

BOARD MEETING DATE: July11, 2014

AGENDA NO. 32

REPORT: Stationary Source Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Stationary Source Committee met Friday, June 20, 2014.  
Following is a summary of that meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:  
Receive and file.

Dennis Yates, Chair  
Stationary Source Committee

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### **Attendance**

The meeting began at 10:30 a.m. Present were Mayor Dennis Yates, Mayor Pro Tem Ben Benoit (VT), Supervisor Shawn Nelson (VT) and Mayor Judith Mitchell (VT). Absent was Dr. Joseph Lyou.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **1. Renew Contract for Media Advertising and Public Outreach for the Check Before You Burn Program**

Tina Cox, Senior Public Information Specialist, presented this item. Last year, following an RFP process, the Board awarded a contract to Sensis to develop and implement an outreach campaign for the 2013-14 Check Before You Burn program. Sensis developed and implemented a comprehensive media, advertising and public outreach campaign which included paid advertisements on TV, radio, Internet, electronic billboards and social media. Looking ahead to the 2014-15 Check Before Your Burn season, there is a strong need to continue to increase awareness of the program among residents and build on the momentum gained during last season's outreach campaign, which was the first dedicated outreach campaign for the

program. The current contract with Sensis includes an option to renew the contract for two additional one-year contracts.

Based on the overall quality and comprehensive design of the campaign last year, staff is recommending that the contract with Sensis be renewed for one year in an amount not to exceed \$493,000. This will allow sufficient time for an outreach campaign to be developed and in place before the season begins on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Mitchell commented on the importance of encouraging people to sign up for Air Alerts so they can receive notification when a no-burn alert has been issued. Ms. Cox added that this was part of the previous campaign and there was an increase in signups to Air Alerts during the four month campaign. The next campaign will also focus on encouraging signups for no-burn alerts.

*Moved (Mitchell), seconded (Benoit), and unanimously recommended for approval.*

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **2. Permit Processing Update**

Mohsen Nazemi, Deputy Executive Officer for Engineering & Compliance, provided a status update on permit applications filed and processed at SCAQMD and described past, ongoing, and future efforts to streamline the permitting process and improve efficiency. Mayor Pro Tem Benoit asked when the streamlining measures outlined on one of the slides had been implemented and if additional business members could be added to the Permit Streamlining Task Force (Task Force). Mr. Nazemi explained that some of the measures were implemented immediately, while others took longer to put in place. Task Force meetings are open to the public, and participation is encouraged. Suggestions for additional members will be considered. The next meeting will be in July, date to be determined.

Mayor Mitchell asked if Discover is the only credit card being accepted by SCAQMD and Mr. Nazemi responded that in addition to Discover all other Visa, Master Card and American Express credit cards are also accepted by SCAQMD. Mayor Mitchell stated that it is good that other, more commonly used, credit cards can be used for online payments. Supervisor Nelson suggested that there should be an automatic approval of a permit if staff does not act within a specific time period after submittal of a complete application. Mr. Nazemi responded that there is an appeal process before the Hearing Board if permits are not granted within a certain time and that an automatic approval of a permit is not recommended since permit conditions are necessary to ensure proper operation of the equipment. Supervisor Nelson emphasized that there is a need to reduce the permit application backlog and he encourages staff to use creative approaches to balance the workload better. Mayor Mitchell agreed and asked if hiring extra people or other actions could help

reduce the backlog. Mr. Nazemi stated that temporary engineering staff has been used in the past, but that takes resources for training. Hiring new engineers has been approved and is under way and that will help this situation. Mr. Nazemi also said that he has received some additional suggestions for permit streamlining, but SCAQMD has also received some satisfactory and positive feedback from industry groups about SCAQMD staff's timely processing of permit applications. The Task Force will consider all ideas.

Curt Coleman, Southern California Air Quality Alliance, commented and indicated that he appreciates the Board giving this issue priority and looks forward to working with staff. Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance, supports staff's efforts and asked about the District's goal of expanding small business assistance, since he believes some small businesses are still concerned about permitting. He indicated that small businesses want to participate in the process to help resolve rule and permitting issues. Derrick Alatorre, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer of Legislative and Public Affairs, described a pilot program that has helped small businesses in the City of Industry and Whittier through field days in coordination with local Chambers of Commerce. No permit assistance has been requested to date, but many clearance letters have been provided. Rita Loof, RadTech International, emphasized that the best streamlining method is to exempt low emitting equipment from permit requirements.

### **3. Hexavalent Chromium Air Monitoring Bi-Annual Report and Cement Facility Closure Plan**

Dr. Philip Fine, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer for Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, gave the staff presentation. This is the second bi-annual report, committed to in a previous Board resolution, on hexavalent chromium monitoring at cement manufacturing facilities. Rule 1156 affects two facilities, TXI and California Portland Cement Company. The rule was amended in 2009 as a result of a MATES III finding regarding elevated levels of hexavalent chromium at the Rubidoux monitoring station that were subsequently determined to be coming from the cement manufacturing facilities, mostly from TXI. That amendment required, among other things, fence-line monitoring for hexavalent chromium against a  $0.7 \text{ ng/m}^3$  30-day rolling-average upwind/downwind differential standard. Since beginning monitoring in March of 2010, neither facility has exceeded the standard. As a part of the 2009 amendment resolution, staff committed to developing a plan to address the monitoring and other requirements in the case of facility closure. To that end, staff had previously conducted a working group process and created a closure plan document. However, due to having less than one year of monitoring data, facilities lack of activity, and uncertain future, it was left as a "living document." Currently, monitoring is in its fifth year and it is timely for staff to re-engage the working group regarding amending the rule to incorporate closure provisions,

including a pathway for reduction or elimination of monitoring. There were no Committee or public comments on this informational item.

#### **4. Rule 1111 – NOx Emissions from Natural-Gas-Fired, Fan-Type Central Furnaces**

Joe Cassmassi, Planning and Rules Manager provided an update to the Committee on Proposed Amended Rule 1111 - NOx Emissions from Natural-Gas-Fired Fan-Type Central Furnaces. The proposed amendments to the rule would provide a six-month delay in the compliance date for condensing furnaces. In addition, the proposed amended rule would add a mitigation fee option to allow the sale of non-compliant furnaces for up to three-years. Mr. Cassmassi indicated that the proposed six month compliance delay represented an extension of the initial three-month delay proposal presented at the May 22 Public Workshop in response to industry comments that implementation during the peak season would be problematic. He further noted that manufacturers raised concern that the additional cost of manufacturing compliant furnaces might delay consumer purchases and that the proposed mitigation fee was too high. Mr. Cassmassi pointed out that since there would be compliant units available for implementation, the stakeholders had varied comments on the desired amount of delay in the implement dates due to their progress in developing compliant units, ranging from no delay to at least one year of delay. The mitigation fee is designed to provide compliance flexibility, but not to penalize those with compliant products.

Mayor Mitchell asked to confirm the amount of time provided by the rule to sell through existing units and what was the response from the manufactures to the proposed sell through period. Mr. Cassmassi responded that the manufacturers would have ten months of sell-through beyond the implementation date and that the manufacturers had commented favorably on the option.

#### **WRITTEN REPORTS**

All written reports were acknowledged by the Committee.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

Mayor Yates announced that the next Stationary Source Committee meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2014 and adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

#### **Attachments**

Attendance Roster

**SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
STATIONARY SOURCE COMMITTEE  
June 20, 2014  
ATTENDANCE ROSTER (Voluntary)**

NAME	AFFILIATION
Mayor Dennis Yates	SCAQMD Governing Board
Mayor Pro Tem Benoit (VT)	SCAQMD Governing Board
Mayor Judith Mitchell (VT)	SCAQMD Governing Board
Supervisor Shawn Nelson (VT)	SCAQMD Governing Board
Ron Ketcham	SCAQMD Governing Board (Cacciotti)
Mohsen Nazemi	SCAQMD Staff
Kurt Wiese	SCAQMD Staff
Bill Wong	SCAQMD Staff
Elaine Chang	SCAQMD Staff
Jill Whynot	SCAQMD Staff
Tina Cox	SCAQMD Staff
Derrick Alatorre	SCAQMD Staff
Joe Cassmassi	SCAQMD Staff
Philip Fine	SCAQMD Staff
Chris Marlia	SCAQMD Staff
Tracy Goss	SCAQMD Staff
Laki Tisopulos	SCAQMD Staff
Mike O'Kelly	SCAQMD Staff
Kim White	SCAQMD Staff
Curtis Coleman	So. Calif. Air Quality Alliance
Barbara McBride	Calpine
Grant Aguinaldo	Envera Consulting
Susan Stark	Tesoro

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Bill Pearce	Boeing
David Rothbart	LA County Sanitation District
Bill LaMarr	California Small Business Alliance
Rita Loof	RadTech International