



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rhetta Alexander, Valley Interfaith Council
Dr. Lawrence Beeson, Loma Linda University, School of Public Health
Suzanne Bilodeau, Knott's Berry Farm
Paul Choe, Korean Drycleaners & Laundry Association
Dr. Afif El-Hasan, American Lung Association
Mary Figueroa, Riverside Community College
Dr. Jill Johnston, University of Southern California (USC)
Evelyn Knight, Long Beach Economic Development Commission
Humberto Lugo, Comite Civico del Valle
Daniel Morales, National Alliance for Human Rights
Donald Smith, 136th Street Block Club
Rafael Yanez, Member of the Public

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Manuel Arredondo, Coachella Valley School District, Retiree
Kerry Doi, Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment
Myron Hale, Hanover Industries
Dr. Monique Hernandez, California State University, Los Angeles
Maria Elena Kennedy, Quail Valley Task Force
Angelo Logan, Occidental College & East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
David McNeill, Baldwin Hills Conservancy

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:

Fabian Wesson, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Dr. Jo Kay Ghosh, Health Effects Officer
Brian Roche, Systems & Programming Supervisor, Info Technology - Systems Development
Alicia Rodriguez, Senior Public Information Specialist
Brandee Keith, Secretary
Daniei Brown, Career Development Intern

ACTION ITEMS (Items 1 through 3):

1. **Meeting called to order at 12:05 by Fabian Wesson**
2. **Approval of January 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes**
Mr. Morales motioned to approve the minutes; Dr. Beeson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved without revision.

3. **Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**

There were no follow-up items from the previous meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Items 4 through 7):

4. **AB 617 Updates**

Dr. Ghosh provided updates on AB 617 implementation process in the three selected communities.

Mr. Lugo asked if he should resubmit their AB 617 self-nomination. Dr. Ghosh suggested updating the application to be considered for year 2 selection. Mr. Lugo also asked if South Coast AQMD knew how many year 2 communities would be selected. Dr. Ghosh responded that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has not announced the number of communities that would be considered or selected.

ACTION ITEM: Distribute AB 617 meeting information to EJAG members.

5. **Facility Information Detail (F.I.N.D.) Update**

Mr. Roche provided updates on the F.I.N.D. feature on the South Coast AQMD website.

Members asked for explanations of navigation, use of the facility map, sorting search results, and export of search results with the updated system. Mr. Roche demonstrated each of these and noted that some previously available features would be updated to the new system.

Ms. Figueroa asked how soon after a company opened, would appear in the F.I.N.D. network. Mr. Roche confirmed the facility information would be entered into the facility within 24 hours, as long as they are an active, regulated facility in the South Coast AQMD's system. Ms. Figueroa asked whether or not mobile sources were included in equipment or emissions data. Mr. Roche explained that F.I.N.D. is designed for stationary sources. Ms. Figueroa asked which agency regulated trucks/mobile sources, and Mr. Roche shared CARB regulates trucks/mobile sources.

Dr. Johnston offered suggestions to include search criteria by pollutant.

Mr. Roche demonstrated a feature within the app to select a point such as a school or hospital, and locate nearby facilities. Ms. Bilodeau asked if the feature would work in reverse, such that a user could select a regulated facility and see sensitive receptors nearby. This feature is not available.

6. **EJAG Accomplishments 2018**

Alicia Rodriguez reviewed EJAG's accomplishments throughout 2018.

7. **Member Updates**

Mr. Choe requested a representative of South Coast AQMD provide a written explanation of Rule 1421 in a letter which the Federation of Korean Dry Cleaning Association can distribute to their members, to help plan ahead and work toward equipment replacement requirements.

Dr. El-Hasan announced the recent State of the Air report graded Southern California poorly.

Dr. Beeson shared that three doctoral candidates at Loma Linda University are researching long-term health effects of air pollution in both California and nationally.

Mr. Yanez shared that City of Los Angeles industrial waste inspectors will be working with South Coast AQMD for training to recognize emissions or air quality regulation violations. Los Angeles Sanitation is also hosting an Earth Day celebration.

Mr. Smith shared that the auto body system is switching from air-blowing systems to vacuum systems in order to capture particle pollution, and suggested leaf blowers might be adapted to do the same in order to prevent dust pollution. Mr. Yanez mentioned most leaf blowers now come with a reverse/vacuum function.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to request information on equipment vacuum systems eligible for the Commercial Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment Incentive & Exchange Program.

Mr. Morales requested future presentations on the status of Riverside and San Bernardino air quality to explain why it ranks lowest in the country.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to request presentation on air quality in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Ms. Figueroa shared that Riverside and San Bernardino counties seem to be constantly in competition with Los Angeles for regulatory efforts, and often receive little support.

Ms. Knight suggested a “Community Engagement Fair” to help inform and educate communities on air pollution.

Dr. Johnston shared that South Coast AQMD and USC presented to policy makers supporting a moratorium on land use and housing near freeways. She also expressed interested in updates on the Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study V (MATES V).

ACTION ITEM: Staff to request a presentation on MATES V.

OTHER MATTERS:

8. Other Business

Dr. El-Hasan announced that Advair asthma medication has turned generic.

9. **Public Comment Period**

Ms. Alexander asked for clarification on South Coast AQMD's role in regulating or supporting an increase in the use or regulation of transportation and zero-emission vehicles.

Mr. Yanez suggested more billboard advertisement campaign to reach out to communities.

Mr. Smith suggested South Coast AQMD connect with local 211 and 311 services to disseminate information.

10. **Next Meeting Date** – Friday, July 26, 2019