



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilmember Rachelle Arizmendi, City of Sierra Madre
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
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 (Board Member)
Senator Vanessa Delgado (Board Member)
Felipe Aguirre
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN
John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Abramowitz
Harvey Eder
Debra Mendelsohn, Board Member Consultant (*Rutherford*)

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF:

Susan Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer
Anissa Heard-Johnson, Deputy Executive Officer
Terrence Mann, Deputy Executive Officer
Kathryn Higgins, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Lisa Tanaka O'Malley, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Victor Yip, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Erika Chavez, Senior Deputy District Counsel
Uyen-Uyen Vo, Planning & Rules Manager
Philip Crabbe III, Senior Public Affairs Manager
Denise Peralta Gailey, Public Affairs Manager
Ricardo Rivera, Public Affairs Manager
Anthony Tang, Information Technology Supervisor
Pedro Piqueras, Program Supervisor
Diana Thai, Program Supervisor

Elaine Hills, Senior Staff Specialist
Derek Camacho, Air Quality Specialist
Van Doan, Air Quality Specialist
Belinda Huy, Air Quality Specialist
Nishanth Krishnamurthy, Air Quality Specialist
Pami Mukherjee, Air Quality Specialist
Paul Wright, Senior Information Technology Specialist
Debra Ashby, Senior Public Affairs Specialist
Arlene Farol, Senior Public Affairs Specialist
Ryan Stromar, Senior Public Affairs Specialist
Bernard Tolliver, Senior Public Affairs Specialist
Gina Triviso, Senior Public Affairs Specialist
Daniel Wong, Senior Public Affairs Specialist
Paul Rodriguez, Assistant Air Quality Specialist
Aisha Reyes, Senior Administrative Secretary

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

Lisa Tanaka O'Malley, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Legislative, Public Affairs and Media (LPAM), called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

For additional details of the Local Government and Small Business Assistance (LGSBA) Advisory Group Meeting, please refer to the Webcast at [Live Webcast \(aqmd.gov\)](https://aqmd.gov)

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of January 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ms. O'Malley called for approval of the January 13, 2023 meeting minutes.

Rita Loof asked about the status of a presentation on Proposed Amended Rule 219 - Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II (PAR 219). Ms. O'Malley replied that staff was unable to schedule a presentation for this meeting. Susan Nakamura, Chief Operating Officer, Executive Office, advised that there are no changes to the rule calendar, and the proposed rule is scheduled for Governing Board in March.

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:50.

No public comment.

Motion to approve minutes made by Geoffrey Blake; seconded by Councilmember Rachelle Arizmendi; approved.

Ayes: Arizmendi, Blake, Campbell, LaMarr, Loof, Marquez, Rothbart

Noes: None

Absent: Aguirre, Avila, Daniel, Delgado, DeWitt, Rodriguez

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 4:37.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of LGSBA 2022 Accomplishments and 2023 Goals and Objectives

Ms. O'Malley called for approval of the LGSBA 2022 Accomplishments and 2023 Goals and Objectives.

Ms. Loof asked if outreach to local government officials on LGSBA was incorporated into the Goals and Objectives. Ms. O'Malley responded that outreach to elected officials on LGSBA meetings would begin in March per the previous month's action items. Councilmember Rachelle Arizmendi recalled members discussed expanding email distribution lists.

Bill LaMarr suggested to inviting elected officials to speak on topics of interest in addition to staff presentations. Ms. O'Malley responded that a discussion with the Legal Department and Chair Carlos Rodriguez is needed.

Ms. Loof suggested that the Advisory Group defer approval of the 2022 Accomplishments and 2023 Goals and Objectives to the next meeting so members who are absent today can participate in the discussion.

Harvey Eder provided public comment on low-income solar programs.

Motion to move item to the next meeting made by David Rothbart; seconded by Rita Loof; approved.

Ayes: Arizmendi, Blake, Campbell, LaMarr, Loof, Marquez, Rothbart

Noes: None

Absent: Aguirre, Avila, Daniel, Delgado, DeWitt, Rodriguez

For additional details on the presentation and discussions, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 8:42.

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

Ms. O'Malley reviewed the action items from the January 13, 2023, meeting.

Ms. Loof commented that PAR 219 regarding UV/EB/LED will have an impact on small businesses and she would like to bring awareness to the Advisory Group. Ms. Nakamura stated that this item is on the agenda for the Stationary Source Committee meeting on February 17, 2023.

Mr. Eder provided public comment on climate change.

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

Agenda Item #5 – Update on Assembly Bill 617 (AB 617) for 2022

Bernard Tolliver, Senior Public Affairs Specialist/LPAM, provided an update on AB 617 for 2022.

Ms. Loof referenced slide #2 and asked about trade associations becoming a member of the Community Steering Committees (CSC). Mr. Tolliver stated that anyone who is interested in participating in a CSC is encouraged to apply. Kathryn Higgins, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Community Air Programs, responded that trade associations are not excluded, and CSC member selection is based on guidelines established by CARB's blueprint.

Mr. LaMarr shared his experience in applying for and not being approved to be a member of a CSC. He discussed the role small businesses located with an AB 617 community should play on CSCs. Ms. Higgins stated that there should be diversity within CSCs and that businesses residing in the community should be able to participate. South Coast AQMD has provided input on the update of CARB's blueprint and expressed support for business participation on CSCs. Ms. Loof elaborated on the distinction between businesses and industry.

There was no public comment.

For additional details on the presentation and discussions, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 29:28.

Agenda Item #6 – Summary of Compliance and Enforcement (C&E) Activities

Terrence Mann, Deputy Executive Officer, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, provided a summary of OCE activities.

David Rothbart referenced the number of complaints received related to wastewater treatment and odors. He asked if there is a lack of understanding of South Coast AQMD rules and what could be done to address the issues. Mr. Mann responded that the high number of complaints is in part due to unusual events and are also an indication of awareness due to outreach to communities. Ms. Nakamura

emphasized the importance of working with the operators to ensure compliance with South Coast AQMD rules and regulations.

Mr. Rothbart inquired about education for facilities on South Coast AQMD rules and regulations. Elaine Hills, Senior Staff Specialist, LPAM, provided an overview of Small Business Assistance services to help facilities comply with rules, record keeping and other issues. Mr. Mann commented that it is important for businesses to understand the potential impacts their operations could have on a community.

Mr. LaMarr commented that South Coast AQMD Rules are complex, which may be difficult for small businesses to understand and offered assistance. Ms. Loof suggested to expand the list of resources available to small businesses on South Coast AQMD's website by adding links to the Small Business Alliance and organizations, such as RadTech.

No public comment.

For additional details on the presentation and discussions, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 51:15.

Agenda Item #7 – Other Business

No other business.

Agenda Item #8 – Public Comment

Mr. Eder provided comment on public solar power.

For additional details, please refer to the [Webcast](#) beginning at 1:25:07.

Agenda Item #9 – Next Meeting Date

The next regular LGSBA Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 10, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.