

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 1, 2015

AGENDA NO. 20

REPORT: Administrative Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Administrative Committee met on Friday, April 10, 2015. The Committee discussed various issues detailed in the Committee report. The next Administrative Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2015 immediately following the Legislative Committee meeting at the Island Hotel in Newport Beach.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Dr. William A. Burke, Chair
Administrative Committee

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Attendance: Attending the April 10, 2015 meeting were Committee Members Dennis Yates and Judith Mitchell at SCAQMD headquarters, and Dr. William Burke and Dr. Clark E. Parker, Sr. via videoconference. Supervisor Janice Rutherford also observed at SCAQMD headquarters.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Board Members' Concerns:** None
2. **Chairman's Report of Approved Travel:** Executive Officer Barry Wallerstein reported that Councilmember Judith Mitchell will be traveling to Sacramento to meet with State Legislators and will also be attending the monthly 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.

5. **Board Member Workload and Board Consultant/Assistant Stipend Amounts:** Dr. Wallerstein advised that Dr. Burke preferred to send this item to the Personnel Committee for a more detailed discussion and then bring it back to the Administrative Committee for consideration.
6. **Authorize the Executive Officer to Execute an Indemnification Agreement with Phillips 66 Company:** General Counsel Kurt Wiese reported that this item is to authorize the Executive Officer to sign an indemnification agreement with Phillips 66 that requires Phillips 66 to reimburse the District's legal fees and costs associated with a CEQA lawsuit brought by environmental groups that challenges the District's approval of a crude oil storage project at the Los Angeles/Carson refinery. Under District Rule 301(aa), Phillips 66 is required to reimburse the District for its legal fees and costs in the litigation; however, an indemnification agreement is required that must be authorized by the Administrative Committee. Staff has negotiated such an agreement with Phillips 66 and they have signed the agreement. Staff is seeking authorization for the Executive Officer to sign the agreement on behalf of the District.

Moved by Mitchell; seconded by Yates; unanimously approved.

7. **Adopt Executive Officer's FY 2015-16 SCAQMD Budget and Work Program and Authorize Mid-Year Budget Adjustments, Transfers, Purchase of Vehicles, and Hearing Board Compensation:** Dr. Wallerstein advised that there would be a Board Budget Workshop following the Administrative Committee meeting where staff will present the budget in more detail. He recommended that the Committee ask for public comment and only have staff present the budget once at the Board Budget Workshop. Dr. Burke inquired whether there was any public comment. There being none, the Committee agreed that the information related to this item would be presented at the budget workshop.
8. **Report of RFQs Scheduled for Release in May:** Chief Financial Officer Michael O'Kelly reported that this item requests the release of an RFQ to create a list of prequalified vendors for compressed gases and cryogenic liquids.

Moved by Yates; seconded by Mitchell; unanimously approved.

9. **Issue RFP for CEQA Documentation Support to Prepare Program Environmental Impact Report for 2016 AQMP and Other CEQA-related Tasks:** Deputy Executive Officer Elaine Chang reported that this item is to solicit consultant assistance for the 2016 AQMP CEQA preparation. Staff is requesting \$125,000 for this purpose and will come back to the Committee at a later date if more funds are needed for additional CEQA support.

Moved by Yates; seconded by Mitchell; unanimously approved.

10. **Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Funds for PM2.5 Monitoring Program and Issue Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring Equipment and CNG Vehicle:** Deputy Executive Officer Matt Miyasato reported that this item is to recognize funds from U.S. EPA in support of the PM2.5 Monitoring Program and to purchase air monitoring equipment and a program support vehicle.

Moved by Yates; seconded by Mitchell; unanimously approved.

11. **Issue RFP for Evaluation and Improvement of SCAQMD's Website:** Assistant Deputy Executive Officer Chris Marlia reported that this item is to issue an RFP to solicit bids from qualified firms to evaluate the current website, make recommendations for improvements, and upon approval, implement those improvements. Dr. Wallerstein added that once the proposals are received, the highest-ranked proposers will be brought before the Committee to select which firm would be best to perform the work.

Moved by Mitchell; seconded by Yates; unanimously approved.

12. **Execute Lease Contract for Mailing Equipment:** Assistant Deputy Executive Officer Bill Johnson reported that this item is to request authorization to execute a five-year lease agreement with Neopost Southwest District for mailing equipment.

Moved by Mitchell; seconded by Yates; unanimously approved.

13. **Establish New Position Classification of Career Development Intern:** Mr. Johnson reported that at the request of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors staff developed a new classification for Career Development Intern. In the FY 2015-16 budget two positions are proposed to develop job training skills for youth emancipated from the foster care system that will enable them to become more competitive in the open job market. The positions will be tied to one of possibly six existing classifications. Dr. Burke inquired whether anyone had spoken to Supervisor Antonovich about developing only two positions and asked what the cost is to fund each position. Mr. Johnson responded that the fully burdened cost is approximately \$65,000 per person. Dr. Wallerstein added that he would be happy to speak with Supervisor Antonovich and clarified that the positions are not like the annual summer interns, but they would be temporary full-time employees performing duties for which they would not otherwise qualify, which experience would allow them to qualify for employment either here or elsewhere for a permanent full-time job in one of the various types of work that is being offered with this classification. Dr. Burke recommended that the Committee establish the classification and directed staff to speak with Supervisor Antonovich for his approval of the number of positions.

Dr. Wallerstein commented that the positions will be part of the budget presented at the May Board meeting.

Moved by Mitchell; seconded by Yates; unanimously approved.

14. **Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the January 16, 2015 Meeting (written report):** Attached for information only are the minutes from the January 16, 2015 meeting of the Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group.
15. **Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes from the October 22, 2014 and January 30, 2015 meetings (written report):** Attached for information only are the draft minutes from the October 22, 2014 meeting and the approved minutes from the January 30, 2015 meeting of the Environmental Justice Advisory Group.
16. **Review of the May 1, 2015 Governing Board Agenda:** Dr. Wallerstein mentioned that staff is planning to release the final MATES IV document.
17. **Other Business:** None
18. **Public Comment:** None

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Attachments

Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes from the January 16, 2015 Meeting

Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes from the October 22, 2014 and January 30, 2015 Meetings.

SPECIAL MEETING – April 3, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Administrative Committee was held on April 3, 2015 principally to interview candidates for the SCAQMD Hearing Board.

Attendance: Attending the April 3, 2015 meeting were Committee Members Dr. William Burke, Dennis Yates, Judith Mitchell and Dr. Clark Parker at SCAQMD headquarters.

MAY AGENDA ITEM:

1. **Appoint Members to SCAQMD Hearing Board:** Clerk of Boards Sandra McDaniel reported that the current terms of office for the Attorney and Engineer Hearing Board Members and their Alternates will expire on June 30, 2015. An Advisory Committee reviewed 39 resumes, interviewed nine candidates, and recommended the top three attorney candidates and top three engineer candidates for interviews and final recommendation by the Administrative Committee. The Committee conducted the interviews for the Attorney Member and Alternate and recommended Julie Prussack be reappointed as the Attorney Member and Douglas W. Lofgren reappointed as the Alternate Member.

Moved by Yates; seconded by Parker; unanimously approved.

The Committee conducted the interviews for the Engineer Member and the Alternate and recommended Edward Camarena be reappointed as the Engineer Member and Thomas J. McCabe, Jr. reappointed as the Alternate.

Moved by Yates; seconded by Mitchell; unanimously approved.

2. **Public Comment:** None

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Yates, Mayor, City of Chino and LGSBA Chairman
Ben Benoit, Councilman, City of Wildomar and LGSBA Vice Chairman
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California/All Metals
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
Rita Loof, RadTech International
Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor, City of Monrovia
David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation District

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Felipe Aguirre
John Hill, Riverside County Representative
Maria Elena Kennedy, Kennedy Communications
Kelly Moulton, Paralegal
Lupe Ramos Watson, Councilmember, City of Indio

OTHERS PRESENT:

Earl Elrod, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)

SCAQMD STAFF:

Derrick J. Alatorre, Asst. Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor
Guillermo Sanchez, Senior Manager, Legislative and Public Affairs
Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Carol Gomez, Planning & Rules Manager
Kathryn Higgins, Program Supervisor
Elaine-Joy Hills, AQ Inspector II
Henry Hogo, Asst. Deputy Executive Officer
Lori Langrell, Secretary
Dean Saito, Fleet Rule Implementation Manager

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Mayor Dennis Yates called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of December 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Chair Yates called for approval of the December 12, 2014 meeting minutes. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Mr. Derrick Alatorre indicated that there were no follow-up or action items that arose out of the December 12, 2014 meeting.

Agenda Item #4 – Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program (EFMP) and Expanded Community Outreach

Mr. Dean Saito provided a presentation on the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program (EFMP) and outreach efforts targeting high-emitting vehicles in disadvantaged communities.

Mr. Paul Avila asked if the program is similar to the Cash for Clunkers program. Mr. Saito responded no, Cash for Clunkers was a federal program to stimulate the purchase of cars. The EFMP program is a bond, AB 118, and cap & trade funded program that allows low and middle-income individuals to purchase used or new clean advanced fuel vehicles with incentive money.

Mr. Geoff Blake inquired how old the car being traded in has to be. Mr. Saito replied that there is no model year requirement, but model year 2000 or older is more likely. Mr. Blake further asked what the average value of a used vehicle eligible for purchase is. Mr. Saito indicated that they looked at a 2008 model year conventional hybrid, which was valued at approximately \$10,000-\$11,000.

Mr. Paul Avila asked if the program would be administered here at the District, or a separate office. Mr. Saito indicated the governing board approved the award contracts to four vendors to help implement the program, but the vouchers will be issued here at the District to consumers.

Mr. Todd Campbell inquired regarding limitations on the eligibility of low-carbon transportation type incentives to high mileage vehicles, plug-in hybrids, and zero-emission vehicles. Mr. Saito indicated that Air Resources Board (CARB) sets the guidelines for the program which is being funded by cap and trade dollars. In the initial guidelines, natural gas vehicles are not included. Mr. Saito had proposed to more broadly include alternative fuel vehicles; however, CARB decided not to include them. Mr. Campbell asked if Mr. Saito knew the basis, which Mr. Saito indicated that it was due to an emphasis on greenhouse gas reductions.

Councilman Ben Benoit asked whether there will be any vendor working in Coachella. Mr. Saito responded that one of the vendors will be working in the Coachella Valley, with the California Community College Foundation. In order to be eligible for funding through the EFMP, the purchaser must be within a disadvantaged community.

Mr. Avila asked if this program is for purchase only. Mr. Saito replied yes, for purchase of a newer model, and scrapping of old cars. Mr. Avila asked if the incentive is available if you take an older car and install modern technology, for example placing an all-electric plug-in motor in your older vehicle. Mr. Saito responded that it may be possible, but the engine would have to be recognized by Department of Motor Vehicles.

Agenda Item #5 –Implementation of AB 2766 Requirements

Ms. Kathryn Higgins provided a presentation on the FY 2012-2013 AB2766 Subvention Fund Program emission reduction and financial activity reported by local governments.

Ms. Rita Loof asked for an example of a program under the public education category. Ms. Higgins replied the Clean Cities project in Riverside County, in conjunction with Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), wherein they educate the public on emerging technology, advanced fuel vehicles, as well as propane gardening equipment and natural gas trucks.

Mr. Avila asked what falls under the category of land use. Ms. Higgins indicated that category relates to the development of policies and programs to reduce trips and indirectly reduce emissions, including walkable communities and transit-oriented development. Mr. Avila asked if it is harder for the small cities to work with their respective county. Ms. Higgins responded that it is difficult only because they may only get about \$2,000 per year, and tend to save their money toward a specific project for years.

Agenda Item #5 – Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group 2014 Accomplishments/2015 Goals & Objectives

Chair Yates indicated the Goals & Objectives are included in the packet and are adopted.

Agenda Item #5 –Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities

No comments.

Agenda Item #6 - Other Business

Ms. Loof asked when the presentation on the ASTM conference would be available. Mr. Alatorre indicated that perhaps by March but he will check on the status.

Action Item: Check status on when ASTM Conference presentation can be given to the Advisory Group.

Agenda Item #7 - Public Comment

No comments.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.



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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Joseph Lyou, AQMD Governing Board Member, EJAG Chairman
Rhetta Alexander, San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council
Dr. Lawrence Beeson, Loma Linda University, School of Public Health
Judy Bergstresser, Member of the Public
Arnold Butler, Inglewood Unified School District
Paul Choe, Korean Drycleaners & Laundry Association
Rudy Gutierrez, Member of the Public
Maria Elena Kennedy, Quail Valley Task Force
Evelyn Knight, Long Beach Economic Development Commission
Daniel Morales, National Alliance for Human Rights
William Nelson, OC Signature Properties
Rafael Yanez, Member of the Public

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Micah Ali, Compton Unified School District
Suzanne Bilodeau, Knott's Berry Farm
Alycia Enciso, Small Business Owner
Mary Figueroa, Riverside Community College
Dr. Afif El-Hasan, American Lung Association
Andrea Hricko, Southern California Environmental Health Sciences
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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Abramowitz, Board Member Assistant (*Lyou*)
Earl Elrod, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)
Kris Flaig, City of Los Angeles, Sanitation Department

SCAQMD STAFF:

Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Philip Fine, Assistant DEO
Lori Langrell, Secretary
Lisa Tanaka O'Malley, Community Relations Manager
Jill Whynot, Assistant DEO

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Dr. Joseph Lyou called the meeting to order at 12:31 PM.

Chair Lyou announced that tomorrow, October 23, 2014, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) will have a demonstration here at the District in the parking lot, showcasing the largest amount of alternative fuel vehicles.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of January 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Chair Lyou called for the approval of the meeting minutes. The July 25, 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

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

Ms. Lisa Tanaka O'Malley reviewed the action items from the July 25, 2014 meeting. Ms. O'Malley advised that a presentation on personal air monitoring, and the status of LNG/Tier 4 locomotives will be agendaized for the January meeting.

Agenda Item #4 – Member Updates

Mr. Rudy Gutierrez inquired regarding the status of the Burrtec project in the Coachella Valley and their desire to expand. Dr. Lyou asked if this project is situated on county property, to which Mr. Gutierrez indicated he believed it is Riverside County property leased to Burrtec. Dr. Lyou advised under the CEQA act, Mr. Gutierrez can request notification if he wants to remain informed of activities on the property.

Mr. Gutierrez also inquired about the Salton Sea. Dr. Fine indicated that there is an article in today's Los Angeles Times which reported on receding shorelines and potential for dust exposure. He further indicated that in the next few years, the inflows to the sea are scheduled to be curtailed and, the goal is to find the best way to mitigate the potential effects of the receding shoreline. Dr. Fine explained that only 15% of the Salton Sea is in the SCAQMD's jurisdiction. He further indicated that there is a monitoring network around the sea, including a new SCAQMD monitor in Mecca. Dr. Fine stated that SCAQMD is monitoring hydrogen sulfide by the sea, and short term spikes have picked up recently. Dr. Fine briefly discussed strong wind events which can cause the sea to "turn over" bringing nutrient dense water to the surface which can release hydrogen sulfide and create odor events.

Agenda Item #5 – Draft 2015 Environmental Justice Advisory Group Goals & Objectives

Ms. O'Malley presented the draft 2015 Goals & Objectives to the group.

Ms. Rhetta Alexander inquired if a presentation on alternative energy and its' relationship to air quality could be added to the Goals & Objectives.

***Action Item:** Add alternative energy and its' relationship to air quality to the 2015 Goals & Objectives.*

Dr. Lyou requested to add the California Air Resources Board Sustainable Freight Plan to the update on the Diesel Risk Reduction Plan. Dr. Lyou also asked that we add a presentation on SB 535 (De Leon) and AB 32 revenue, focused on disadvantaged communities.

***Action Item:** Add the CARB Sustainable Freight Plan to the update on the Diesel Risk Reduction Plan and add a presentation SB 535 (De Leon) and AB 32 in relation to disadvantaged communities.*

Mr. Daniel Morales asked if the group can prioritize the order of the goals and objectives for the year. Dr. Lyou asked that a member survey be conducted before the next meeting, highlighting the top five (5) topics of interest for EJAG members.

***Action Item:** Conduct a survey of the EJAG members to ascertain their top five (5) topics of interest from the 2015 Goals & Objectives.*

Agenda Item #6 –MATES IV

Dr. Fine provided an overview of the Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study (MATES IV).

Mr. Arnold Butler asked if there is corresponding reduction in cancer rates as the levels of air pollution go down. Dr. Lyou indicated that scientifically it is hard to correlate specific cancer rate reductions unless you have a toxin related to a specific cancer (for example, asbestos – mesothelioma). Mr. Butler stated that students in school are increasingly experiencing respiratory problems and he asked if there is anything that can be done in this area. Dr. Fine indicated that there is a lot of work that has been done and is still in progress including the USC Children’s Health study and follow-ups which correlates asthma and lung function with air quality. Dr. Lyou also mentioned that in the future personal air monitoring devices may provide individuals with a means to determine air pollution levels and reduce their exposure by moving away from affected areas.

There was some discussion on how the MATES IV data was collected. Dr. Fine stated that the modeled data is corroborated with actual measurements on the ground. Dr. Lyou noted that whole industries such as the dry cleaners have made great strides to reduce or eliminate use of toxic chemicals such as perchloroethylene (PERC). He further stated that the dry cleaning industry should be commended for their actions to comply with regulations to reduce toxics in the environment. Mr. Paul Choe added that approximately 700 dry cleaners went out of business in 2007-2008 due to the economic downturn, which helped with the retiring of PERC equipment.

Ms. Judy Bergstresser asked for clarification on what is considered an off-road mobile source. Dr. Fine replied that mobile sources include off road construction equipment, trains, planes, ships, recreational vehicles, forklifts, and other types of moving vehicles.

Mr. Morales asked if SCAQMD has role in approving the World Logistics Center which is proposed to be built in Moreno Valley. Dr. Fine indicated that in general, SCAQMD’s CEQA group reviews environmental impact reports (EIR’s) for projects such as the World Logistics Center and will provide comments to the lead agency. SCAQMD’s comments may request additional data, ask questions about air quality related calculations or make suggestions to reduce air quality impacts. Dr. Lyou also indicated that SCAQMD has been contemplating a rule on indirect sources which might require facilities that attract mobile sources to implement mitigation measures to reduce air pollution.

Mr. Kris Flaig inquired if there are current or future technologies that can be employed to reduce toxics from heavy duty diesel mobile sources such as diesel particulate filters (DPF). Dr. Fine indicated that DPF’s will reduce toxics and particulate matter from heavy duty diesel sources such as trucks and back-up generators. He also stated that, the SCAQMD Science & Technology Advancement office issues an annual report which includes current and future air pollution reduction technologies.

Mr. Flaig asked if SCAQMD was only focused on diesel trucks as opposed to other types of vehicles and passenger cars. Dr. Fine replied that all types of mobile sources including passenger vehicles must get cleaner to meet air quality standards. Dr. Lyou indicated that by 2023 and 2032, the South Coast Air Basin must reach federal air attainment standards, which translates into a two-thirds reduction by 2023, and three-quarters reduction by 2032. Dr. Fine added that public transit agencies such as Metro have

already converted to cleaner burning natural gas for their buses, and that there is a project with Metrolink to utilize less polluting commuter trains.

Ms. Alexander asked if hydrogen fuel cell vehicles will be an option for drivers. Dr. Fine indicated that there is a new model coming from Toyota next year and that there are several other manufacturers with cars either currently available or in the near future. Mr. Butler asked if cities are being given incentives to build infrastructure to support hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. Dr. Lyou responded that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in conjunction with other stakeholders has developed an infrastructure plan. Mr. Mark Abramowitz added that 50 new hydrogen fueling stations will be built by the end of 2015.

Agenda Item #7 – Overview of Check Before you Burn

Dr. Fine presented an overview of the Check Before you Burn program.

Ms. Alexander asked if you must reside in one of the targeted areas to participate in the incentive program for cleaner burning fireplace devices. Dr. Fine affirmed that the incentive program is only designated areas, including the Mira Loma – Jurupa communities, due to the air quality issues in those areas.

Mr. Gutierrez inquired if farmers, for example in the Coachella Valley, are allowed to burn for the sake of their crops. Dr. Fine indicated that the SCAQMD has been working with the farmers on less polluting frost prevention methods to protect their crops. He added that farmers are only allowed to burn after receiving a permit from SCAQMD and under certain conditions. Mr. Gutierrez asked if the community can be alerted when there is a burn, so residents can take measures to reduce their exposure to the smoke. Dr. Fine indicated he will follow-up with staff on burn alerts for frost prevention.

***Action Item:** Follow-up with staff on an alert for residents in the Coachella Valley during frost prevention burns.*

Mr. Morales asked if information on the fireplace vouchers incentive program is available on the SCAQMD website. Dr. Fine replied that there is information on the SCAQMD website and that there is funding available. Mr. Morales further asked if beach fire rings were included in the Check Before You Burn program. Dr. Fine indicated that there has been some confusion between the two programs, but that under certain circumstances a no-burn alert can be called for the beach fire rings.

Agenda Item #8 – Other Business

Dr. Lyou reminded the group again about the CARB meeting and alternative fuel car showcase being held at SCAQMD. Dr. Lyou also indicated that the 2015 meeting date handout was on the table, and for everyone to please place these dates on their calendar.

Agenda Item #9 – Public Comment

No comments.

Agenda Item #10 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.



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Susan Nakamura, Director of Strategic Initiatives
Lisa Tanaka O'Malley, Community Relations Manager
Dean Saito, Fleet Rule Implementation Manager
Laki Tisopulos, Assistant DEO
Daniel Wong, Secretary

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Dr. Joseph Lyou called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

Chair Lyou reminded the committee to submit their survey list of priorities for 2015. Chair Lyou invited the committee to attend the SCAQMD Environmental Justice Conference on February 27th in Downtown Los Angeles.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of October 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Chair Lyou called for the approval of the meeting minutes. The October 23, 2014 meeting minutes were approved.

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

Mr. Derrick Alatorre reviewed the action items from the October 23, 2014 meeting.

- 1.) Added to 2015 Goals and Objectives – Alternative Energy and its relationship to air quality.
- 2.) Added to 2015 Goals and Objectives – CARB Sustainable Freight Plan to the update on the Diesel Risk Reduction Plan and add a presentation SB 535 (De Leon) and AB 32 in relation to disadvantaged communities.
- 3.) Completed – Conducted a survey of the EJAG members to ascertain their top five (5) topics of interest from the 2015 Goals & Objectives. Five responses have been received from EJAG members.
- 4.) Follow-up with staff on an alert for residents in the Coachella Valley during frost prevention burns. Alerts currently go out to local schools during frost prevention burns.

Agenda Item #4 – Member Updates

Chair Lyou informed the group that issues regarding the Salton Sea were brought up at recent Governing Board meeting, as well as interest expressed from public groups regarding upcoming Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) meetings. Mr. Alatorre informed the group that AQMP meetings were currently being planned for each county within the district. Once planned, a list will be circulated to the group.

***Action Item:** Once scheduled, staff will distribute information on meetings related to the AQMP to the members of EJAG.*

Ms. Rhetta Alexander informed the group about curriculum on climate change that is being distributed by Progressive Christians Uniting.

***Action Item:** Chair Lyou requested that the link be shared with the group:*
<http://pcu-la.org/PCU/ClimateChangeAndFaith.html>

Mr. Daniel Morales gave an update on an issue he brought up in October 2014 regarding diesel truck traffic issues in the City of Colton. He will continue to provide the group with updates.

Ms. Mary Figueroa gave an update regarding the newly approved Prologis logistics facility in the City of Moreno Valley. A major increase in truck-traffic is expected.

Mr. Rudy Gutierrez provided an update regarding the Burrtec composting facility operating in the Coachella Valley. Residents are expecting an increase in vehicle traffic as well as an increase in onsite green waste storage.

Mr. Dean Saito informed the group that he has been in consultation with Burrtec to use the new compressed natural gas (CNG) station located in Coachella for fueling of their fleet, in compliance with SCAQMD fleet rules.

Agenda Item #5 – Update on Emerging Personal and Community Based-Monitoring Technologies

Dr. Laki Tisopulos provided an overview of emerging personal and community based monitoring technologies.

Mr. Yanez suggested that source test information should be made readily available to the public via our Facility Information Detail (FIND) application. Mr. Yanez also suggested that the public should be informed on which air monitor would work for certain issues and under specific conditions. Additionally, he voiced concern over the sensitivity and reliability issues of personal monitors.

Chair Lyou suggested that type of technology might be useful to refineries to self-identify problems before they become compliance issues. Laser technology may even help refineries pinpoint within a few feet where fugitive emissions are coming from in the facility. Dr. Tisopulos stated that the Governing Board would be considering a fence line laser monitoring system at the next monthly meeting.

Dr. Tisopulos indicated that the monitors in this program are low cost and not as advanced in technology, but will improve over time. Dr. Tisopulos is anticipating completion of the testing center by the end of March.

Dr. Lyou stated that the monitors would have been helpful in situations such as the fire at the Port of Los Angeles. He indicated that during the fire, students were outside and potentially exposed to toxic emissions. Dr. Lyou suggested that a community monitoring system could have alarmed the schools to keep the students inside their classrooms.

Mr. Gutierrez brought up that the monitors are useful, but what is a resident supposed to do with the information. Dr. Tisopulos indicated that one of the goals for the monitors is to prevent air quality events before an incident occurs.

Dr. Lyou asked for Agenda Item #7 to be discussed next due to a scheduling conflict with presenting staff.

Agenda Item #7 – Overview of Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program (EFMP)

Mr. Saito provided an overview of the EFMP program which provides incentives for low and middle-income consumers to scrap older, higher polluting vehicles and purchase cleaner advanced technology vehicles.

Ms. Evelyn Knight asked how cultural issues would be incorporated into the program outreach. For example, there are communities in Long Beach that would need special outreach to reach residents. Chair Lyou suggested that Ms. Knight work with Mr. Saito to ensure these communities are reached.

Dr. Lyou asked Dean about the purpose of the EFMP program. Mr. Saito indicated that the goal of the program is to retire the legacy or older fleet to reduce air pollution. Ms. Knight stated that she would be glad to provide input into the program outreach.

Ms. Maria Elena Kennedy expressed concern that used advanced technology cars can be expensive to operate and maintain. She provided the example of tires for a hybrid which need to be special ordered. Mr. Saito indicated that the costs for a conventional hybrid are similar to a regular vehicle. Ms.

Kennedy suggested that low-income consumers need to be educated on the maintenance of these advanced technology vehicles, so potential buyers are aware of all these issues including charging. Mr. Saito stated that the state Legislature may be providing funding for home charging stations. Mr. Yanez indicated that there are costs beyond the charging station such as the wiring and panel.

Mr. Yanez asked if the EFMP program is an invitation only program. Dr. Saito indicated that the SCAQMD contractors are developing outreach models to attract people to participate in the program.

Ms. Figueroa stated that this program is a total mindset change for these low-income families. She further stated that these families have higher priorities such as food, shelter and basic necessities. Ms. Figueroa indicated that these families are driving these older cars not because they want to pollute the air, but because they don't have another choice. Chair Lyou indicated that a similar program in northern California has been successful. Mr. Arnold Butler added that many of these low-income families are not financially literate, so disclosure is critical.

Agenda Item #6 – Update on 2015 Toxics Rule

Ms. Susan Nakamura provided an update on SCAQMD rules and regulations related to toxics, including the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) Risk Guidelines.

Mr. Butler asked if SCAQMD was involved with the reform of CEQA. Ms. Nakamura indicated that SCAQMD has been involved in discussions related to CEQA; but, was not aware of any specific legislative proposals. Dr. Lyou indicated that the CEQA proposals have come up numerous times in the Legislature, although none of the proposals have been successful.

Ms. Rhett Alexander inquired about Rule 1148.2 related to fracking and any opposition by the operators. Ms. Nakamura indicated that SCAQMD has received information from operators, but sometimes the data is not complete and Notices of Violation have been issued. Ms. Alexander asked if the rule was already in place. Ms. Nakamura stated that there is a portal on the SCAQMD website that provides the data to the public.

Ms. Alexander asked if the chemicals used from site to site are similar. Ms. Nakamura indicated that initially 15 wells were active, but since then there has not been fracking. She indicated that there are other processes such as acidizing or gravel packing, but that there has been a significant tapering of activity.

Monsignor Moretta inquired about the new OEHHA Risk Assessment guidelines for toxics. Ms. Nakamura stated that SCAQMD designed Rule 1420.1 to take into account the new stricter health risk assessment guidelines.

Ms. Knight asked about slant drilling. Ms. Nakamura indicated that Rule 1148.2 would address that type of issue and would be brought to the Governing Board later in the year.

Agenda Item #8 – Other Business

Mr. Alatorre reminded the group about the upcoming Environmental Justice Conference on February 27, 2015.

Agenda Item #9 – Public Comment

No comments.

Agenda Item #10 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.