

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 5, 2024

AGENDA NO. 20

REPORT: Administrative Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Administrative Committee held a hybrid meeting on Friday, March 8, 2024. The following is a summary of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Vanessa Delgado, Chair
Administrative Committee

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Committee Members

Present: Chair Vanessa Delgado, Committee Chair
Vice Chair Michael Cacciotti
Supervisor Curt Hagman
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

Absent: Board Member Gideon Kracov

Call to Order

Chair Delgado called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Chair Delgado appointed Supervisor Hagman to the Administrative Committee for purposes of a quorum.

For additional details of the Administrative Committee Meeting, please refer to the [Webcast](#).

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Board Members' Concerns:** There were no Board Members' concerns to report.
2. **Chair's Report of Approved Travel:** There was no travel to report.
3. **Report of Approved Out-of-Country Travel:** There was no out-of-country travel to report.

4. **Review March 1, 2024 Governing Board Agenda:** Wayne Nastri, Executive Officer, commented that there are two set hearing items: Proposed Amended Regulation III, which relates to fees; and Proposed Amended Rule 1146.2, which relates to large water heaters, small boilers and processed heaters. There is one Public Hearing item for Proposed Amended Rule 1118, which relates to the control of emissions from refinery flares. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 4:45](#).
5. **Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/Consultant(s):** There were two proposals for modifications of compensation for Board Member Assistants/Consultants. This item was moved to Action Items as approval from the Administrative Committee is needed. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 5:43](#).
6. **Update on South Coast AQMD Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Efforts:** Anissa Heard-Johnson, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Officer, DEI with Community Air Programs, provided an update on agency efforts, seasonal events, cultural displays, Statewide DEI Working Group, and discussed Lisa P. Jackson for Fabulous Female Friday.

Harvey Eder, Public Solar Power Coalition, commented on history and equity.

For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 6:23](#).

7. **Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management:** Ron Moskowitz, Chief Information Officer, reported on the status of various projects and projects that have been completed.

Chair Delgado inquired about including our incentive programs on our web application. Mr. Moskowitz confirmed that staff would look into that. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 17:45](#).

ACTION ITEMS:

5. **Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/Consultant(s):** There were two proposals to modify the compensation for Board Member Kracov's Board Consultants, Destiny Rodriguez and Ernesto Castillo. The contracts and modifications will be effective from March 2024 through June 30, 2024. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 5:43](#).

Moved by Hagman; seconded by Cacciotti, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Delgado, Hagman, Perez
Noes: None
Absent: Kracov

8. **Authorize Purchase of Maintenance and Support Services for Servers and Storage Devices:** Mr. Moskowitz reported that this item is obtain approval for the sole-source purchase of hardware and software maintenance and support services for service and storage devices from Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company for, for which funds are available in the budget. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 19:54.](#)

Moved by Hagman; seconded by Cacciotti, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Delgado, Hagman, Perez
Noes: None
Absent: Kracov

9. **Remove Various Fixed Assets from South Coast AQMD Inventory:** Sujata Jain, Chief Financial Officer, reported that this item is to surplus or dispose of fixed assets that have become obsolete.

Chair Delgado mentioned that there was a non-profit company looking for any EV vehicles and inquired if the CNG vehicle on the list to dispose would be something they could use. Mr. Nastri indicated that it was the Miguel Contreras Foundation that inquired about an EV vehicle and that the CNG vehicles did not appeal to them, as their focus was only EV vehicles.

For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 20:45.](#)

Moved by Hagman; seconded by Cacciotti, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Delgado, Hagman, Perez
Noes: None
Absent: Kracov

10. **Recognize Revenue, Appropriate Funds, Issue Solicitations and Execute Purchase Orders and/or Contracts to Meet Operational Needs for U.S. EPA Community-Scale Air Toxics Ambient Monitoring Program:** Jason Low, Deputy Executive Officer/Monitoring & Analysis, reported that this item is to recognize revenue of around \$93,000 and appropriate funds into the Monitoring & Analysis budget, issue solicitations and execute purchase orders and contracts for air toxic measurements. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 22:50.](#)

Moved by Hagman; seconded by Cacciotti, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Delgado, Hagman, Perez
Noes: None
Absent: Kracov

11. **Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Funds for PM2.5 Air Monitoring Program and Issue a Purchase Order for Air Monitoring Equipment:**
Dr. Low reported that this item is to recognize revenue, appropriate funds to the Monitoring & Analysis budget and issue purchase orders for air monitoring equipment. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 23:51](#).

Moved by Hagman; seconded by Cacciotti, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Delgado, Hagman, Perez
Noes: None
Absent: Kracov

12. **Execute Contract for Operation of Diamond Bar Headquarters Cafeteria:**
John Olvera, Deputy Executive Officer/Administrative & Human Resources, reported that this item is to approve the execution of a contract for the operation of our cafeteria at Diamond Bar headquarters.

Vice Chair Cacciotti inquired who were the representatives in the evaluation panel and Mr. Olvera replied that Mr. Nastri, Susan Nakaura, Dr. Heard-Johnson and himself were on the evaluation panel. Mr. Olvera noted a distinction that our current cafeteria operator has a monthly stipend and the proposed operator is not requesting a stipend.

For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 24:41](#).

Moved by Cacciotti; seconded by Hagman, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Cacciotti, Delgado, Hagman, Perez
Noes: None
Absent: Kracov

WRITTEN REPORT:

13. **Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the August 11, 2023 Meeting:** The report was acknowledged and received.
14. **Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the November 9, 2023 Meeting:** The report was acknowledged and received.
15. **Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the November 16, 2023 Meeting:** The report was acknowledged and received.

OTHER MATTERS:

Other Business: There was no other business to report.

16. **Public Comment:** Mr. Eder commented on history and legislation. For additional information please refer to the [Webcast at 28:35](#).
18. **Next Meeting Date:** The next regular Administrative Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE (LGSBA) ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

South Coast AQMD Board Members:

Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson

Supervisor Curt Hagman

Councilmember Jose Luis Solache

Public Members:

Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates

Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California

John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc.

Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance

Rita Loof, RadTech International

Eddie Marquez, Roofing Contractors Association

David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Carlos Rodriguez, LGSBA Chair

Felipe Aguirre

Rachelle Arizmendi

Todd Campbell, Clean Energy

LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Abramowitz

Harvey Eder

Mark Taylor, Board Member Consultant (*Rodriguez*)

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:

Susan Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer

Anissa Heard-Johnson, Deputy Executive Officer

Lisa Tanaka O'Malley, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer

Michael Krause, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer

Nicholas Sanchez, Assistant Chief Deputy Counsel

Philip Crabbe III, Senior Public Affairs Manager

Elaine-Joy Hills, Senior Staff Specialist

Van Doan, Air Quality Specialist

De Groeneveld, Senior Information Technology Specialist
Kevin Cao, Senior Information Technology Specialist
Debra Ashby, Senior Public Affairs Specialist
Cindy Bustillos, Executive Secretary
Lara Brown, Senior Administrative Assistant
Maria Corralejo, Administrative Assistant I

Agenda Item #1 – Roll Call/Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Supervisor Curt Hagman called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m., roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

For additional details of the Local Government and Small Business Assistance (LGSBA) Advisory Group Meeting, please refer to the [Webcast](#).

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of June 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Hagman called for approval of the June 9, 2023 meeting minutes.

There were no public comments.

Motion to approve minutes made by Bill LaMarr; seconded by Eddie Marquez; approved.

Ayes: Avila, Blake, Lock Dawson, DeWitt, Hagman, LaMarr, Marquez, Rothbart, Solache

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Aguirre, Arizmendi, Campbell, Daniel, Loof, Rodriguez

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 4:06.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Draft Letter on CARB’s AB 617 Community Air Protection Blueprint

Supervisor Hagman opened the discussion of the letter drafted by the LGSBA members regarding CARB’s AB 617 program. Nicholas Sanchez, Assistant Chief Deputy Counsel, Legal, advised the Advisory Group that LGSBA meeting minutes are provided to the Administrative Committee as a written report for an agenda item. There are a total of eight Governing Board members serving on the LGSBA Advisory Group and the Administrative Committee, constituting a quorum of the South Coast AQMD Governing Board. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 5:15.

To avoid a serial communication or development of a concurrence among the majority of the Governing Board to trigger a concern under the Brown Act, Mr. Sanchez advised the Governing Board members on the Advisory Group to abstain from the discussion of this item. Additionally, the LGSBA charter requires vote by no less than a quorum of the Advisory Group to adopt a formal recommendation for action by the Governing Board, which for this item requires eight Advisory Group members who are not Governing Board members. Although there is not a quorum, the Advisory Group could still forward a communication to the Administrative Committee or the Governing Board regarding this item. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 5:23.

Bill LaMarr and Supervisor Hagman discussed what constitutes a quorum and the number of Board and non-Board members that were present at the meeting. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 6:53.

Rita Loof asked for clarification on voting without a quorum. Mr. Sanchez stated that the discussion and positions of the non-Governing Board members of the Advisory Group would be reflected in the minutes and sent as a communication to the Administrative Committee and Governing Board.

David Rothbart asked what is considered a quorum when the Governing Board members are excluded. Mr. Sanchez replied that the charter states that it's a quorum of the entire Advisory Group, which is eight. Mr. Rothbart suggested to revise the charter.

***Action Item #1:** Place on a future agenda a discussion regarding revision of the LGSBA charter.*

Councilmember Jose Luis Solache asked if it would help if one Governing Board member were to be absent from the meeting. Mr. Sanchez explained that the charter indicates a quorum of the entire Advisory Group, which is 8 out of 15, regardless of attendance. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 9:56.

Harvey Eder provided public comment and mentioned the Administrative Committee, LGSBA Advisory Group and his thoughts on the discussion. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 11:53.

Motion to approve the letter made by Rita Loof; seconded by Paul Avila.

Ayes: Avila, Blake, DeWitt, LaMarr, Loof, Marquez, Rothbart

Noes: None

Abstained: Lock Dawson, Hagman, Solache

Absent: Aguirre, Arizmendi, Campbell, Daniel, Rodriguez

Although there was no quorum for this action item, the members present communicated a concurrence to recommend positions in the letter addressed to the Governing Board for consideration. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 5:15.

Agenda Item #4 – Review of Follow-Up and Action Items

There were no follow-up or action items from the previous meeting.

Agenda Item #5 – Overview of Rule 1460 – Control of Particulate Emissions from Metal Recycling and Shredding Operations

Michael Laybourn, Program Supervisor, Planning, Rule Development, and Implementation, provided an overview of Rule 1460 - Control of Particulate Emissions from Metal Recycling and Shredding Operations.

Paul Avila asked what the future of these types of operations are, such as the growth in metal shredding. Mr. Laybourn explained that it's dependent on population; it's not a rapidly expanding industry, but it has been described as a vital public service.

Mr. LaMarr referenced shearing and shredding operations and asked why one requires a permit and not the other. Mr. Laybourn explained that the shredding operation has the potential to pulverize the metals

into smaller pieces and recognized as a source of particulate matter; shearing is simply cutting like big scissors.

Mr. Avila asked if portable metal shredders were available. Mr. Laybourn replied there are none confirmed to be permitted or registered.

Mr. Eder commented on aluminum.

For additional details on the presentation and discussions, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 13:50.

Agenda Item #6 – Other Business

Supervisor Hagman reiterated an earlier suggestion to revise the LGSBA charter.

Mr. LaMarr suggested that the LGSBA Chair and staff work to increase membership of the Advisory Group.

Ms. Loof expressed support of LGSBA charter revision and asked for an update on LGSBA outreach to cities and local governments.

Action Item #2: Provide an update on the LGSBA outreach to cities and local governments.

There were no public comments.

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 30:42.

Agenda Item #7 – Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #8 – Next Meeting Date

The next regular LGSBA Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 9, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

August 11, 2023

Governing Board
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Dear Governing Board Members,

We are writing on behalf of the Local Government and Small Business Assistance Advisory Group to ask for your support, approval, and subsequent letter to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) requesting that industry trade groups and associations be seated on AB 617 Community Steering Committees (CSCs).

When the CARB Board initially voted to approve the Community Air Protection Blueprint, they did so without explicitly prohibiting industry trade groups and associations from participating on these committees but rather left it up to the air districts to decide.

Typically, trade groups and associations are non-profit, non-partisan, 501(c) organizations that represent hundreds or thousands of businesses (mostly small businesses) spread throughout the jurisdiction of most air districts, and not just in disproportionately impacted communities. Moreover, any recommendations, decisions, plans, and rules emanating from the deliberations by these CSCs are certain to be of significance to all the members of these trade groups and associations because they will have the potential to impact all of them regardless of the neighborhoods in which they reside.

We believe the inclusion of these organizations would serve to enhance everyone's goal of successfully implementing a fair and equitable Clean Air Protection Program for all stakeholders.

Therefore, we are asking for your support of the concept to allow industry trade groups and associations to be enrolled and seated as members of these CSCs and request that you send a letter to ask the same of the CARB Board.

Thank you for your continued commitment to improving air quality in our region.

Sincerely,

Local Government and Small Business Assistance Advisory Group
South Coast Air Quality Management District



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE (LGSBA) ADVISORY GROUP THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

South Coast AQMD Board Members:
Councilmember Jose Luis Solache

Public Members:

Felipe Aguirre
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN
Rita Loof, RadTech International

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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Supervisor Curt Hagman

Public Members:

Rachelle Arizmendi
John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc.
Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance
Eddie Marquez, Roofing Contractors Association
David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Abramowitz
Frank Bejarano, City of Santa Ana
Lizbhet, City of Santa Ana
Harvey Eder
Mark Taylor, Board Member Consultant (*Rodriguez*)
Joseph Trinidad
Marisela Santana, Board Member Consultant (*Solache*)
Andrew Silva, Board Member Consultant (*Lock Dawson*)

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Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer
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Jillian Wong, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Nicholas Sanchez, Assistant Chief Deputy Counsel
Elaine-Joy Hills, Senior Staff Specialist
Van Doan, Air Quality Specialist
De Groeneveld, Senior Information Technology Specialist
Kevin Cao, Senior Information Technology Specialist
Debra Ashby, Senior Public Affairs Specialist
Roupen Karakouzian, Financial Analyst
Mary Leonard, Financial Analyst
Lara Brown, Senior Administrative Assistant

Agenda Item #1 – Roll Call/Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Councilmember Jose Luis Solache called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m., roll call was taken, and a quorum was not present.

For additional details of the Local Government and Small Business Assistance (LGSBA) Advisory Group Meeting, please refer to the [Webcast](#).

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of August 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for August 11, 2023 were deferred to the next meeting for voting, due to lack of a quorum.

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

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer, Legislative, Public Affairs and Media, stated that a discussion regarding LGSBA charter revision will be placed on a future agenda and agenda packets for each LGSBA meeting are sent to City Managers.

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 8:15.

Agenda Item #4 – Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Fund Budget

Sujata Jain, Deputy Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2023-24.

Paul Avila referenced slide #4 and asked if contractors are considered employees and included in the budget. Ms. Jain replied that salaried employees and contractors are included in the General Fund Budget. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 14:33.

Rita Loof referenced slide #5 and asked what portion of the projected revenue is from permit fees. Ms. Jain replied that 20% is from permit fees. Ms. Loof referenced slide #6 and stated that permit fee schedules are the same for high and low-polluting facilities and at a different meeting it was suggested that separate fee schedules be created. Ms. Loof asked for an update on that suggestion. Susan Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer, stated that it would be included in the next Regulation 3 amendment session in May. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 19:07.

Mr. Avila asked if the projected budget included funding related to the pandemic and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Ms. Jain replied that those funds were not received and not included in the budget. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 22:00.

Harvey Eder commented on premature deaths and the economy. For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 23:29.

For additional details on the presentation and discussions, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 9:50.

Agenda Item #5 – Other Business

Ms. Loof asked for the status of the letter to CARB regarding the CARB's Blueprint. Councilmember Solache asked if there is a letter pending Advisory Group approval. Mr. Alatorre stated that CARB had

taken action on Blueprint 2.0. The letter from the Advisory Group to CARB has not been voted on there was not a quorum.

There were no public comments.

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#), beginning at 25:50.

Agenda Item #6 – Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #7 – Next Meeting Date

The next regular LGSBA Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 9, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



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MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Veronica Padilla-Campos, Advisory Group Chair
Chair Vanessa Delgado
Supervisor Curt Hagman
Councilmember José Luis Solache

Members Present:

Pamela Atcitty
Angelica Balderas
Dr. Lawrence Beeson
Ada Briceño
Kareem Gongora
Ana Gonzalez
Lisa Hart
Edward Marquez
Rafael Yanez

Members Absent:

Elizabeth Alcantar
Manuel Arredondo
Suzanne Bilodeau
Paul Choe
Kerry Doi
Dr. Afif El-Hasan
Mary Figueroa
Angela Garcia
Dr. Jill Johnston
Humberto Lugo
Oscar Rodriguez
Donald Smith

South Coast AQMD Staff:

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media
Lisa Tanaka-O'Malley, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

Nick Sanchez, Assistant Chief Deputy Counsel/Legal

Vicki White, Public Affairs Manager/Planning, Rule Development & Implementation

Monika Kim, Public Affairs Manager /Legislative, Public Affairs & Media

Evangelina Barrera, Senior Public Affairs Specialist/Legislative, Public Affairs and Media

Brandee Keith, Senior Public Affairs Specialist/Legislative, Public Affairs and Media

Call To Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Veronica Padilla-Campos called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. For additional details, please refer to the webcast [00:06:50](#).

Roll Call

Agenda Item #1: Approval of the January 27, 2023 Meeting

Mr. Lawrence Beeson moved to approve Agenda Items 1, 2, and 3 as one. Mr. Edward Marquez seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ayes: Delgado, Padilla-Campos, Hagman, Solache, Atcitty, Balderas, Briceno, Beeson, Gonzalez, Marquez, Yanez

Noes: None

Abstain: Hart, Gongora

Absent: Alcantar, Arredondo, Bilodeau, Choe, Doi, El-Hasan, Figueroa, Garcia, Johnston, Lugo, Rodriguez, Smith

Agenda Item #2: Approval of the April 28, 2023 Meeting

Approved in a motion along with Agenda Item #1

Agenda Item #3: Approval of the August 25, 2023 Meeting

Approved in a motion along with Agenda Item #1

Agenda Item #4: Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

There were no action items from prior meetings for review.

Agenda Item #5: Overview of U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program

For more information, refer to webcast at [00:10:00](#).

Lisa Tanaka, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Legislative, Public Affairs and Media, presented an overview of the U.S. EPA Climate Reduction Grant Program.

Supervisor Curt Hagman asked what stage the planning and applications were at, in relation to being brought to the board. Ms. Tanaka clarified the project is in the early planning stages of information gathering prior to presentation to the board.

Rafael Yanez shared his thoughts on several aspects of the project and ongoing plans already in process in the region.

Ana Gonzalez brought up concerns about funding and infrastructure being brought to the Inland Empire and encouraged South Coast AQMD to ensure the Inland Empire was included in planning and implementation grants. Ms. Tanaka confirmed projects benefiting underserved and environmental justice communities would be prioritized.

Chair Veronica Padilla-Campos asked about plans in place to apply. Ms. Tanaka stated the planning process would first determine the best agency to apply for the likeliest approval.

Hoiyin Ip, a volunteer with Sierra Club, encouraged greater attention to waste reduction measures as part of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Marian Moore asked if a neighborhood council could apply for grants. Neighborhood councils would need to partner with an eligible entity like an air district.

Agenda Item #6: Update on the Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) Program

For more information, refer to webcast at [00:50:13](#).

Vicki White, Planning and Rules Manager, Planning, Rule Development and Implementation, delivered an update on the Warehouse Actions and Investments to Reduce Emissions (WAIRE) program.

Mr. Beeson asked what data is collected during a warehouse site visit. Site visits are conducted to distribute information, not to collect data.

Mr. Yanez asked for a definition of a hostler. Ms. White clarified it is another name for a certain type of yard truck and provided an example.

Mr. Yanez pointed out that most WAIRE points recorded were attributed to ZEV infrastructure acquisition and were not likely to be recurring points in future years. He suggested investigating the potential of integrating WAIRE goals and incentives with the CPRG funding.

Ana Gonzalez asked if South Coast AQMD delivered informational outreach materials to agencies approving and developing warehouses. South Coast AQMD staff is engaged in

several avenues of outreach including distribution of materials and presentations to stakeholder groups.

Ms. Gonzales asked for elaboration on matters of confidentiality in reporting. Many operators have filed claims of business confidentiality based on business policy or trade secret. If a facility designates portions of the report as confidential, the South Coast AQMD allows them to provide justification.

Agenda Item #7- Member Updates/Other Business

There were no member updates.

Agenda Item #8- Public Comment

Mr. Harvey Edder advocated that EJAG reestablish their support for a ports and railyard ISR as opposed to MOUs.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting Date

The next regular EJAG meeting date is February 23, 2024.

Adjournment

Chair Veronica Padilla-Campos adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.