

LWVBA POSITION 2012-2014

*HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Support a hazardous materials management program that protects the public health and the environment from the adverse effects of hazardous materials in the Bay Area, including:

- 1 Identification of the hazardous materials used, stored and disposed of in each locality, including chemical/common name of hazardous material, quantity of substance and location, acute/chronic health effects and other potential risks from exposure, proper response procedures, method of disposal and route of transportation.
- 2 Disclosure to the lead governmental organization appropriate agencies and the public with proper safeguard for trade secrets and security concerns.
- 3 Mechanisms for coordination between agencies need to be developed with
 - a clearly defined agency responsibilities;
 - b clearly defined notification procedures;
 - c defined information dissemination procedures
 - d coordinated data base;
 - e single body responsible for implementation
 - f statement of goals, objectives and policies for siting hazardous materials and hazardous waste facilities and for general management of hazardous materials in the foreseen future;
 - g integration with other local land use planning activities;
 - h consistency with the applicable general plan; periodic review;
 - i full and meaningful involvement of the public, environmental groups, civic associations and hazardous waste treatment or disposal facility staffs;
 - j establishment of an advisory committee with representatives from the above groups;
 - k incentives to site new hazardous waste treatment or disposal facilities; and
 - l consideration of provisions for public education, enforcement, surveillance, transportation; administration; funding for implementation; coordination between public and private sector; and incentives for waste reduction and recycling.
- 4 Adequate funding for hazardous materials management programs and public education by a combination of sources including user fees, penalties and fines, County and State General Funds, State Hazardous Waste Account, State and Federal Superfunds as appropriate.
- 5 Development of a hazardous materials management plan which should include the following elements:
 - a an analysis of existing and projected hazardous materials use and disposal by type and volume;
 - b an inventory of existing facilities for storing, handling, recycling, treating and disposal of hazardous materials and estimated capacity of each;
 - c a program for management of small volumes of hazardous materials and waste; and
 - d identification of those facilities that can be expanded to accommodate projected needs, and identification of specific sites for new facilities or general areas for locating new facilities, and siting criteria to be used in choosing sites.

***Vertical Positions – Local Leagues are authorized to take local action on the basis of these positions.**