

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Monday, February 7, 2022
9:30 a.m.**

**Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair
Supervisor David Haubert**

Location: *Board of Supervisors Chamber – 5th Floor*
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Overview of the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Commission

Dilan Roe, Environmental Health Department, Health Care Services Agency, gave an update on the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Commission.

The Commission membership includes seven (7) appointed members with two current (2) vacancies, in District 1 and District 4. Clarification is needed regarding vacancies as an appointee has moved out of their district. The Commission meets two times per year, with two additional meetings allowed by the Commission or the Environmental Health Department. The Commission has not met since September of 2019.

The next meeting of the Commission is Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Commission members have discussed the possibility of amending their bylaws to allow the Commission the ability to hear appeals.

Speakers

Chuck Moore, Dale Silva, Connie DeGrange, Sam, and Jim Campi gave comment on the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Commission, including having more meetings to address appeals, change in the fee structure, include education components, and amend the ordinance to include the Commission's ability to handle appeals.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
- Other:

Recommendation from the Transportation and Planning Committee: The Committee requests that the Environmental Health Department and the Office of the County Counsel meet to amend the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Commission ordinance to allow for the Commission to hear appeals.

II. Onsite Wastewater System Permitting Process and Timelines

Dilan Roe, Environmental Health Department, Health Care Services Agency, gave an update on the Onsite Wastewater System Permitting Process and Timelines.

Ms. Roe reported that the permitting process, timelines and fees depend on the complexity of each project. Some of the challenges include nitrate impacted ground water, no setbacks, deep slopes and poor soil.

Ronald Browder, Director, Environmental Health Department reported that the department is working is working to resolve permitting delays and staffing shortages in the department.

Speakers

Jim Campi commented on his specific project on onsite wastewater treatment system, issues that does not move his project forward.

Chuck Moore commented that it takes an enormous amount of time to get through the permitting process for septic systems.

Marc Crawford commented on the unnecessary delays in the permitting process as retaliation to customers.

Connie DeGrange commented that the process seems to be set up for conflict. Designs are being submitted and clients are not being referred to Environmental Health, and the design of the septic system is wrong.

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Recommendation from Transportation and Planning Committee: Supervisor Miley's Office, Dilan Roe, Environmental Health and constituent Chuck Moore will meet to discuss issues with his permitting process for his septic system.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.