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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jane Carney, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Chairman
Cynthia Verdugo-Peralta, AQMD Governing Board Member
Greg Adams, L.A. County Sanitation District
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, DriLube/All Metals
Eric Busch, Representative, South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Daniel Cunningham, Metal Finishing Association
Jacob Haik, Councilwoman Janice Hahn
Angelo Logan, East Yard Communities for EJ
Dr. Joseph Lyou, California Environmental Rights Alliance
Kelly Moulton, Paralegal
Steve Mugg, South Orange County Representative, City of Mission Viejo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronald Loveridge, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Vice Chairman
Todd Campbell, Mayor, City of Burbank
Harold Martinez, Able Industrial Products, Inc.
Todd Priest, Orange County Business Council

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Billheimer, Enviro-Reality
Paul Garza, Board Member Tonia Reyes Uranga
Rita Loof, Radtech
Rhonda Reyes, Board Member Cynthia Verdugo-Peralta

AQMD STAFF:

Evangelina Barrera, Office Assistant
Joe Cassmassi, Planning and Rules Manager
Dr. Elaine Chang, Deputy Executive Officer
Lourdes Cordova Martinez, Community Relations Manager
Connie Day, Program Supervisor
Dr. Anupom Ganguli, Asst. Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor
Sue Lieu, Program Supervisor
Dr. Chung Liu, Deputy Executive Officer
John Olvera, Sr. Deputy District Counsel
Greg Ushijima, Air Quality Engineer II
Nancy Velasquez, Administrative Secretary
Jill Whynot, Planning & Rules Manager

Agenda Item #1-Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Jane Carney called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of January 19, 2007 & February 16, 2007 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Chair Carney had corrections to the January 19, 2007 minutes as follows:

Page 6, 2nd Paragraph, change to “He further claimed that we are effectively banning or controlling the construction of these facilities and that Chair Carney had stated earlier that it’s not the policy of the Board to get into land use planning.”

Page 7, 1st Paragraph, delete: “In her opinion, the City of Vernon has a proposal which is highly entrepreneurial.”

February 16, 2007 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The committee members discussed several options in completing the minutes. Options included recording in detail all comments and the specific speakers, adding a summary to the front page of the minutes, adding summaries for each item, and just using brief minutes that cover the scope of the discussions. Committee members that had comments in support of longer minutes were Board Member Cynthia Verdugo-Peralta and Mr. Greg Adams. Committee members that had comments in support of shorter minutes included Chair Carney, Mr. Steve Mugg, Mr. Angelo Logan, Mr. Eric Busch, and Mr. Daniel Cunningham. The committee voted 5-4 in favor of brief minutes that include the main focus of the discussions. Chair Carney stated that for the time being, staff will try for shorter minutes, but the issue can be revisited at a later date.

Follow-up Action Items

Action item: *Staff to email Committee members, notifying of noon time change for April 20, 2007’s meeting.*

✓ Completed.

Action item: *Staff to forward January minutes to members for editing.*

✓ Completed.

Action item: *Agendize monthly follow-up to CARB’s actions on AB 32.*

✓ Staff to agendize on a monthly basis.

Action item: *Update 2007 Goals & Objectives to add “monthly reporting on AB 32.”*

✓ Completed.

Action item: *Update 2007 Goals & Objectives to add “including cumulative impacts,” under Environmental Justice program updates.*

✓ Completed.

Action item: Forward 2007 Goals & Objectives and 2006 Accomplishments to the Administrative Committee.

✓ Completed.

Action item: Forward Talking Points on Federal Issues to Committee members.

✓ Fact Sheet on Mobile Source Fair Share Initiative was provided as a handout at February's LGSBA meeting.

Agenda Item #3 – Presentation on Clean Cities Coalitions in the Basin

Ms. Connie Day gave a presentation reviewing AQMD interaction and support of the Clean Cities Coalitions in the Basin. The program supports local decisions to adopt practices that contribute to the reduction of petroleum consumption.

Mr. Adams asked if the program is pursuing biodiesel with respect to the program and whether there is any policy statement regarding this. Dr. Chung Liu replied that staff is considering biodiesel, as long as any related increases in emissions of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) are addressed. He added that the District and engine manufacturer's association (EMA) concur that 5% blends are acceptable.

Chair Carney asked whether cities will adopt specific goals. Ms. Day replied that the coalition is looking more at regional goals. Chair Carney commented that the coalition should reach out to other regional Council of Governments (COGs), possibly through Board members. Ms. Day replied that many cities are already represented through the active COGs.

Agenda Item #4 – AQMP Overview

Mr. Joe Cassmassi gave a presentation reviewing proposed modifications to the Draft 2007 Air Quality Management Plan.

Board Member Verdugo-Peralta asked whether the bonnet technology for locomotives and ships is being considered for emission reduction measures. Dr. Elaine Chang replied the technology is already incorporated in the short-term measures. Board Member Verdugo-Peralta also asked whether staff is issuing a request for proposals (RFP) for "black box" solutions. Dr. Chang replied that this is a good idea, but has only done so for alternative transportation systems.

Dr. Joseph Lyou asked if there are consequences for non-compliance. Mr. Cassmassi replied that sanctions begin 18 months after and that transportation funds can be withheld. Dr. Lyou commented that environmental justice (EJ) communities will end up worse even though everyone else is benefiting. Dr. Chang and Mr. Cassmassi replied that there will be more reductions at the ports, where there are many EJ communities. He also asked whether there will be a toxics consequence in the NO_x-based approach to attaining air quality goals. Mr. Cassmassi replied that toxics may remain even when

VOCs are reduced. However, the District can always regulate air toxics separately beyond the AQMP measures. Dr. Lyou asked who will pay for Option 3 (slide 17). Dr. Chang replied that staff is still discussing the issue. He also asked about the availability of Tier III engines. Dr. Chang replied that they are available, but it's a matter of cost.

Mr. Adams asked about more recent health data than that provided on the slides. Mr. Cassmassi replied that is the most current data. He also asked clarification on how the regional transportation plans and transportation control measures interact. Mr. Cassmassi and Dr. Chang replied that emissions reductions from control measures are offset somewhat by overall growth, but that there is still a net decrease in emissions.

Mr. Logan commented that staff should ensure that other agencies participate in the AQMP process, such as MTA and CalTrans, and that AQMD participates in other agency projects that affect air quality.

Board Member Verdugo-Peralta commented that EPA needs to implement a bigger share of emissions reductions or give the AQMD authority. Dr. Chang commented that staff needs to determine the cost effectiveness of attaining air quality goals for the area and that CARB wants to install particulate traps as soon as possible.

Dr Lyou asked about the enforceability of policy option 2. Dr. Chang replied that staff is not sure how that would be enforced.

Agenda Item #5 – Presentation on AQMP Socioeconomic Analysis

This item was continued to April LGSBA.

Action: *Dr. Lyou requested that the Socioeconomic Analysis presentation be sent electronically to LGSBA members.*

Agenda Item #6 – Presentation on Dry Cleaning Machine Technology

Ms. Jill Whynot provided a handout on Dry Cleaning Machine Technology as an informational item. Chair Carney asked members to read the handout and later decide if a presentation was warranted.

Agenda Item #7 – Status Report on AB 32 – Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Ms. Jill Whynot gave a presentation with an overview of Assembly Bill 32 and the timelines for the California Air Resources Board's development of key aspects of the program.

Mr. Geoffrey Blake asked about the timeline for defining the baseline 1990 emission level. Ms. Whynot replied that there is a California Energy Commission 1990 emissions inventory that is being refined by a working group.

Mr. Adams asked whether the AQMD would join the Climate Registry. Ms. Whynot stated that the AQMD is already a member.

Dr. Lyou asked whether the AQMD has established any positions on these issues. Ms. Whynot replied that the AQMD is active, but does not have any specific positions since the issues are all conceptual at this point.

Board Member Verdugo-Peralta voiced concern that the CARB is not utilizing AQMD experience with emissions cap and trade programs like RECLAIM, that CARB needs to make sure the program does not affect attainment areas, and that EJ areas are not adversely affected.

Mr. Busch asked if mandatory reporting is required by local governments or businesses. Ms. Whynot replied that the focus will be on the top five or six industries and reporting would be on a facility level. She added that this may be expanded in the future.

Mr. Cunningham asked if the AQMD is a member of any of the committees. Ms. Whynot replied that the AQMD is not and added that CARB determines the composition of the committees.

Mr. Adams asked whether we can start international trading in the absence of U.S. approval of the Kyoto Treaty. Ms. Whynot replied that she is not sure.

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

No comment.

Agenda Item #9 - Other Business

No comment.

Agenda Item #10 - Public Comment

Ms. Rita Loof asked if the AQMD is targeting any particular source for the incentives based approach. Mr. Cassmassi and Dr. Chang replied that there is no particular source.

Agenda Item #11 - Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.