5/12/2000 at John Muir Medical Center. • Seeking assistance to interpret Underhill DEIR air quality impacts.

VII. Minutes

April meeting minutes deferred to June meeting for approval.

VIII. A. UCB Hillside Fuel Reduction Project

Carl Schwab (DoE) along with Rich McClure and Henry Tran (LBL) gave presentation. Berkeley Hills Energy Forum was formed to evaluate the risks of fuel accumulation by fire prevention. Three-year timeline plan involving tree thinning project in areas directly next to LBNL underway. Prescribed burning of grasslands will occur after trees are thinned. UCB hillside property will be thinned once. Woods will be mostly kept on-site and mulched. Tran reported tritium levels in trees 200 m away from tritium stack found to be below average organically bound tritium levels. Wozniak concerned with meteorology effects on smoke plume from burning of fuels. Caseber would like to see that community is notified on when prescribed burning occurs. Caseber concerned with destinations of removed material and if receiving parties are notified of tritium content in wood.

VIII. B. UCB Stormwater Violation

John Allman, former UCB EHS employee gave a presentation. Discussed several documents and correspondences and UCB's alleged lack of action in dealing with Strawberry Creek pollution. Data on coliform sampling and reported levels submitted to commission. Selawsky is concerned with the lack of EHS protocols. Wozniak feels that the data is inconclusive enough of coliform pollution, but public should have been aware of the health risks Strawberry Creek water. Motion to propose list of questions to University on three points: 1) Is pollution in Strawberry Creek above acceptable levels on the CUB campus? 2) Are UC contractor discharges significant contributors to pollution into Strawberry Creek? 3) Why are there no public postings about Strawberry Creek contamination? M/S/C Wozniak/Selawsky; For-5, Caseber, Chatterjee, Selawsky, Smith, Wozniak; Abstain-1, Luten; Absent: Pinderhughes, Morgan.

VIII. C. Woodburning

Tommy Mayfield from BAAQMD gave a short report on wood burning. Palo Alto city council adopted the model ordinance plan. City of Dublin adopted limitation of installing non-EPA certified wood stoves. Selawsky suggests that a subcommittee on wood burning education be formed.