

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 6, 2015

AGENDA NO. 20

REPORT: California Air Resources Board Monthly Meeting

SYNOPSIS: The California Air Resources Board met on January 29, 2015, in Sacramento. The following is a summary of this meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Judith Mitchell, Member
SCAQMD Governing Board

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The Air Resources Board's (ARB or Board) January meeting was held on January 29 in Sacramento at the California Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters Building. Key items presented are summarized below.

1. ARB's Program Priorities for 2015

The Executive Officer briefed the Board on ARB's priorities for 2015. The briefing detailed ARB's successes and next steps in continuing implementation of criteria pollutant and climate programs. 2015 will be a pivotal planning year which will help lay out the path to meeting mid-term and 2050 climate goals, achieving the PM2.5 and ozone standards, and reducing localized risk. To address these priorities, ARB is strengthening its operations by realigning resources, looking at the benefits of cross-sector plans and initiatives, and forming partnerships with local, state, federal and international agencies.

2. ARB Research to Support Sustainable Communities

The Board heard an overview of ARB's research program focused on supporting strategies to improve the sustainability of California's built environment. ARB's

research in this area includes projects on land use patterns, transportation infrastructure, and buildings. This work has informed local agencies on strategies to reduce carbon emissions from transportation as required by SB 375 and from buildings as required by the State green building code.

3. GHG Quantification Determination for the Council of Fresno County Govts Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy

Staff presented its technical evaluation of the Council of Fresno County Governments' (FCOG) greenhouse gas determination for the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy adopted by FCOG in June of 2014. The Board acted to accept FCOG determination that its 2014 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), if implemented, would achieve the region's per capita greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for 2020 and 2035. The 2014 SCS represents a shift away from the county's historic growth pattern of dispersed, auto-oriented development, and instead focuses on more inward facing development, multi-family housing and alternative modes of travel, with less emphasis on expanded road capacity.

4. Report on Air Quality

The Board was briefed on California's air quality progress. The report discussed on-going successes in meeting the federal health-based air quality standards for ozone and PM2.5. A key highlight is the South Coast Air Basin's attainment of the 15 ug/m³ annual PM2.5 standard in 2013, one year ahead of the 2014 attainment date. The report also described planning efforts for the more stringent ozone and particulate matter standards, and how the nature of the remaining air quality challenge will inform appropriate regional strategies in meeting these standards. Finally, the presentation discussed U.S. EPA's proposal to further strengthen the ozone standard, and potential new nonattainment areas.

Attachment

CARB January 29, 2015 Meeting Agenda

LOCATION:

Air Resources Board
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**Thursday
January 29, 2015
9:00 a.m.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Note: The following agenda items may be heard in a different order at the Board meeting.

Agenda Item #

15-1-1: Report to the Board on the Air Resources Board Program Priorities for 2015

Executive Officer Richard Corey will provide the Board with an overview of anticipated Air Resources Board priorities for 2015.

[Staff Presentation](#)

15-1-2: Report to the Board on the Air Resources Board Research to Support Sustainable Communities

Staff will present to the Board an overview of the Air Resources Board's research program focused on supporting voluntary strategies that seek to improve the sustainability of California's built environment, including land use patterns, transportation infrastructure, and buildings.

[More Information](#)

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15-1-3: Public Meeting to Consider the Greenhouse Gas Quantification Determination for the Council of Fresno County Governments Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy

The Board will consider action to accept or reject the Council of Fresno County Governments' (FCOG) determination that its 2014 Sustainable Communities Strategy, if implemented, would achieve the region's per capita greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for 2020 and 2035. Staff will present its technical evaluation of FCOG's greenhouse gas determination for the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy which was adopted by FCOG on June 26, 2014.

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15-1-4: Report to the Board on Air Quality

Staff will present to the Board an air quality progress report. This report will focus on current air quality as well as the progress made towards attainment of health-based air quality standards for ozone and PM2.5.

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CLOSED SESSION

The Board will hold a closed session, as authorized by Government Code section 11126(e), to confer with, and receive advice from, its legal counsel regarding the following pending or potential litigation, and as authorized by Government Code section 11126(a):

POET, LLC, et al. v. Corey, et al., Superior Court of California (Fresno County), Case No. 09CECG04850; plaintiffs' appeal, California Court of Appeal, Fifth District, Case No. F064045; California Supreme Court, Case No. S213394. [remanded to trial court].

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, et al. v. Corey, U.S. District Court (E.D. Cal. Fresno), Case No. 1:09-CV-02234-LJO-DLB; ARB interlocutory appeal, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case No. 09-CV-02234 [remanded to trial court].

American Fuels and Petrochemical Manufacturing Associations, et al. v. Corey, et al., U.S. District Court (E.D. Cal. Fresno), Case No. 1:10-CV-00163-AWI-GSA; ARB's interlocutory appeal, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case No. 10-CV-00163 [remanded to trial court].

California Dump Truck Owners Association v. Nichols, U.S. District Court (E.D. Cal. Sacramento), Case No. 2:11-CV-00384-MCE-GGH; plaintiffs' appeal, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Case No. 13-15175.

Engine Manufacturers Association v. California Air Resources Board, Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2010-00082774; ARB's appeal, California Court of Appeal, Third District, Case No. C071891.

Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association v. California Air Resources Board, Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2013-00150733.

Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers v. California Air Resources Board; Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2013-00152974.

Citizens Climate Lobby and Our Children's Earth Foundation v. California Air Resources Board, San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-12-519554, plaintiffs' appeal, California Court of Appeal, First District, Case No. A138830.

California Chamber of Commerce et al. v. California Air Resources Board, Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2012-80001313; plaintiffs' appeal, California Court of Appeal, Third District, Case No. C075930.

Morning Star Packing Company, et al. v. California Air Resources Board, et al., Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2013-800001464; plaintiffs' appeal, California Court of Appeal, Third District, Case No. C075954.

Delta Construction Company, et al. v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 11-1428.

City of Los Angeles through Department of Water and Power v. California Air Resources Board, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BS140620 (transferred to Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2013-80001451-CU-WM-GDS).

Alliance for California Business v. Nichols et al., Glenn County Superior Court, Case No. 13CV01232.

Dalton Trucking, Inc. v. United States Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, Case No. 13-1283.

Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association Inc. et al. v. Richard W. Corey et al., U.S. District Court, (E.D. Cal. Fresno) Case No. 1:13-CV-01998-LJO-SAB (transferred by court to E.D.Cal. Sacramento, Case No. 2:14-CV-00186-MCE-AC).

John R. Lawson Rock & Oil, Inc. et al. v. California Air Resources Board et al., Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 14-CECG01494.

Transportation Solutions Defense and Education Fund v. California Air Resources Board, Fresno County Superior Court, Case No. 14CECG01788 (plaintiff's transfer to Sacramento Superior).

California Nozzle Specialists, Inc. v. California Air Resources Board, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BC564965.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO COMMENT ON MATTERS OF INTEREST

Board members may identify matters they would like to have noticed for consideration at future meetings and comment on topics of interest; no formal action on these topics will be taken without further notice.

OPEN SESSION TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON SUBJECT MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD

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