



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor  
Rachelle Arizmendi, Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Sierra Madre  
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 District

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ben Benoit, Council Member and LGSBA Chairman  
Dr. Clark E. Parker, Sr., Senate Rules Committee Appointee  
Janice Rutherford, Supervisor, Second District, San Bernardino County  
Felipe Aguirre  
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy  
LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN  
Cynthia Moran, Council Member, City of Chino Hills

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mark Abramowitz, Board Member Consultant

### **SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:**

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer  
Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel  
Andrea Polidori, Ph.D., Atmospheric Measurements Manager  
Philip Crabbe III, Public Affairs Manager  
De Groeneveld, Sr. Information Technology Specialist  
Van Doan, AQ Inspector II  
Stacy Garcia, Secretary

### **Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Mr. V. Manuel Perez called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

## **Agenda Item #2 – Approval of February 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**

Mr. Perez called for approval of the February 8, 2019 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

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

Mr. Derrick Alatorre stated that the only action item from last month was a presentation on the Voter District Authorization Bill, which is item 5 on today's agenda.

Mr. Alatorre said that last year a request was made for all three Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community Steering Committee rosters. All rosters were e-mailed to the group on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Mr. Bill LaMarr asked about attendance at working group meetings and if it applies to all working groups. Mr. Alatorre said it does not, but Dr. Lyou has stated that it should be for all advisory groups.

## **Agenda Item #4 – Updates on MATES V**

Dr. Andrea Polidori provided an update on Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study V (MATES V).

Mr. Paul Avila asked what the difference would be in samples taken before and after the recent rain. Dr. Polidori stated that when it rains, the concentration of pollutants are lower and we have cleaner air. If this year is unusually rainy, there will not be a significant impact on the overall emissions levels.

Mr. John DeWitt asked if the raw data is available. Dr. Polidori responded that the raw data is not available at this time, as they are still collecting samples and data for MATES V. Once the report is published, the information will be made available. Mr. DeWitt asked about cancer risks, to which Dr. Polidori stated that particulate matter is measured using black carbon measurements. Black carbon is used as a surrogate for diesel emissions. There is a direct correlation between decreases in black carbon concentration, diesel particulate matter, exposure, and cancer risk.

Mr. LaMarr referenced Dr. Polidori's slide regarding MATES progression and asked if there is a way to attribute cancer risks to particular sources through the monitors. Dr. Polidori responded that the main purpose is to identify and characterize the regional cancer risk. If there is an anomaly in the data, it may lead to specific sources of emissions. Mr. LaMarr asked if data from low cost sensors may find its way into MATES V and corrupt valid data from other sensors. Dr. Polidori responded that the key is to extract the right amount of information and appropriately interpret the data. If a sensor is not U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved, it cannot be used for compliance action. However, a sensor network provides more information on the spatial and temporal distribution.

Mr. David Rothbart asked about the overall comparison from year to year for the percent reduction risk and method used. Dr. Polidori said that the methodology did not change from MATES III to MATES IV, but he would defer to the Health Effects Officer. Mr. Rothbart asked about additional sensors in non-traditional locations that may yield less accurate results and how the data is representative of the concentrations in the basin. Dr. Polidori said the sensor information will not be taken into account for cancer risk calculations.

Ms. Rita Loof referenced the slide about MATES progression and asked what contaminants attribute to the remaining 1/3 of air toxics cancer risks and if monitors are able to pick up specific contaminants. Dr. Polidori said for the most part they are metals and volatile organic compounds.

Ms. Rachelle Arizmendi asked if there was any other work done related to AB 617. Dr. Polidori said MATES V will be used to make an assessment about potential sources of pollution within AB 617 communities.

**Agenda Item #5 – Voting District Authorization Bill for Clean Air**

Mr. Philip Crabbe III presented on South Coast AQMD's Voting District Authorization Bill for Clean Air.

Ms. Arizmendi commended South Coast AQMD for taking this action.

Mr. Rothbart asked how we will deal with stationary sources and penalties if we do not get the authorization or meet attainment. Mr. Alatorre said that if we shut down every single stationary source, we would not meet attainment. Mr. Rothbart asked why the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and EPA are not held accountable for nonattainment as they have regulatory authority over mobile sources. Mr. Alatorre said that when he presented this item at the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), Supervisor Rutherford challenged all other cities and agencies to go to Washington, D.C. to suggest giving South Coast AQMD regulatory authority over the mobile sources. Mr. Rothbart said the dialogue in those discussions needs to be that we will not meet attainment. Mr. Alatorre stated that the EPA said that they will look at the rule to maybe adjust it, but there is a rulemaking process and it will be after the first attainment deadline in 2023.

Mr. LaMarr suggested that there should be a sunset date on the tax tied to an attainment date and strict adherence in regards to the expenditure money. He further added that the tax should be tied to the Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) and not to other pet projects. The public needs to know the amount spent on projects and what the benefits of attainment are. Mr. Alatorre stated that pollution has no boundaries, a sunset date will not be in the bill, and all projects the money would be used for are in the AQMP.

Mr. Avila asked for clarification on "authorization." Mr. Crabbe said we need to establish a voting district, set up elections officer, and other logistical items. Mr. Avila expressed support for a sunset provision and a citizen oversight committee including one or more members from this group. Mr. Alatorre said some of those things will be up to the Governing Board.

Ms. Loof asked if this is the first step in the process. Mr. Alatorre said the first thing we need to do is create the voting district. Ms. Loof is concerned because mobile sources are the culprits, but if we do not meet attainment, the stationary sources will get penalized. Mr. Alatorre said we are not penalizing stationary sources, but if this bill does not pass, all options will be considered. If the authorization bill passes, it takes the pressure off of stationary sources.

Mr. Eddie Marquez asked if something like this has been implemented elsewhere in the state and how it has worked for them. Mr. Alatorre stated that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) has a parcel tax, and Metro has Measure M, which does not have a sunset date.

Ms. Arizmendi asked if there is any opposition to creating a voting district. Mr. Alatorre responded that there was more opposition to a sales tax rather than creating a voting district. Ms. Arizmendi asked for ways to help support the authorization bill. Mr. Alatorre responded that we cannot ask for support, but we can educate. Mr. Alatorre said we have reached out to organizations of which we are members in Ms. Arizmendi's area.

Ms. Loof asked for clarification as to why we are now moving away from a sales tax and towards a voting district authorization. Mr. Crabbe explained that the new language is more of a reassessment of what we are asking for. Ms. Loof asked for a timeline of what to expect after the authorization, if approved. Mr. Alatorre said that either the Governing Board would put it on the ballot or there would be a voter-driven initiative.

Supervisor Perez summarized the discussion on this item.

**Agenda Item #6 –Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities**

No comments.

**Agenda Item #7 - Other Business**

Ms. Loof said Rule 1106 is coming up for hearing in April and asked for a presentation. Mr. Alatorre said Rule 1106 will be discussed in the future.

Mr. Alatorre mentioned the upcoming Cesar Chavez Day of Remembrance Event on March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Museum of Latin American Art and the last date to RSVP is March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Agenda Item #8- Public Comment**

Mr. Harvey Eder made comments regarding solar power.

**Agenda Item #9 – Next Meeting Date**

The next regular Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 12, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.