

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 7, 2017

AGENDA NO. 24B

REPORT: Administrative Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Administrative Committee met on Friday, June 9, 2017. The Committee discussed various issues detailed in the Committee report. The next Administrative Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Dr. William A. Burke, Chair
Administrative Committee

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Attendance: Attending the June 9, 2017 meeting at SCAQMD headquarters in Diamond Bar was Vice Chair Ben Benoit; attending via videoconference were Committee Chair Dr. William Burke, Committee Member Dr. Clark E. Parker, Sr. and Committee Member Judith Mitchell.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Board Members' Concerns:** None to report.
2. **Chairman's Report of Approved Travel:** As noted on the travel report, Councilmember Mitchell will attend the monthly CARB Board meeting in Sacramento, June 21-22, 2017 and June 28-29, 2017. Dr. Burke inquired about the dates for the upcoming June Washington, D.C. trip. Mr. Wayne Nastri responded that the proposed dates include departing June 26, 2017, with meetings scheduled for June 27 and 28, 2017.
3. **Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/Consultant(s):** Compensation for consideration was included for all current Board Assistants and Consultants for FY 2017-18, with the exception of Mayor Michael Cacciotti's Board Consultants' compensation which will be considered at the July Administrative Committee meeting.

Moved by Mitchell; seconded by Benoit; unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Burke, Mitchell, Parker
Noes: None
Absent: None

4. **Report of Approved Out-of-Country Travel:** None to report.
5. **Pre-Audit Conference:** Deputy Executive Officer/Chief Administrative Officer Michael O’Kelly reported that BCA Watson Rice LLP was selected as the SCAQMD’s auditing firm for the fiscal year ending June, 2017. Mr. Michael de Castro, Managing Partner, reported that this briefing is required under auditing standards. If there are any significant matters arising during the audit, the auditing firm will return to the committee for an update. The audit will begin during the week of August 8, 2017 and should be completed by the end of September 2017. At that time, a draft report will be prepared for discussion at the November 9, 2017 Administrative Committee. (No motion required.)
6. **Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management:** Mr. O’Kelly reported that the status report includes past and future Information Management projects. All projects are progressing forward as expected. The website migration will be deployed in the July/August timeframe. The programming for the permit system automation is near completion. The new agenda tracking system is expected to be online in August and the Replace Your Ride automation is going live next week. (No motion required.)
7. **Amend Contracts to Provide Short- and Long-Term Systems Development, Maintenance and Support Services:** Mr. O’Kelly reported that this item is seeking authorization to execute amendments and to fund contracts to continue moving forward with projects on the status report. The PeopleSoft financial system will be upgraded and it has been included in the budget. \$200,000 is being requested to move forward with the online permitting processing. Dr. Parker inquired whether the agenda could more clearly indicate if an item required a motion. Mr. Nastri indicated that future agendas will prominently identify which items require a vote.

Moved by Mitchell; seconded by Benoit; unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Burke, Mitchell, Parker
Noes: None
Absent: None

8. **Amend Meal Reimbursements Provisions of SCAQMD's Administrative Code:** Mr. O'Kelly reported that this item seeks to amend the Administrative Code Sections that relate to travel reimbursements which have not been updated since 2006. The current meal expense limits have been set at \$50 per day since 2006, but the recommendation is to update the limits that are provided by the Federal Government, which are based on the locale of the travel, to more-current reimbursement rates. Secondly, the Federal Government and IRS do not require receipts if adhering to per diem rates. This change will result in a reduction in paperwork for staff that process reimbursements. Board Members and Hearing Board Members, due to state law, are still required to provide receipts. Dr. Burke inquired about the motivation for the review. Mr. O'Kelly responded that it has been difficult for travelers to adhere to the \$50 per day limit in areas such as Washington, D.C. or Sacramento. Most other jurisdictions provide reimbursements based on the locale of the travel. Mr. Nastri requested that Mr. O'Kelly discuss how this change in policy applies to Board Members. Mr. O'Kelly responded that Board Members will be required to continue to provide receipts based on state law. Ms. Jill Whynot added that this change will not increase the amount of reimbursement overall.

Moved by Benoit; seconded by Mitchell; approved as recommended by the following vote.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Parker
Noes: None
Abstain: Burke
Absent: None

9. **Recognize Revenue and Transfer and Appropriate Funds for Air Monitoring and Emergency Response Programs, and Issue Solicitations and Purchase Orders for Air Monitoring and Laboratory Equipment and Vehicles:** Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Science & Technology Advancement Jason Low reported that this item is an annual process to recognize and appropriate federal funds for specialized programs within the air monitoring network and to purchase air monitoring equipment and vehicles. The request is also to transfer funds and appropriate money for the purchase of two replacements of laboratory equipment. Dr. Parker requested that staff compile a summary list showing the monies received by federal agencies, to indicate whether they are regulatory, statutory or grants before returning to Washington, D.C.

Moved by Parker; seconded by Benoit; unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Burke, Mitchell, Parker
Noes: None
Absent: None

10. **Establish Lists of Prequalified Counsel to Represent and Advise SCAQMD on Legal Matters Related to Environmental Law, and to Represent and Advise SCAQMD Hearing Board:** General Counsel Kurt Wiese reported that this item is to create a prequalified list of law firms providing environmental litigation services for SCAQMD and the Hearing Board. Dr. Burke inquired as to the cost of the Hearing Board's legal firm. Mr. Wiese responded it is budgeted at \$15,000. Dr. Parker inquired what is referred to as a local firm, and whether that means that they are located within the SCAQMD's four-county region. Mr. Wiese responded yes. Dr. Burke commented that minority law firms seem underrepresented and asked if SCAQMD had contracted with women-owned firms. Staff advised that the Shute Mihaly firm was women-owned.

Vice Chair Benoit left the meeting at approximately 10:27 a.m.

Moved by Mitchell; seconded by Parker; unanimously approved.

Ayes: Burke, Mitchell, Parker
Noes: None
Absent: Benoit

11. **Transfer Funds, Appropriate Funding, Execute Purchase Orders, Execute Contract and Authorize Release of RFQs for the Fifth Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study:** Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources Phil Fine reported that staff is in the process of developing MATES V to begin in 2018. This request is to purchase equipment, contracts, RFPs, RFQs, as well as sole-source purchase orders to obtain the equipment necessary to be able to deploy by 2018. Funding for enhanced monitoring will be requested at a later date. Staff is proposing to focus on monitoring communities around refineries. There is no impact to the general budget with the monies coming from the Clean Fuels Program Fund. Dr. Parker inquired about what will be done with all of the monitoring information gathered; and whether it will be used as a basis for new regulations or rules. Dr. Fine responded that this program will track improvements over time in toxics reduction efforts. Through monitoring, certain areas that have a slightly elevated level of a certain air toxic can be identified, which can lead to looking at certain types of facilities or certain type of processes previously not identified. Ms. Baird added that MATES II was critical for diesel reduction efforts, such as fleet rules and CARB's Diesel Risk Reduction Plan.

Moved by Parker; seconded by Mitchell; unanimously approved.

Ayes: Burke, Mitchell, Parker
Noes: None
Absent: Benoit

12. **Amend Contract for Targeted Outreach for The Right to Breathe Video Utilizing YouTube Videos and Banner Ads:** Deputy Executive Officer/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media Derrick Alatorre reported this item is to amend an existing contract with Google for an additional \$250,000 to continue the outreach for the Right to Breathe video until July 14, 2018. Dr. Burke indicated that he has asked Mayor Michael Cacciotti to update the Right to Breathe video. Dr. Burke moved that the proposed \$250,000 contract amendment be spent in a three-month period, with the new video being revisited at a later time.

Moved by Burke; seconded by Parker; unanimously approved.

Ayes: Burke, Mitchell, Parker
Noes: None
Absent: Benoit

13. **Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the April 14, 2017 Meeting:** Mr. Alatorre reported that this item is a written report.
14. **Environmental Justice Advisory Group Draft Minutes for the April 28, 2017 Meeting (written report):** Mr. Alatorre reported that this item is a written report.
15. **Review July 7, 2017 Governing Board Agenda:** Mr. Nastri reported that there will be additional public hearing items due to not being able to consider all of the items at the June Board meeting.
16. **Other Business:** None to report.
17. **Public Comment:** None to report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Attachments

Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the April 14, 2017 Meeting

Environmental Justice Advisory Group Draft Minutes for the April 28, 2017 Meeting



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY APRIL 14, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ben Benoit, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Wildomar and LGSBA Chairman
Janice Rutherford, Supervisor, Second District, San Bernardino County
Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Sierra Madre
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California/All Metals
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN
John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc.
Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance
Rita Loof, RadTech International
David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation District

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Felipe Aguirre
Maria Elena Kennedy, Kennedy Communications
Cynthia Moran, Council Member, City of Chino Hills

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Abramowitz, Board Member Assistant (*Lyou*)
Ruthanne Taylor-Berger, Board Member Assistant (*Benoit*)
Andrew Silva, Board Member Assistant (*Rutherford*)
Mark Taylor, Board Member Consultant (*Rutherford*)

SCAQMD STAFF:

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer
Laki Tisopulos, Deputy Executive Officer
Fabian Wesson, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor
Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Vasken Yardemian, Sr. Staff Specialist
Kevin Orellana, Air Quality Specialist, NOx
Elaine-Joy Hills, AQ Inspector II
Lori Langrell, Secretary
Jessica Chavez, Senior Office Assistant

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Ben Benoit called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Chair Benoit introduced new member, Rachelle Arizmendi, and welcomed her to the advisory group.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of February 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Chair Benoit called for approval of the February 10, 2017 meeting minutes. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 – Follow Up/Action Items

Mr. Derrick Alatorre indicated there were no follow-up items arising out of the February 10, 2017 meeting.

Agenda Item #4 – Annual RECLAIM Audit Report for Compliance Year 2015

Dr. Laki Tisopulos presented on the annual report of the NOx and SOx RECLAIM program for compliance year 2015.

Mr. David Rothbart asked regarding the RECLAIM Trading Credits (RTCs) and the proposed phase out of RECLAIM, whether it is an asset that will go back to the facility or will it be converted to Emission Reduction Credits (ERCs). Dr. Tisopulos indicated that the challenging task is going to be transitioning to this new command and control program, and he believes that staff from planning and rule development have initiated the working group process. Mr. Rothbart further inquired if the RTCs are assets that go to the property or were they given to the facility by the SCAQMD. Dr. Tisopulos replied that the agency and our attorneys try to put something in red indicating that RTCs or ERCs are not properties, which allows the governing board to alter the programs based on the needs of the region. Mr. Rothbart asked if the ERCs were developed in parallel with the ERC program, and if, hypothetically, a facility does not have their credits and have to offset their emissions, if this facility would have to start from scratch. Dr. Tisopulos replied that this is one of the most difficult area of the transition because under our New Source Review program, you are required to offset all of your emissions, regardless of whether you are under a command and control structure or under a market-based structure. With respect to certain pollutants, there are very few credits out there. Therefore, we cannot just eliminate all the RTCs and a mechanism must be created where you can transition back those annual credits to some type of ERCs.

Mr. Bill LaMarr asked of the RECLAIM facilities presently subject to an aggregated emissions cap, if there is a plan to de-aggregate these facilities under the program. Dr. Tisopulos requested, to be respectful to the advisory group's time constraints, if the members of the group can make a list of questions, and bring them to the working group presentation.

Agenda Item #5 – Best Available Control Technology (BARCT)

Mr. Kevin Orellana provided an overview of the process taken to determine and require Best Available Control Retrofit Technology (BARCT).

Ms. Rita Loof inquired, specifically with regard to TAO projects, if there are any of the projects in the printing and coating sector. Mr. Orellana indicated he was not aware of any as his group primarily deals with combustion sources.

Mr. John DeWitt asked if staff validate and measure the actual results against the projections. Mr. Orellana responded that in the past, in terms of RECLAIM, the cost-effectiveness for controls, especially for the same source such as boilers and heaters, BARCT analyses have been done in the past, which resulted in reduction, and other controls we layer on top of that to get further reductions.

Mr. Rothbart commented in regards to Rule 1110.2, for Orange County and others, he thought structural retrofits that were necessary were not included in cost-effectiveness. Mr. Orellana indicated they were included, and further provided background regarding Orange County. Mr. Orellana stated that their engines were inside the building and were not able to tear down the wall forcing them to build an outside metal platform and run the duct work outside and back inside the building. This construction work was factored into the costs.

Mr. Rothbart stated that, in general with the costs, when vendors are marketing something and put a positive spin on it, it seems that staff is under pressure to move the technology forward, and needs to have a leap of faith and just believe the vendor at face value. The person buying it cannot have that leap of faith, we really need to make sure it really works. The vendors don't always have the same guarantees; therefore, the consumers are stuck. When someone comes in with a product, how much time kicking do you do to make sure it will work? Mr. Orellana replied that there was an attempt when Rule 1146 was amended, the emission level for natural gas was about 5 ppm to 9 ppm, depending on the technology, but for biogas the emission level is little higher. We do take those considerations into account, as we did for Rule 1110.2. Mr. Orellana further stated that it has taken a long time to get biogas amendments done to get to the same level as natural gas. When a potential vendor approaches us, we absolutely cannot just take the claims at face value, we need to see proof and sometimes they are achieved in practice. In other instances, if it is model technology, a vendor may approach us for co-funding. We aren't going to believe everyone when they say it will achieve 1 ppm, we need to see a demonstration, whether it can be done feasibly and cost-effectively.

Mr. Rothbart asked, when studies are done, if someone comes in after the fact to verify costs. Mr. Orellana indicated we are completely open to that, they are validated periodically, but it is challenging to go into a facility and request costs because most companies want to keep it confidential.

Mr. Paul Avila inquired, in terms of technology and cost analysis, if employment has been factored into the variable. For example, if the product is so good, they don't need the employees anymore. Mr. Orellana indicated that the costs include primarily the equipment, materials and installation. In parallel to our rule making, our socioeconomic staff conduct their own assessment where they account for job creation and skilled labor. For example, if a very complex emission system is installed, it needs some level of high-skilled worker to operate it. Mr. Orellana further indicated that with any rule making, a socioeconomic report is included.

Agenda Item #6 – Electric Lawn Mower Rebate Program

Mr. Vasken Yardemian presented an overview of the year-round Electric Lawn Mower Rebate Program.

Mr. Avila asked if air quality improvement has been measured, how many gas mowers have been taken out of service, and is the decline due to the drought, saturation or both. Mr. Yardemian indicated the program has been implemented for the last 14 years as an exchange event; therefore, we do not have any cost-effective numbers for the program. It is our impression that the drought was the cause of the decline for this program and there are currently 23 companies that manufacture electric lawnmowers.

Mr. LaMarr stated that there has not been much progress made in extending this program out to commercial gardeners, which could possibly be due to the duty cycle and cost. Mr. LaMarr recalled that there was talk about doing beta sites with battery packs and inquired what happened to the beta sites and testing. Mr. Yardemian replied there is currently a demonstration project for commercial lawnmowers, and an exchange program for commercial leaf blowers. As far as lawn mowers, there is no certification for professional, commercial lawn equipment.

Ms. Rachelle Arizmendi requested that once the leaf blower program comes out, that she receive information on the program. Chair Benoit indicated it is a very successful program, and Mr. Yardemian indicated that the Governing Board has approved the leaf blower program, and it will be out in the summer time. Mr. Alatorre commented that Governing Board Member Cacciotti is very active and demonstrates the program in his area.

***Action Item:** Agendize presentation on the commercial leaf blower program.*

Mr. Todd Campbell asked what happens to the electric lawnmowers after their useful life. Mr. Yardemian indicated the batteries are lithium ion and recycled.

Agenda Item #7 –Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities

No comments.

Agenda Item #8 - Other Business

Ms. Loof commented that she wrote an article published in a magazine distributed to members of their organization pertaining to sausage smokers. They are not exempt per Rule 219. This group is aware of issues that act as a barrier to small businesses, specifically in this region. What this group tries to do is provide incentives for the companies that are still in California, to stay here in California, and contribute to the local economy. That appears to be at odds with what the current policies of the District are, and what is not needed are overly restrictive regulations. For purposes of this committee, we need to be aware that there are policies that are a barrier to small businesses, which we are supposed to be concerned with. We have a proposal to exempt facilities that have less than 50 grams per liter. More language in a rule is not comforting to a small business.

Mr. Avila asked about a newspaper article regarding extending SCAQMD authority or jurisdiction, but it was not clear in the newspaper, if staff can elaborate. Mr. Alatorre replied that while he isn't sure what bill the article referred to, Assembly Bill 1132 would grant the Executive Officer authority to issue a temporary abatement order to shut down a business that is emitting pollution that will endanger the environment and communities. This is in response to what happened in Paramount, where an investigation found hexavalent chrome, which is a known carcinogen, was being emitted from two businesses. This was found during the holiday season when our Hearing Board did not meet for two weeks. The District went to court to seek an order as this was a substantial danger to the community. The Judge did not issue the order, indicating that it is out of his jurisdiction. Part of our State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted to CARB (which is approved by the EPA) requires our Executive Officer to have a similar type of authority as EPA, where federal rules allow their Executive Officer to shut down a company if there is an imminent and specific need. In essence, we would be in violation of the SIP. Assemblymember Garcia wrote the bill, which will be in committee on April 17.

Mr. Campbell asked if anyone had seen the article by The Guardian on diesel. The article indicated this is essentially the death of diesel, which is now being called the new asbestos. The article talks about

numerous cities, which are working to phase out diesel due to the impact on air sheds. Mr. Campbell asked if we can place on a future agenda, Senate Bill 1 (SB1), as it would be good to look at as a body to see what our options are.

***Action Item:** Agendize a presentation on SB 1.*

Mr. Avila requested, since the topic of trucks came up, if in the next meeting or two, staff can place on the agenda, or provide information about driverless trucks.

***Action Item:** Agendize or receive information pertaining to driverless trucks.*

Agenda Item #9 - Public Comment

No comments.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.



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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Joseph Lyou, SCAQMD Governing Board, EJAG Chairman
Rhetta Alexander, Valley Interfaith Council
Dr. Larry Beeson, Loma Linda University, School of Public Health
Suzanne Bilodeau, Knott's Berry Farm
Paul Choe, Korean Drycleaners & Laundry Association
Mary Figueroa, Riverside Community College
Myron Hale, SLMQM
Evelyn Knight, Long Beach Economic Development Commission
Angelo Logan, Occidental College & East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Daniel Morales, National Alliance for Human Rights

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Micah Ali, Compton Unified School District
Manuel Arredondo, Coachella Valley School District, Retiree
Dr. Afif El-Hasan, American Lung Association
Dr. Monique Hernandez, California State University, Los Angeles
Dr. Jill Johnston, University of Southern California
Maria Elena Kennedy, Quail Valley Task Force
Rafael Yanez, Member of the Public

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Abromowitz, Assistant to Governing Board Member Dr. Joseph Lyou
Alycia Enciso, EC
James Flournoy, Citizens for Open and Public Participation
Eddie Marquez, AltAir Paramount
Nicole Nishimura, Assistant to Governing Board Member Dr. Joseph Lyou
Camille Saucier, University of Southern California
Yvonne Watson, Sierra Club

SCAQMD STAFF

Daniela Arellano, Senior Public Information Specialist
Sam Atwood, Media Manager
Nancy Feldman, Principle Deputy District Counsel
Tracy Goss, Planning & Rules Manager
Susan Nakamura, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Fabian Wesson, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor
Jillian Wong, Planning & Rules Manager

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Governing Board Member Dr. Joseph Lyou called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of January 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for the January 27, 2017 meeting were approved with no objections.

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

Ms. Fabian Wesson introduced new EJAG Member, Mr. Kerry Doi, President and CEO of the Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment, one of the largest Asian community development organizations in the United States.

Ms. Wesson thanked members who completed their online ethics training and urged other members to complete their training as soon as possible.

Action Item: *At the previous meeting, Mr. Yanez was concerned about the permit status of Valmont Coatings. He believed the wording of the rule governing the facility allowed the permit conditions to be grandfathered in. Mr. Yanez requested to meet with staff to review the specific terms of the rule. So Dr. Lyou had asked staff to look into this issue.*

Ms. Wesson reported that SCAQMD inspectors visited Valmont Coatings on March 7, 2017 and issued a notice to comply for their use of new tank ingredients, not related to odors, as inspectors were not able to confirm that odors were indeed emanating from the facility. During the week of April 3rd, inspectors visited the facility again and issued a notice to comply for the modification of existing anodizing lines. Mr. Yanez specifically asked that engineers look at the permits and corresponding rule, to determine if information should be added to prevent odors, particularly from plating activities. SCAQMD staff will look into that possibility

Action Item: *At the previous meeting, Mr. Daniel Morales asked Dr. Andrea Polidori if SCAQMD is monitoring the air in Moreno Valley and Colton. Dr. Polidori replied that his team is limited in their monitoring capabilities. So Dr. Lyou asked Mr. Morales to follow up with Dr. Polidori to identify how they can collaborate on getting sensors deployed in the area.*

Dr. Lyou reported that he and Mr. Daniel Morales will discuss the possibility of collaborating on the deployment of Coalition for Clean Air sensors in the Moreno Valley and Colton area.

Action Item: *At a previous meeting, Dr. Monique Hernandez expressed her desire to be a conduit between SCAQMD and students at her school. Dr. Lyou requested that staff follow up with Dr. Hernandez, and encouraged EJAG members to recommend students for SCAQMD's summer internship program.*

Ms. Wesson reported that staff delivered an environmental justice presentation to Dr. Hernandez's class at California State University Los Angeles, on February 21st. Students inquired about the

internship program and were given the information to apply. Staff will be contacting Dr. Hernandez to determine if her class can participate in an environmental justice bus tour.

Agenda Item #4: Ongoing Air Monitoring in Paramount

Ms. Susan Nakamura presented on the ongoing efforts to control potential sources of toxic metal emissions in Paramount, including Rule 1430, following recent air monitoring results that showed elevated levels of hexavalent chrome. Monitoring efforts largely focused on Anaplex Corporation and Aerocraft Heat Treating Co. Inc.

Ms. Nakamura detailed SCAQMD's multiagency approach in the investigation of multiple facilities, to determine if they were emitting toxics. Investigating agencies included the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), California Air Resources Board, State Water Quality Board, and the local Fire Department CUPA. SCAQMD's communication and outreach efforts included weekly calls in English and Spanish to update community members on the investigation.

Dr. Lyou asked how SCAQMD will identify other impacted communities that may face similar problems and how it will identify facilities that are not properly permitted. Ms. Nakamura explained how SCAQMD will conduct monitoring in the city of Compton, as there are clusters of chrome plating and anodizing facilities that SCAQMD wants to investigate. SCAQMD is also coordinating with other cities so it may identify businesses that require licenses. Dr. Lyou emphasized the importance of using cities' databases to identify facilities that are not in compliance or properly licensed. Ms. Nakamura added that SCAQMD's Legislative, Public Affairs & Media Department is now sending cities lists of facilities that have received Notices of Violation (NOVs) within their jurisdiction.

Ms. Mary Figueroa asked how parents would be notified if there is an air quality issue near a school. Ms. Nakamura responded that information is being shared with school districts in the area. School districts then have the responsibility to inform parents. Depending on the proximity to the schools, facilities are also responsible for informing the local community if there is an issue.

Ms. Evelyn Knight asked where in Compton the investigation would be conducted. Ms. Nakamura indicated it would be in mostly industrial areas. Ms. Knight also asked how residents would find out about the investigation. Ms. Nakamura replied the outreach will be similar to the one conducted in Paramount. Ms. Fabian Wesson added that the Paramount program is the only one of its kind in the nation in terms of the communication, intensive monitoring, and updates with elected officials and school superintendents. Ms. Wesson asked Ms. Knight to recommend organizations that SCAQMD should communicate with.

Action Item: Ms. Knight to provide staff a list of organizations she recommends.

Mr. Doi asked if SCAQMD is conducting ground and water testing. Ms. Nakamura explained how DTSC and the Regional Water Quality Board has conducted the testing and all agencies continue to communicate on their findings. Mr. Doi also asked for clarification on how the city of Compton was chosen as the next investigation site. Ms. Nakamura summarized how SCAQMD's counsel looked at a list of facilities provided by government agencies. Mr. Doi indicated he is interested in attending the Compton meeting.

Action Item: Share Compton Town Hall flyer with EJAG members.

Ms. Alicia Enciso asked what happens when monitor readings indicate a problem near schools. Ms. Nakamura explained how SCAQMD is coordinating with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to seek their guidance on the measures that should be taken in such cases.

Agenda Item #5: Rule 445 – Wood Burning Devices and the check Before You Burn Program

Mr. Tracy Goss presented on behalf of Dr. Phil Fine, regarding the “Check Before You Burn Program,” which became mandatory on November 1, 2011 under the provisions of Rule 445 – Wood-Burning Devices. The program issues 24-hour no-burn alerts for residential fireplaces, outdoor fire pits, and wood stoves when stagnant weather raises fine particulate pollution to unhealthy levels. Alerts were issued during winter months for specific areas or the entire South Coast Air Basin, depending on the forecast. Rule 445 exemptions exist for homes that do not have natural gas fireplaces and for low income households.

Mr. Kerry Doi asked why there was no information about South Bay Cities. Mr. Goss explained how information is based on the air monitoring stations that allow SCAQMD to obtain a general representation of the region.

Ms. Alicia Enciso asked why Rubidoux and Mira Loma are not compliant. Mr. Goss shared how the locations are close to distribution centers and truck traffic along the 60 freeway. SCAQMD is encouraging warehouses to use cleaner technologies. Dr. Lyou also explained how emissions from the west tend to blow east, which also affects air quality.

Ms. Suzanne Bilodeau asked if the exemption to Rule 445 also applies to businesses. Mr. Goss answered it does not. He added that wood fire cooking contributes to air pollution so SCAQMD and other agencies are trying to determine how those emissions can be controlled.

Mr. Sam Atwood described how his team worked with a consultant to educate the public about No Burn Days through emails, social media, and advertising on Google and YouTube. Advertising resulted in more than 110 million impressions and almost three million interactions, meaning individuals were directed to the SCAQMD website after clicking on the add. Mr. Atwood’s team conducted research, which revealed people are concerned about air pollution but are also skeptical about the true impact of wood burning. Nonetheless, research participants indicated they are willing to comply with the rule but do not necessarily want to receive emails about it.

Ms. Figueroa recommended that the campaign have a Spanish language component and encouraged SCAQMD to continue using images of firefighters to promote this program, as people in environmental justice communities trust firefighters more than law enforcement and government employees. She then recommended SCAQMD include children in signing the pledge as they can influence their parents’ behavior. Ms. Alicia Enciso agreed the materials should be in English and Spanish.

Action Item: Mr. Atwood to look into the possibility of having a Spanish component for next year’s program and how to get youth involved.

Mr. Daniel Morales asked how wood burning and vehicle emissions differ. Mr. Goss explained how both sources contribute to the existing PM 2.5, which SCAQMD aims to reduce.

Ms. Evelyn Knight asked if there is an effort to phase out wood burning fireplaces in homes. Dr. Lyou described how the Governing Board adopted a regulation that requires new home construction projects with fireplaces to use natural gas. Ms. Knight suggested SCAQMD should use utility bills to communicate about the negative health effects of wood burning.

Ms. Suzanne Bilodeau noticed the campaign on television and agreed students should also be educated about this efforts, especially high school AP students.

Dr. Larry Beeson discussed the Environmental Railyard Research Impacting Community Health (ENRRICH) Project, which effectively used “promotoras,” to help educate the community about public health. He encouraged SCAQMD to use promotoras in its outreach efforts.

Agenda Item #6: Replace Your Ride

Ms. Lori Berard presented on the Replace Your Ride Program, which aims to scrap older, highly polluting vehicles in the South Coast Air Basin. The program helps low and moderate-income residents purchase newer and cleaner vehicles by providing them between \$2,500 and \$9,500 to purchase more fuel-efficient cars, depending on their income level and the type of replacement vehicle they choose. Low-income residents living in an environmentally disadvantaged area who purchase one of the cleanest vehicles available would receive the highest incentive amount. Outreach materials are available in English and Spanish and via the website, ReplaceYourRide.org. To participate, applicants must show proof of ownership, proof of the vehicle’s most recent smog test, and proof of residency within the South Coast Air Basin. The program has been popular, with over 1,700 vouchers awarded, and 600 applications currently in progress.

Mr. Myron Hale asked about the ownership requirements for the program. Ms. Berard explained how the person must have a title to the vehicle, and clarified that the program is not available to businesses or non-profits.

Ms. Alexander asked if the vouchers for the program can be used on top of other discounts. Ms. Berard replied they can, and in fact some applicants have obtained a new vehicle through this program at no cost.

Ms. Alicia Enciso asked if the vehicle can be new or used. Ms. Berard said applicants can purchase new or used vehicles.

Mr. Doi asked for more details on the case managers and program partners. Ms. Berard described how case managers are bilingual contractors and program partners have signed agreements that ensure they meet certain requirements that protect the consumer.

Mr. Morales asked how financially feasible it would be for families to afford battery replacements on these vehicles. Ms. Berard explained they do not need to purchase battery powered vehicles and can in fact purchase a conventional vehicle with high fuel economy.

Dr. Beeson asked for clarification on the income qualifications. Ms. Berard clarified the income data and said she would make the information easier to understand.

Agenda Item #7: Member Updates

**This agenda item was moved up to agenda item #4, to accommodate staff schedules.*

Ms. Rhett Alexander reported that the City of Carson plans to sue SCAQMD, regarding the expansion of the Tesoro Refinery. The community organized a march to demonstrate their opposition to their project. Ms. Alexander inquired about the status of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and if the public comment period had been extended. She would also like EJAG members to submit a comment to the Governing Board, in support of the communities affected by the Tesoro Refinery. Dr. Jillian Wong reported staff is currently preparing a final EIR for SCAQMD's Executive Officer. The public comment period ended on June 10, 2016.

Mr. Angelo Logan addressed Senate Bill 1 (SB1) which creates the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system. Mr. Logan criticized its provision which limits California Air Resources Board authority to adopt new air quality regulations for in-use heavy duty trucks. Mr. Logan requested that SCAQMD present on how this legislation would affect the agency's emission reduction goals. Dr. Lyou asked staff to assess how this would affect our attainment goals. Dr. Lyou also reported that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is working on a memorandum regarding their interpretation on the bill. He will share the memorandum once it is released.

Action Item: SCAQMD staff to present on how this legislation would affect SCAQMD's attainment goals.

Action Item: Share CARB's memorandum with EJAG upon its release.

Mr. Logan also announced that Mark Lopez, Executive Director for East yard Communities for Environmental Justice, won the Goldman Environmental Prize, which is the world's largest award honoring grassroots environmental activists. Mr. Logan then asked that members participate in the Moving Forward Network's International Conference, scheduled for October 13-14, 2017 in Carson.

Action Item: Distribute information to members regarding the Moving Forward Network International Conference.

Ms. Mary Figueroa addressed the health concerns of the Inland Empire, related to the increased warehouse development. Ms. Figueroa acknowledged the economic benefits that may stem from these facilities, but lamented the way they negatively affect air pollution and health. Ms. Figueroa added she will be having town hall meetings to inform residents about the health impacts of warehouses and freeways. Dr. Lyou asked that Ms. Figueroa speak with Dr. Phil Fine from the Planning, Rules & Area Sources Division, so they may discuss how his office addresses this issue.

Action Item: Staff to connect Dr. Fine and Mary Figueroa

Mr. Kerry Doi asked if there is a conflict between SCAQMD and CARB's policies on zero emission vs. near-zero emission technology. Dr. Lyou explained how SCAQMD aims to adopt the

cleanest technology, while not favoring specific manufacturers. In general, the Governing Board endorses a fuel and technology neutral approach that allows the agency to reach attainment.

Ms. Evelyn Knight added to the concerns about the Tesoro Refinery and hopes the group can obtain more information. She believes there needs to be more opportunities for community members to express their concerns about this to SCAQMD.

Mr. Daniel Morales inquired about what SCAQMD will do with the data from personal air quality monitors. Dr. Lyou clarified the information will not be used for enforcement. The data will largely be used to educate people on how to change behaviors or decisions.

Agenda Item #8: Public Comment Period

Mr. James Flournoy from Citizens for Open and Public Participation is currently suing the City of Montebello regarding some concerns about a housing development on top of an oil field in what is considered an environmental justice area. Mr. Flournoy complained about the lack of community outreach and Spanish translation, and is worried about the project's impact on traffic and public health. Mr. Flournoy requested an amicus brief. Dr. Lyou asked Mr. Flournoy to speak to Ms. Feldman and noted that the District does not usually get involved with an amicus brief involving development projects.

Action Item: Mr. Flournoy to speak to Ms. Feldman.

Ms. Yvonne Watson from the Sierra Club provided an update regarding the Montebello underground gas storage facility and complained about the way Southern California Gas Company (So Cal Gas) is handling the closure of its facilities in the area and wants SCAQMD to be aware of So Cal Gas' actions.

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM.

Next Meeting: July 28, 2017.