

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 10, 2014

AGENDA NO. 15

REPORT: Administrative Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Administrative Committee met on Friday, December 13, 2013. The Committee discussed various issues detailed in the Committee report. The next Administrative Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file.

Dr. William A. Burke, Chair
Administrative Committee

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Attendance: Attending the December 13, 2013 meeting were Committee Members Mayor Dennis Yates and Supervisor Josie Gonzales at SCAQMD headquarters, and Chairman William Burke and Dr. Clark E. Parker, Sr. via teleconference.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Board Members' Concerns:** None.
2. **Chairman's Report of Approved Travel:** Dr. Wallerstein reported that Mayor Pro Tem Judith Mitchell anticipated trips to Sacramento to attend the CARB Board Meetings on December 11-12, 2013 and January 22-24, 2014. Also, Mayor Miguel Pulido planned to attend the annual U.S. Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting in Washington, DC on January 21-25, 2014 as it relates to air quality issues on behalf of the SCAQMD.
3. **Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/Consultant(s):** None to report.

4. **Report of Approved Out-of-Country Travel:** None to report.

JANUARY AGENDA ITEMS

5. **Execute Contract to Provide Technical Support for SCAQMD PAMS Upper Air Meteorological Monitoring Network:** Assistant Deputy Executive Officer Laki Tisopulos reported that this action is to execute a contract with Sonoma Technology, Inc. to provide technical support for the PAMS Upper Air Meteorological Monitoring System. The contract would include annual renewal options for each of the next three years, based upon availability of funds and satisfactory performance. Funding for this contract is allocated in the EPA Section 105 Grants.

Moved by Yates; seconded by Gonzales; unanimously approved.

6. **Issue Purchase Order for Three Jerome 631-X Hydrogen Sulfide Analyzer Systems:**

Moved by Yates; seconded by Gonzales; unanimously approved.

7. **Report on Major Projects for Information Management Scheduled to Start During Last Six Months of FY 2013-14:** Assistant Deputy Executive Officer Chris Marlia reported that this action is to report on major automation contracts and projects to be initiated during the next six months.

Moved by Yates; seconded by Parker; unanimously approved.

8. **Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the September 13 and October 11, 2013 Meetings:** Attached for information only are the Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group minutes for the September 13 and October 11, 2013 meetings.

9. **Review of January 10, 2014 Governing Board Agenda**

10. **Other Business:** None.

11. **Public Comment:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50a.m.

Attachment

Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the September 13 and October 11, 2013 Meetings



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Yates, Mayor, City of Chino and LGSBA Chairman
Ben Benoit, Councilman, City of Wildomar and LGSBA Vice Chairman
Felipe Aguirre, Councilmember, City of Maywood
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California/All Metals
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
John Hill, Riverside County Representative
Maria Elena Kennedy, Kennedy Communications
Rita Loof, RadTech International
Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor, City of Monrovia

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Greg Adams
Jacob Haik, Office of Councilmember Joe Buscaino
Kelly Moulton, Paralegal

OTHERS PRESENT:

Earl Elrod, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)
Mark Abramowitz, Board Member Assistant (*Lyou*)
Ruthanne Taylor Berger, Board Member Assistant (*Benoit*)
Laura Jimenez, Office of Senator Ed Hernandez

SCAQMD STAFF:

Naveen Berry, Planning & Rules Manager
Marc Carrel, Program Supervisor
Heather Farr, Air Quality Specialist
Elaine Hills, Air Quality Inspector II
Lori Langrell, Secretary
Jean Ospital, Dr. P.H., Health Effects Officer
Nicholas Sanchez, Sr. Deputy District Counsel

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Dennis Yates called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of April 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Chair Yates called for approval of the meeting Minutes of May 2013. The Minutes were approved.

Mr. Marc Carrel advised the members that the SCIG presentation has been made available on the table.

Mayor Yates invited LGSBA members to attend the 25th Annual Clean Air Awards taking place on October 4, 2013. Formal invitations were available on the table.

Ms. Rita Loof asked if staff can present on the trip regarding the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Meeting in Canada that was held in June.

Agenda Item #3 – Amend Rule 1113 – Architectural Coatings

Ms. Heather Farr, on behalf of Mr. Naveen Berry, presented to the group regarding amendments being proposed to provide regulatory relief to coating manufacturers from certain rule requirements.

Mr. Paul Avila asked whether the components involve paint only, or tar as well. Ms. Farr indicated they include any coating applied to any stationary architectural structure, such as houses, roadways, and bridges. Mr. Avila further asked what the shelf life of small cans are, and what happens when the shelf life expires. Ms. Farr responded that the small cans have a three year shelf life, after which they are discarded.

Ms. Loof commented that there were concerns regarding test method 313, which exempts and is not applicable to her specific industry. For this reason, Ms. Loof has requested for staff to report on the ASTM Meeting that took place in June.

Agenda Item #4 – Overview of California Air Toxic Hot Spots Program Risk Assessment Guidelines Updates

Dr. Jean Ospital provided an overview of the proposed update to the California Air Toxics Hot Spots Risk Assessment Guidelines, including updates on technical support documents, risk estimates, Hot Spots Analysis and Reporting Program (HARP), and the next steps.

Mr. Avila asked if occupational exposure can be reversed; for example, someone lives in a hot spot, but works in a non-hazardous job, would this reverse situation affect the data. Dr. Ospital indicated that it is done by facility. The model will tell us where the highest levels are. Should it be residential, we would use the residential scenario, and if it were a work-place, a work-place scenario would be utilized. If the individual lives and works in high risk areas, the risk would be estimated based on the two locations, which would have to be below the 25 in a million risk limit.

Vice Chair Ben Benoit inquired if the software development is just an update to existing software, and if the plume data can be made available into a web database for the public to determine if they are in a hot spot. Dr. Ospital indicated that what is typically done is air modeling, which is all incorporated in the software. The emissions of the toxics are inputted into the software, which would then indicate what the levels and risks are. It is not on a website per se, but the hot spots rules require public notification if they are above ten in a million, for example. Also, in our database on the SCAQMD, the FIND feature lists facilities and links their health risk assessment, if one was done for that facility.

Mr. David Rothbart (of Los Angeles County Sanitation District) stated that the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) methodology recommended assumptions for inhalation with some recommended ranges, and asked how recommendations are adopted. Dr. Ospital indicated that in the past, CARB adopts after recommendations from OAHHA. OEHHA recommended the 95th percentile breathing rate in approximately 2005, for example. CARB came out with a risk management guide, which suggested using an 80 percentile breathing rate distribution. Thus, OEHHA recommends and CARB adopts.

Mr. Rothbart asked about the risk increasing for public facilities overnight, and whether the studies being referenced provide a good assumption for the inhalation rate. Dr. Ospital replied that in terms of what OEHHA inputs into the range, they actually did a substantive review of available information. For example, with breathing rates, they reviewed what EPA has done and the recent literature and they came up with a distribution based on 2 to 3 different studies. Since they are conservative, they recommended a 95% breathing rate. So this would avoid a situation where some people are excluded at the higher end of the distribution. Dr. Ospital further stated that OEHHA will come up with the risk assessment methodology and how the risk is managed is up to the various boards.

Ms. Loof wanted to follow up on the OEHHA methodology issue and mentioned a recent case where their methodology was challenged in court so OEHHA had to withdraw their finding. Dr. Ospital indicated he did not believe the methodology was at issue, rather the challenge was on the input or reference level. Dr. Ospital asked Ms. Loof if she recalled the specifics. Ms. Loof did not recall the specifics, only that the decision was reversed. Dr. Ospital indicated it was for a specific chemical.

Mr. John Hill asked if there is a list of the hot spots. Dr. Ospital indicated there is a report that comes out every year at the April Board meeting which includes a list of all facilities that have done a risk assessment. Mr. Hill then asked whether the hot spots include farm workers. Dr. Ospital indicated he would have to go back and check to see if that has been included in any of the reports, but any occupational exposure should be included. Dr. Ospital added that perhaps farm workers may be different. He will follow up on that.

Mr. Avila asked if there were a benchmark case, would federal mortality rates be used as a benchmark, and would the findings interpret the difference or are the findings based on the hot spots. Dr. Ospital replied they are based on hot spots, regulations that were developed pursuant to legislation, and levels of required risk reduction which were adopted by the SCAQMD Governing Board.

Agenda Item #5 – Status of Port Backstop Rule Development

Mr. Henry Hogo was called to a meeting and could not make a presentation. This item will be carried to a later meeting.

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

No comments.

Agenda Item #7 – Other Business

Ms. Loof inquired on item c regarding the informational attachments, which is the Rule & Control Measure Forecast report. Ms. Loof indicated that at the Stationary Source Committee Meeting in August, the committee directed staff to bring forward an amendment to Rule 219 for the permit exemptions, but Ms. Loof did not see Rule 219 on the list. Chair Yates indicated that staff will check into that.

Agenda Item #8 – Public Comment

No comments.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.



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Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California/All Metals
Rita Loof, RadTech International
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Lupe Ramos Watson, Councilmember, City of Indio

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Derrick J. Alatorre, Asst. DEO/Public Advisor
Philip Crabbe, Community Relations Manager
Elaine Hills, Air Quality Inspector II
Aaron Katzenstein, Program Supervisor
Lori Langrell, Secretary
Matt Miyasato, Ph.D., DEO
Nicholas Sanchez, Sr. Deputy District Counsel
Jill Whynot, Assistant DEO

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Vice Chair Ben Benoit called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of September 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Vice Chair called for approval of the meeting Minutes of September 13, 2013. Due to a lack of a quorum, the item is being carried over to the November 8, 2013 meeting.

In response to a prior inquiry from Mr. John Hill regarding farm workers and hot spots listing, Dr. Ospital would provide an email link with the requisite information.

An inquiry was made as to how much funds have been distributed through the Carl Moyer program. A breakdown of funds by county will be provided.

Agenda Item #3 – Update on Climate Change Activities

Mr. Aaron Katzenstein presented an update on activities in support of greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions and AB 32 implementation.

Mr. Paul Avila asked if there is a difference in cap and trade between state and federal requirements. Mr. Katzenstein replied a federal cap and trade system was proposed, but has not been implemented.

Chair Benoit asked if there are any other markets besides Quebec coming on board. Ms. Jill Whynot responded others have considered, but so far only Quebec.

Ms. Kelly Moulton asked about the nexus between population growth and natural gas, the model used, if there is a new source of energy, and how it is going to work. Mr. Katzenstein replied that population increases are addressed as well as transportation needs. Mr. Katzenstein further stated that there are transportation sector technology changes, electrification, hybrids, and natural gas. Ms. Moulton asked when is it estimated that the cost of renewable will be the same as natural gas and electricity, and how is it factored into the presentation. Mr. Katzenstein noted that, for example, solar panels have gone down 75%, and there are also programs to push technology forward.

Agenda Item #4 – Small Business Assistance Program Outreach Activities for 2013

Mr. Philip Crabbe provided an overview of outreach activities focusing on small businesses within the South Coast Basin.

Mr. Geoff Blake asked if there is an ombudsman available for larger companies. Ms. Whynot indicated that one of Mohsen Nazemi's roles is an ombudsman to businesses. Ms. Whynot indicated she is Mr. Nazemi's assistant DEO, and they would be available to help navigate the process. Mr. Blake further asked regarding perchloroethylene (perc), since rules and changes have come to place, percentage wise how much perc dry cleaners are still out there. Ms. Whynot indicated originally we had close to 2,000 facilities, now it is approximately 700-800, roughly two thirds has been reduced, and that we are already seeing significant reductions in ambient emissions of perc.

Agenda Item #5 – State Legislative Update

Mr. Alatorre provided an overview of the current Legislative Session, specifically on bills SCAQMD took positions on, which ended on September 12, 2013.

Mr. Avila asked with regard to the Carl Moyer program, which has been around for approximately 10-15 years, if there were any measurements or records of implementation available. Mr. Alatorre indicated that there is a report that includes how many clean busses and trucks were provided or retrofitted, and how much money has been expended.

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

No comments.

Agenda Item #7 – Other Business

Vice Chair Benoit indicated he would like the agenda packet available electronically in PDF format.

Agenda Item #8 – Public Comment

No comments.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.