



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Council Member Ben Benoit, LGSBA Chairman (Board Member)
Supervisor Janice Rutherford (Board Member)
Mayor Pro Tempore Rachele Arizmendi, City of Sierra Madre
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California
La Vaughn Daniel, DancoEN
Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance
Rita Loof, RadTech International
Eddie Marquez, Roofing Contractors Association
David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez (Board Member)
Felipe Aguirre
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc.
Council Member Carlos Rodriguez, City of Yorba Linda

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tom Gross, Board Member Consultant (*Benoit*)
Andy Silva, San Bernardino County

SCAQMD STAFF:

Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer
Philip Fine, Deputy Executive Officer
Fabian Wesson, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Alfonso Baez, Program Supervisor
Gary Quinn, Program Supervisor
Shawn Wang, Air Quality Specialist
Elaine-Joy Hills, Air Quality Specialist
Van Doan, Air Quality Specialist

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Ben Benoit called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of December 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Chair Benoit called for approval of the December 13, 2019 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Mr. Derrick Alatorre provided responses to action items from the previous meeting, and indicated that Ms. Nancy Feldman will present on the revised Local Government & Small Business Assistance (LGSBA) group charter. He stated staff inquired with the Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources division regarding the measuring of real cost of rules and regulations and actual impacts through MATES program and independent survey and will provide information when it becomes available.

Agenda Item #4 – Approval of Revised Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory (LGSBA) Group Charter

Ms. Feldman presented on the revised LGSBA group charter.

Ms. Rita Loof indicated that the revisions reflect items previously discussed by the group.

Chair Benoit called for approval of the revised LGSBA group charter and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Bill LaMarr asked what the Administrative Committee (AC) does and if it includes approving, rejecting, and sending back the recommendations.

Chair Benoit replied that the AC's role is to receive and forward the recommendations to the Governing Board (GB); however, if needed, they could provide comments or seek clarification from the group.

Agenda Item #5 – Adoption of LGSBA Group 2019 Accomplishments/2020 Goals & Objectives

Mr. Alatorre stated that several items were proposed and added to the list of the LGSBA Group 2019 Accomplishments/2020 Goals & Objectives.

Mr. David Rothbart referenced item #12 and clarified that the proposed topic should be related to the proposed list of Assembly Bill (AB) 2588 compounds that will be issued by California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and the Criteria Pollutant and Toxics Emissions Reporting (CTR) program.

Mr. Alatorre stated that staff could work with Mr. Rothbart to revise the language of the proposed item.

Chair Benoit called for adoption of the LGSBA Group 2019 Accomplishments/2020 Goals & Objectives and it was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 – Updates on Best Available Control Technology (BACT) Guidelines

Mr. Alfonso Baez provided an update on Best Available Control Technology (BACT) guidelines.

Mr. Paul Avila asked what happens to equipment, such as a boiler that is repairable and operable, but is in a location where it cannot be replaced with new technology. Mr. Baez replied that it doesn't need to

be replaced if it is retrofitted using technology that are in compliance with BACT and applicable rules. BACT applies when new or modified equipment has a net emission increase of criteria pollutants.

Mr. LaMarr referenced slide #5 and asked if lithographic printer referred to lithographic press. Mr. Baez replied yes.

Mr. Avila referenced slide #12 and asked what a fish reduction cooker was. Mr. Baez replied it is an equipment used to boil fish meal to make other food products and is heated with a burner, which is required to meet the 30 parts per million (ppm) nitrogen oxide (NO_x) limit.

Mr. Rothbart asked if additional items will be added to the BACT guidelines to make it easier to read and follow besides those previously discussed at BACT Scientific Review Committee (SRC) meetings. Mr. Baez replied that all items previously identified by BACT SRC were addressed.

Mr. Rothbart indicated there are permitting issues and asked if the BACT determinations are complete since the committee did not have routine meetings to update them. Mr. Baez stated that there is a long list of proposed updates to BACT guidelines, which are prioritized and presented to the GB for approval. He further indicated that state law requires proposed new updates to minor sources to be approved by the GB. Mr. Rothbart commented that it “seems backwards” that technology specified as BACT by permitting haven’t been reviewed by BACT SRC. Mr. Baez stated there is a section in the guidelines providing the process for establishing BACT for equipment not identified in the guidelines. He further stated that a cost-effective analysis is required for minor sources and Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER) is required for major sources. Staff is working with engineering to maintain consistency.

Ms. Loof asked if engineering could implement BACT that have not been approved by the GB. Mr. Baez replied that the processes are different for minor and major sources as previously mentioned.

Mr. LaMarr asked if there is Best Available Retrofit Control Technology (BARCT) committee. Dr. Philip Fine replied that BARCT committee is established through rule development and the rule working group is its BARCT committee.

Mr. Rothbart assumed that Dr. Fine is alluding to Assembly Bill (AB) 617 and indicated that it is a coordination relationship. Dr. Fine indicated that there is a state mandate requiring the compilation of BARCT levels and information from existing rules.

Ms. Loof stated that CARB developed a BARCT Clearinghouse and asked how South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) incorporated its process. Mr. Baez replied that South Coast AQMD is working with CARB to provide updates on the BACT/BARCT determinations to be consistent with other air districts. All districts have different BACT determinations. Ms. Loof stated that the categories are defined differently.

Agenda Item #7 – Overview on Outreach Efforts for Implementation of Rule 1147 – NO_x Reductions from Miscellaneous Sources

Mr. Shawn Wang provided an overview on outreach efforts for implementation of Rule 1147 – NO_x Reductions from Miscellaneous Sources.

Mr. Avila asked for examples of small equipment types. Mr. Wang replied small automotive paint spray booths.

Mr. LaMarr referenced the slide on 2017 Board Resolution and indicated some items were missing, which are alternatives to source testing and addressing the automotive heater manufacturer monopoly. Dr. Fine indicated that these items are not the topic of the presentation today; however, he stated that following the GB resolution, there were efforts to make the money available for heater certification, but none were interested. Mr. LaMarr stated that there are many low NO_x burners available. Dr. Fine replied that those burners are not for this application. Mr. Gary Quinn stated that the monopoly exists because Honeywell acquired other burner manufacturers. Dr. Fine stated that there isn't an interest to get into the market. Dr. Fine agreed that the source testing is an issue and stated that it will be addressed during rule development.

Agenda Item #8 –Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities

No comments.

Agenda Item #9 - Other Business

Ms. Loof announced that Radtech is having a conference on March 8-11, 2020 in Orlando.

Agenda Item #10- Public Comment

Mr. Harvey Eder commented on solar power.

Agenda Item #11 – Next Meeting Date

The next regular Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 14, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.