

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 7, 2014

AGENDA NO. 21

REPORT: Administrative Committee

SYNOPSIS: A Special Meeting of the Administrative Committee was held on Friday, January 17, 2014. The Committee discussed various issues detailed in the Committee report. The next Administrative Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Dr. William A. Burke, Chair
Administrative Committee

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Attendance: Attending the January 17, 2014 meeting were Committee Members Supervisor Josie Gonzales at SCAQMD headquarters, and Chairman William Burke and Dr. Clark E. Parker, Sr. via teleconference. Mayor Dennis Yates was unable to participate.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Board Members' Concerns:** None.
2. **Chairman's Report of Approved Travel:** Dr. Wallerstein reported that Mayor Judith Mitchell traveled to Sacramento on January 16, 2014 to meet with CARB staff regarding various issues related to her CARB duties on behalf of SCAQMD. Mayor Mitchell also anticipated a trip to Sacramento on February 19-21, 2014 to attend the CARB Board Meeting.
3. **Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/Consultant(s):** None to report.

4. **Report of Approved Out-of-Country Travel:** None to report.

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5. **Transfer Funds Between Major Objects in FY 2013-14 Adopted Budget for Enhanced Particulate Monitoring Program:** Assistant Deputy Executive Officer Philip Fine reported that in the FY 2013-14 Adopted Budget for the Enhanced Particulate Monitoring Program funds were allocated for salaries. However, throughout the course of the year, more temporary staff was needed for monitoring support than anticipated. This action is to transfer funds from the Salaries Account to the Temporary Agency Account for the ongoing need for temporary staff.

Moved by Gonzales; seconded by Parker; unanimously approved.

6. **Authorize Purchase and Installation of Conference Seating for Auditorium and Various Conference Rooms:** This item was withdrawn by staff.
7. **Establish List of Prequalified Vendors to Provide Computer, Network, and Printer Hardware and Software, and to Purchase Desktop Computer Hardware Upgrades:** Assistant Deputy Executive Officer Chris Marlia reported that this action is to prequalify a list of vendors to buy various categories of computer equipment. The list is valid for a two-year period. Every two years vendors compete to provide the best prices available on computer items.

Dr. Burke inquired if the list had ever changed over the last five years. Mr. Marlia responded that the list does change and, in fact, six companies had dropped off the current list and five new companies were added. Dr. Burke questioned whether the companies that are always on the list get all the business. Mr. Marlia responded they do not. Whenever equipment is needed, a normal procurement process is undertaken where information is released to all vendors listing the items needed. The best bid is selected.

Dr. Parker questioned whether the list of solicitations was restricted only to those companies on the list and no other companies can qualify. Mr. Marlia responded that staff generally selects from the list, but if there is special equipment or items that those vendors cannot provide, staff has the ability to go outside the list through the procurement process.

Dr. Burke commented that over a period of time staff should evaluate how successful those companies are who consistently remain on the list versus other companies. He directed staff to provide him with the success rate of those companies.

Moved by Gonzales; seconded by Parker; unanimously approved.

8. **Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the November 8, 2013 Meeting (written report):** Attached for information only are the minutes from the November 8, 2013 meeting of the Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group.
9. **Environmental Justice Advisory Group Draft Minutes from October 25, 2013 Meeting (written report):** Attached for information only are the draft minutes from the October 25, 2013 meeting of the Environmental Justice Advisory Group
10. **Review February 7, 2014 Governing Board Agenda**
11. **Public Comment:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Attachments

Minutes from the November 8, 2013 meeting of the Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group

Draft Minutes from the October 25, 2013 meeting of the Environmental Justice Advisory Group



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Yates, Mayor, City of Chino and LGSBA Chairman
Ben Benoit, Councilman, City of Wildomar and LGSBA Vice Chairman
Felipe Aguirre, Councilmember, City of Maywood
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California/All Metals
John Hill, Riverside County Representative
Maria Elena Kennedy, Kennedy Communications
Rita Loof, RadTech International
Lupe Ramos Watson, Councilmember, City of Indio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Greg Adams
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
Jacob Haik, Office of Councilmember Joe Buscaino
Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor, City of Monrovia
Kelly Moulton, Paralegal

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Abramowitz, Board Member Assistant (*Lyou*)
Ruthanne Taylor Berger, Board Member Assistant (*Benoit*)
Earl Elrod, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)
Marissa Perez, Board Member Assistant (*Mitchell*)

SCAQMD STAFF:

Derrick J. Alatorre, Assistant DEO/Public Advisor
Joe Cassmassi, Planning and Rules Manager
Kevin Durkee, Senior Meteorologist
Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Barbara Baird, Chief Deputy Counsel
Elaine Hills, Air Quality Inspector II
Lori Langrell, Secretary
Guillermo Sanchez, Sr. Public Affairs Manager
Laki Tisopulos, Ph.D., P.E., Assistant DEO

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Yates called the meeting to order at 11:29 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of September 13, 2013 and October 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Chair Yates called for approval of the meeting Minutes of September 13, 2013 and October 11, 2013. The minutes were approved.

Mr. Guillermo Sanchez indicated that the information previously requested by Mr. John Hill in relation to Mr. Jean Ospital's presentation at the September meeting has been provided to him.

With regard to Mr. Paul Avila's inquiry pertaining to the Carl Moyer program, Mr. Sanchez indicated that in the 15 years of the program, over \$340 million in funding has been disbursed.

Ms. Rita Loof indicated that Mr. Sanchez had provided her a summary of the ASTM meeting in Canada. Ms. Loof is requesting a presentation from staff who attended the meeting.

Action Item: Provide a presentation on the ASTM meeting held in Canada in 2014

Agenda Item #3 –Air Quality Report

Mr. Kevin Durkee provided an update on air quality trends and status of attainment, specifically with regard to ozone and particulate matter.

Mr. Geoff Blake inquired in regards to the ozone chart, how high up towards Big Bear would you have to go before you are away from poor air quality, or do you ever get out of it. Mr. Durkee responded there is a point where you get free atmosphere, better dispersion, and better mixing. There is not much monitoring in Big Bear or Lake Arrowhead, but there have been studies in the past which show that once you hit the crest, air quality improves. However, past studies have also measured high ozone concentrations in the Big Bear area at times.

Mr. Avila asked if emissions from specific diesel sources such as locomotives could be tracked in the monitoring studies. Mr. Durkee replied that locomotives clearly contributed to the particulate matter (PM), but as currently designed, would be difficult to pick out one specific emission source as there are many factors that contribute to the monitored air quality condition. Mr. Avila further asked whether the trucking industry, though cleaned up, was still a significant source of particulates. Mr. Joe Cassmassi indicated there are still more emissions from trucks than railroads.

Mr. Blake asked how far the Saul Martinez Elementary School in Coachella Valley is from the Salton Sea. Mr. Durkee indicated approximately five to six miles. SCAMD staff has been taking measurements since January 1, 2013, and should be able to report from that location in real time on our website soon.

Vice Chair Ben Benoit inquired how many of our monitoring sites provide real time results. Mr. Durkee replied approximately 20 for PM and all of them for ozone.

Ms. Maria Kennedy asked if it would be fair to say that the reason for exceeding standards is because of the warehousing located in that area (Mira Loma). Mr. Durkee indicated that Mira Loma is complex to say the least. Trucks, as well as trains, have played a big role. Emissions from the basin, including emissions from the dairies to the west of Mira Loma migrate to that area every day, and will settle there and contribute to secondary particulate formation. Mr. Cassmassi also responded the PM 2.5 could include everything from re-occurring road dust and other direct emissions. In the Mira Loma area, there

is a combination of transport from the west blowing towards the east. The critical element is that there are many ammonia emissions from dairy farms and agricultural activities in combination with photochemistry and the warehouse distribution centers, which proves a unique profile from the west side emissions.

Mr. Avila asked what would trigger SCAQMD to do more of a study in a bad smelling area. Mr. Durkee indicated at times, with odors, we do not always measure something necessarily unhealthy. Public input and complaints will often trigger action.

Mr. Avila inquired about the Irwindale factory (Sriracha). Mr. Avila stated that he can drive by the factory four times a week, and cannot smell anything, but other people who live three blocks down the street can smell it. What would SCAQMD's position be in this case. Ms. Nancy Feldman replied that when we receive complaints about an odor, we must establish if there has been a violation against the prohibition against public nuisance. When complaints are received, each one is investigated, an inspector will go out to follow up, the inspector has to smell the odor themselves and trace it back to the facility. If enough complaints are received to establish that a large number of residents have been impacted, the facility will be issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) and we proceed to enforce. If we cannot verify the existence of the odor, the inspector cannot trace it back to a particular source, or is dealing with only one complainant, then we will not take action as it is a private nuisance.

Agenda Item #4 – Check Before You Burn Program & Wood-Stove/Fireplace Voucher Incentive Program.

Dr. Laki Tisopulos provided a briefing on the Check Before you Burn Program, as well as the Wood Stove & Fireplace Replacement Incentive Program.

Mr. Avila asked if Mira Loma is part of the hot spots. Dr. Tisopulos indicated it is the area that registers the highest PM 2.5 concentration in our basin, but it's not just because of wood-stoves and fireplaces. It is a combination of transfer from other areas, such as trucks, railroad and dairy emissions. If we can convince people to replace their wood-burning fireplaces with more efficient ones, it will make a huge impact on the area. Mr. Avila further asked if the restaurant industry could take advantage of the program. Dr. Tisopulos replied that they could. Mr. Avila also asked if, for example, you have a nice house in Hemet with a built-in fireplace built many years ago, can you use this program to modify or replace it. Dr. Tisopulos responded that anyone residing within the specified area is eligible to participate.

Vice Chair Benoit inquired on how the fireplaces are identified. Dr. Tisopulos indicated that there are databases available for purchase that focus on particular criteria, such as whether they have fireplaces or not.

Agenda Item #5 – Exide Technologies

Ms. Nancy Feldman presented an update on Exide Technologies, and the SCAQMD's recent filing for an Order of Abatement.

In response to Mr. Avila, Ms. Feldman specified that at the first hearing, public testimony will be taken at the beginning. There will be another opportunity to provide public testimony at a hearing in the community towards the end of the case. However, public testimony will not be taken at every hearing.

Ms. Loof inquired if there is an opportunity for settlement, and what are Exide's objections to performing necessary upgrades. Ms. Feldman indicated there is always an opportunity for settlement and SCAQMD would always consider a settlement proposal. In this case, if there is a settlement offer submitted by Exide or one made by the District to Exide, we would memorialize it and present it to the Hearing Board so that they could sign off on it. Through that process, it would be made available to the public for comments.

Chair Yates indicated that the attainment or ability for Exide to reach attainment is not in question. For example, Quemetco is way below the standard, and they have different processes, but it can be done. Ms. Feldman further explained that she could not comment on Exide's arguments because of the ongoing litigation, but that the hearings are open to the public and the briefs will include both parties' arguments and objections.

Mr. Alatorre advised that the first hearing will be in the northern part of the community most affected, and the second hearing to be held in the field will be in the southeast part of the impacted community. Staff is trying to secure Maywood Academy.

Ms. Kennedy indicated that she knows that the speaker had a press conference of some sort and asked what they were hoping to achieve. Mr. Alatorre responded that Senator De Leon had a meeting where he invited Senator Lara, the Assembly Speaker and the press to attend at a community meeting at Resurrection Church along with the agencies the agencies involved. The intent of the meeting was to air the community's concerns before the necessary parties - Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), SCAQMD, Public Health, and EPA, who was invited but was unable to attend. Ms. Kennedy further asked if it was regarding taking legislative action. Mr. Alatorre replied that they said they were going to take some type of action and Senator Lara said they were going to audit DTSC. At the meeting, they stated that speaker would be working on AB 1330 to increase resources and improve environmental outcomes in environmental justice areas.

Mr. Felipe Aguirre asked whether Exide's Bankruptcy Court proceedings would impact SCAQMD hearings and actions. Ms. Feldman responded that depending on what final Order the Hearing Board would issue, the Bankruptcy Court may need to approve it before it becomes effective. Other than that, there is no impact that the bankruptcy proceeding or DTSC's stipulation with Exide would have on our Hearing Board proceedings.

Agenda Item #6 – Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities

No comments.

Agenda Item #7 – Other Business

No comments

Agenda Item #8 – Public Comment

No comments.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Joseph Lyou, SCAQMD Governing Board Member, EJAG Chairman
Micah Ali, Compton Unified School District
Dr. Lawrence Beeson, Loma Linda University, School of Public Health
Dr. Afif El-Hasan, American Lung Association
Paul Choe, Korean Drycleaners & Laundry Association
Maria Elena Kennedy, Quail Valley Task Force
Rudy Gutierrez, Member of the Public
Daniel Morales, National Alliance for Human Rights
William Nelson, OC Signature Properties
Rafael Yanez, Member of the Public

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rhetta Alexander, San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council
Suzanne Bilodeau, Knott's Berry Farm
Judy Bergstresser, Member of the Public
Arnold Butler, Inglewood Unified School District
Alycia Enciso, Small Business Owner
Mary Figueroa, Riverside Community College
Andrea Hricko, Southern California Environmental Health Sciences
Pat Kennedy, Greater Long Beach Interfaith Community
Evelyn Knight, Long Beach Economic Development Commission
Angelo Logan, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Msgr. John Moretta, Resurrection Church
Lizette Navarette, University of California, Riverside
Woodie Rucker-Hughes, NAACP – Riverside Branch
Brenda Threatt, S. Los Angeles Service Representative for L.A. Mayor
Pr. Raymond Turner, Member of the Public

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Abramowitz, Board Member Assistant (*Lyou*)
Earl Elrod, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)
Susan Strath, BP
Charles Walken, NAACP
Enrique Turegano, alPunto Advertising Agency
Jorge Arguello, alPunto Advertising Agency
Ivan Cevallos, alPunto Advertising Agency

SCAQMD STAFF:

Derrick Alatorre, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer

Jill Whynot, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Lisa Tanaka O'Malley, Community Relations Manager
Guillermo Sanchez, Sr. Public Affairs Manager
Marc Carrel, Program Supervisor
Roberta Lewis, Systems & Programming Supervisor
Tina Cox, Sr. Public Information Specialist
Nicole Soto, Public Affairs Specialist
America Robledo, Secretary

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Joseph Lyou called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM. Chair Lyou provided an update on the Exide meeting held by Senator Kevin de León at Resurrection Church. Chair Lyou also informed members that SCAQMD staff had announced two new notices of violation were being issued to Exide and they requested the Hearing Board to suspend their permits until they are in compliance. Chair Lyou noted that the Hearing Board will hold Public Hearings and staff have requested that one of the hearings take place in or around the impacted community.

Chair Lyou announced the proposed 2014 meeting dates and asked staff to email to members.

Action Item: Email 2014 meeting dates to members.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of April 26, 2013 and July 26, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Chair Lyou called for the approval of the meeting minutes. The April 26, 2013 and July 26, 2013 meeting minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

Agenda Item #3 – Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Mr. Derrick Alatorre reviewed the action items from the July 26, 2013 meeting. Chair Lyou noted he did not receive the follow-up email from Exide and asked that it be resent to him.

Action Item: Email Chair Lyou the follow-up email regarding Exide that was sent to members.

Agenda Item #4 – Member Updates

Mr. Daniel Morales informed members that a storage business wants to move into an area in South Colton, but community members are fighting it and want a moratorium on additional trucks driving through the communities. Mr. Morales continued to say the city is reviewing the conditional use permit and there is a meeting on October 29, 2013 to discuss the issue, and he will have an update at the next meeting.

Mr. Rudy Gutierrez informed members that a composting facility in Coachella was requesting to significantly increase its waste intake without completing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and review through the Planning Commission. Mr. Gutierrez noted the company is now required to complete an EIR for the project, but asked for guidance on how to provide community members with neutral and timely information. Chair Lyou explained that it is impossible to track every project, but the State Clearinghouse is the agency responsible for tracking projects. Chair Lyou explained that being a member of EJAG does not prevent any member to have a personal position on an issue; and, the advisory group meant to provide its' members with information related to SCAQMD. Ms. Jill Whynot provided information on the permitting process. Chair Lyou also asked if she could get in touch with Mr. Gutierrez to discuss the issue further.

Action Item: Follow-up with Mr. Gutierrez on the composting project in Coachella Valley.

Dr. Lawrence Beeson noted that the Environmental Railyard Research Impacting Community Health study is not yet completed. Dr. Beeson expressed that once the study is received by SCAQMD, he would like to provide a formal update to EJAG.

Agenda Item #5 – Draft 2014 Environmental Justice Advisory Group Goals & Objectives

Chair Lyou discussed the proposed 2014 Goals & Objectives.

Mr. Rafael Yanez asked that the rendering rule be included in the Goals & Objectives. Chair Lyou also asked for the revision of Item Number Eight to include, Proposed Rule 415 Odors from Rendering Plants, Proposed Rule 2301 Control of Emissions from New or Redevelopment Projects, Proposed Amended Rule 2305 Indirect Sources, and Proposed Amended Rule 1118 Control of Emissions from Refinery Flares.

***Action Item:** Add the following proposed amended rules:
Proposed Rule 415 Odors from Rendering Plants
Proposed Rule 2301 Control of Emissions from New or Redevelopment Projects
Proposed Amended Rule 2305 Indirect Sources
Proposed Amended Rule 1118 Control of Emissions from Refinery Flares.*

Dr. Afif El-Hasan offered to present additional information on health studies related to air pollution, which Chair Lyou said he would like to add to the Goals & Objectives.

***Action Item:** Include updates on health studies relating to air quality.*

Chair Lyou asked that power plants be included in the emission offsets and new source review.

***Action Item:** Expand emission offsets and new source review to include power plants.*

Mr. Morales asked for an update on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Diesel Risk Reduction Plan as indicated on the Goals & Objectives. Chair Lyou said he was not sure of the current status, but explained that CARB is considering adding short-lived climate pollutants to their list of priorities under the Scoping Plan for Greenhouse Gas Emissions, which would include black carbon and diesel emissions as a high priority. Chair Lyou added that a Sustainable Freight Strategy would also include diesel and goods movement issues, but that a formal update on the CARB Diesel Risk Reduction Plan would be needed as the strategies and plans overlap in some ways.

***Action Item:** Agendize an update on the CARB Diesel Risk Reduction Plan.*

Mr. Yanez requested that the overview on air toxics be prioritized high on the list and Chair Lyou explained the Goals & Objectives are not listed in a ranking order, but are considered as a set.

Mr. Gutierrez asked if there was an update on the monitoring stations for the CPV Sentinel Power Plant and Salton Sea. Chair Lyou said an update on the monitoring stations can be added to the Goals & Objectives and on a future agenda.

***Action Item:** Expand the update on the AB 1318 Mitigation Funds to include an update on the CPV Sentinel Power Plant monitoring and expand the update on the Salton Sea to include an update on the monitoring.*

Agenda Item #6 – Update on the Latino Outreach Campaign

Mr. Enrique Toragano, from alPunto Advertising Agency gave an overview on the Latino outreach campaign conducted on behalf of the SCAQMD.

Mr. Micah Ali asked if there would be any vehicle demonstrations at the promotional events. Mr. Toragano replied there would be at the Cardenas Festival.

Mr. Morales asked which counties were surveyed and how many people from each. Mr. Toragano responded that the survey was conducted across Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Orange counties and there were equal numbers from each.

Chair Lyou asked how the survey was conducted, which Mr. Toragano replied by mall intercepts. A company was hired to go to key malls and swap meets and asked survey participants five to seven questions.

Mr. Gutierrez asked where the media is advertised, which Mr. Toragano replied across all five county areas. Mr. Gutierrez asked if any events were being planned for participation in the Coachella Valley. Mr. Toragano noted the events were budget based, so they chose the Inland Empire and Los Angeles. Mr. Alatorre added that if there are additional beneficial events, that EJAG members can forward the information to staff and SCAQMD can possibly participate outside of the campaign.

Ms. Maria Elena Kennedy noted that the tip for residents to carpool is not always an option for disadvantaged community members and asked if public transportation options were mentioned. Mr. Toragano explained they discussed the various options with staff and they took different tips to different communities.

Mr. Yanez asked how effective the campaign is and the actual increase in awareness. Mr. Toragano responded it's a small increase but a good start for starting from zero and said it's only the first year, so they should see additional awareness as time progresses. Mr. Yanez asked if information on reporting air quality complaints and the 1-800 CUT SMOG hotline number would be included on the outreach materials. Mr. Toragano said they decided not to include it and explained the feedback they received from the focus groups was that they will not report on their peers.

Mr. Morales asked if Supervisor Josie Gonzales is on the SCAQMD Governing Board, which Chair Lyou confirmed.

Dr. El-Hasan asked what part of the website was being visited the most and Mr. Toragano explained there is only one Spanish webpage, so the overall hits increased.

Mr. Ali noted there are other racial campaigns that are missing and Chair Lyou clarified this is the last of a series of ethnic outreach campaigns; there were previous campaigns for African American, Korean, Chinese, and Vietnamese. Mr. Ali continued to say there are many initiatives that SCAQMD is responsible but the public is not aware of the part they play, and suggested other ways to inform the public including utilizing youth through educational outreach and social media. Chair Lyou replied that Mr. Alatorre would probably be interested in talking with him to discuss the ideas for youth and educational outreach. Mr. Alatorre added that educational outreach is an ongoing effort and recently SCAQMD held an interactive conference for approximately 7,000 high school students where they learned about a wide variety of air quality and sustainable living issues. Mr. Ali replied that he would be happy to work with Mr. Alatorre.

Ms. Kennedy asked if the 1-800 CUT SMOG hotline number is still active. Chair Lyou replied that 1-800 CUT SMOG is still active. Mr. Alatorre responded there are flyers for the hotline, but there are not

enough resources to advertise on billboards along freeways as in the past. Ms. Whynot noted complaints are accepted online and Mr. Alatorre added there are iPhone/iPad/Android apps, as well as Twitter and Facebook feeds.

Mr. Gutierrez if flyers and brochures were available in digital format. Chair Lyou noted that there is a lot of information and materials on the website many of which are available in PDF form.

Agenda Item #7 – Demonstration of the Redesigned SCAQMD Website

Ms. Roberta Lewis demonstrated the redesigned SCAQMD website.

Mr. Yanez asked if the annual emissions reporting is located under permits. Ms. Lewis replied it is located under compliance.

Chair Lyou asked if FIND will be spelled out and asked if it is one of the most popular pages. Ms. Lewis replied they can spell it out and it is one of the most popular pages. Dr. Beeson suggested removing abbreviations since many people are not familiar with them.

Chair Lyou asked how often the background on the home page will change, which Ms. Lewis responded once a week, but some people are advocating for more frequent changes, while others say changing it too often will confuse people. Mr. Yanez asked what the website looks like on a mobile phone, which Ms. Lewis replied it would be a mobile site. Mr. Yanez replied that mobile sites often leave out a lot of information.

Mr. Ali asked if some of the categories should be rephrased, for example, instead of using community and health, use public education. Ms. Lewis said the organization of the website layout was designed from analytical data from Google and the contractor identified what people were looking for when clicking off the home page. Mr. Ali asked where the information for the school bus program is located in the website. Ms. Lewis replied it is under Business, and Mr. Ali suggested it should be under a different category. Mr. Beeson suggested there be multiple points where you can get the same information to provide multiple access points.

Chair Lyou asked if there is an A-Z index, and Ms. Lewis said it has been replaced with the sitemap.

Dr. Beeson asked if there is a search function for the video section. Ms. Lewis said there is not, but the general search function is still powered by Google and should pull up the information.

Mr. Yanez asked where the Public Notices are located, which Ms. Lewis pointed to the About section. Mr. Yanez noted that when he sees About, he thinks it's everything you need to know about and to contact SCAQMD.

Mr. Gutierrez asked where he would go to find the regional staff contacts. Ms. Lewis responded it would be under contacts, and Mr. Gutierrez suggested having a My Community section where residents can find information on how to file a complaint and information that would be useful to them. Ms. Lewis suggested possibly changing the Community and Health section to My Community. Mr. Gutierrez asked if there is a success story page for people who have taken part in grants. Chair Lyou said the closest thing is the Advisor Newsletter and said he agrees that they need to find interesting ways to make the success stories more engaging.

Agenda Item #8 – Update on State and Federal Legislation

Mr. Marc Carrel provided an update on recent federal legislative activity.

Dr. Beeson asked if the container ships include foreign flagged marine vessels which Mr. Carrel confirmed.

Mr. William Sanchez provided an update on recent activity involving State legislation.

Agenda Item #9 – Other Business

Chair Lyou announced and invited members to attend the Technology Forum on Near-Road Mitigation Measures and Technologies being held November 21, 2013 at SCAQMD from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm.

Agenda Item #10 – Public Comment

Mr. Gutierrez announced the Environmental Justice Leadership Summit in Imperial Valley on November 2, 2013.

Agenda Item #10 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.