

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 7, 2018

AGENDA NO. 21

REPORT: Legislative Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Legislative Committee held a meeting on Friday, November 9, 2018. The following is a summary of the meeting.

Agenda Item	Recommendation/Action
Interview Firms and Recommend Execution of Contract(s) for Legislative Representation in Washington, D.C.	Authorize the Chairman to execute contract(s) with Carmen Group, Inc., Cassidy & Associates, Inc., and Kadesh & Associates for Legislative Representation in Washington, D.C.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file this report, and approve agenda item as specified in this letter

Judith Mitchell, Chair
Legislative Committee

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Committee Members

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Judith Mitchell, Chair (videoconference)

Dr. William A. Burke (videoconference)

Dr. Clark E. Parker, Sr. (videoconference)

Supervisor V. Manuel Perez (videoconference)

Supervisor Janice Rutherford

Absent: Council Member Joe Buscaino, Vice Chair

Call to Order

Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ACTION ITEM:

1. Interview Firms and Recommend Execution of Contract(s) for Legislative Representative in Washington D.C.

The Committee members interviewed the following firms:

- Carmen Group, Inc.
- Cassidy & Associates, Inc.
- Kadesh & Associates, Inc.
- The Glover Park Group

After the interviews were concluded, the Committee Members recommended that the Board authorize the execution of contracts with the Carmen group, Inc., Cassidy & Associates, Inc. and Kadesh & Associates.

Moved by Parker; seconded by Perez; unanimously approved

Ayes: Burke, Mitchell, Parker, Perez, Rutherford

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Buscaino

WRITTEN REPORTS:

2. State Legislative Reports

Please refer to Attachment 2 for written reports on State legislative activities in Sacramento.

OTHER MATTERS:

3. Other Business

There was no other business.

4. Public Comment Period

Mr. Harvey Eder, Public Power Solar Coalition, made comments regarding equitable solar conversion and the need to address climate change.

5. Next Meeting Date

The next regular Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Attachments

1. Attendance Record
2. Update on State Legislative Issues – Written Reports

ATTACHMENT 1

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD – November 9, 2018

Dr. William A. Burke (videoconference).....	SCAQMD Board Member
Mayor Pro Tem Judith Mitchell (videoconference).....	SCAQMD Board Member
Dr. Clark E. Parker, Sr. (videoconference).....	SCAQMD Board Member
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez (videoconference).....	SCAQMD Board Member
Supervisor Janice Rutherford.....	SCAQMD Board Member
Mark Abramowitz.....	Board Consultant (Lyou)
Guillermo Gonzalez.....	Board Consultant (V. Manuel Perez)
Ron Ketcham.....	Board Consultant (McCallon)
Andrew Silva.....	Board Consultant (Rutherford)
Mark Taylor.....	Board Consultant (Rutherford)
Gary Hoitsma.....	Carmen Group, Inc.
Dal Harper.....	Carmen Group, Inc.
Kai Anderson.....	Cassidy & Associates
Amelia Jenkins.....	Cassidy & Associates
Kaleb Froehlich.....	Cassidy & Associates
Mark Kadesh.....	Kadesh & Associates
Chris Kierig.....	Kadesh & Associates
Dave Ramey.....	Kadesh & Associates
Catharine Cyr Ransom.....	The Glover Park Group
Harvey Eder.....	Public Solar Power Coalition
Tom Gross.....	Southern California Edison
Bill LaMarr.....	California Small Business Alliance
Rita Loof.....	RadTech
Susan Stark.....	Marathon Petroleum
Tammy Yamasaki.....	Southern California Edison
Derrick Alatorre.....	SCAQMD Staff
Barbara Baird.....	SCAQMD Staff
BreTania Chase-Young.....	SCAQMD Staff
Philip Crabbe.....	SCAQMD Staff
Gloria Garcia.....	SCAQMD Staff
Stacy Garcia.....	SCAQMD Staff
Elaine Hills.....	SCAQMD Staff
Monika Kim.....	SCAQMD Staff
Matt Miyasato.....	SCAQMD Staff
Ron Moskowitz.....	SCAQMD Staff
Wayne Nastri.....	SCAQMD Staff
Robert Paud.....	SCAQMD Staff
Stacey Pruitt.....	SCAQMD Staff
Sarah Rees.....	SCAQMD Staff
Mary Reichert.....	SCAQMD Staff
Denny Shaw.....	SCAQMD Staff
Jeanette Short.....	SCAQMD Staff
Lisa Tanaka O'Malley.....	SCAQMD Staff
Fabian Wesson.....	SCAQMD Staff
Jill Whynot.....	SCAQMD Staff
Paul Wright.....	SCAQMD Staff

ATTACHMENT 2



THE
QUINTANA
CRUZ
COMPANY

October 25, 2018

TO: South Coast Air Quality Management District

FROM: The Quintana Cruz Company

RE: October 2018 Report

GENERAL UPDATE:

- The Legislature is out of session
- **January 3rd** the Legislature reconvenes

POLITICAL ITEMS OF NOTE:

- **November 6th** is election day
- Current polling for Governor:
 - Gavin Newsom (D): 49%
 - John Cox (R): 38%
- Current polling for US Senate:
 - Dianne Feinstein (D): 43%
 - Kevin de León (D): 27%
- Current polling for Proposition 6:
 - Yes: 41%
 - No: 48%
- Current polling for Proposition 10:
 - Yes: 60%
 - No: 25%

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS OF NOTE:

- N/A



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SCAQMD Report
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November 9, 2018 Legislative Committee Hearing

General Update

At the conclusion of the 2017-18 legislative session on September 30th, focus has shifted to the November election. This year, in addition to the election of a new governor, 20 out of 40 state Senate seats and all 80 state Assembly seats are up for election. The democrats currently hold a supermajority plus one (55-25) in the Assembly and are one seat short of a supermajority (26-14) in the Senate.

While it is widely expected that Gavin Newsom will win the election for governor, polls have shown a steady narrowing of the gap between him and John Cox.

In the state Assembly there are eight districts considered to be battleground elections. Of these eight races, three are democrat versus democrat, five are democrat versus republican, with two of the five republicans being incumbents.

In the state Senate there is only one seat, Senate District 39, formerly held by Tony Mendoza, that is considered a battleground election.

2018 Legislative Priorities

Sales Tax Ballot Initiative Authorization

Work has begun on identifying an author and building a coalition of support to seek next year legislation that will authorize the placement on the ballot of a sales tax measure that will substantially fund the AQMP. Thus far California Advisors has facilitated three days of meetings with key Capitol staff as well as multiple interest groups and public organizations that could potentially be supportive of our efforts. Meetings have been positive, with great feedback and suggestions coming from multiple sources.

SB 210 (Leyva) Heavy-duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program

This bill would authorize the state board to develop and implement a Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program for non-gasoline heavy-duty on-road motor vehicles.

Status: 10/24/2018 - Senator Leyva hosted a working group to assess the viability of authoring this bill again in 2019-20.



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TO: South Coast Air Quality Management District

FROM: Anthony, Jason & Paul Gonsalves

SUBJECT: Legislative Update – October 2018

DATE: Friday, October 26, 2018

The month of October is very quiet in the State Capitol. August 31, 2018 was the last day of session and the Governor had until October 1, 2018 to act on all legislation. Over the past year, the Legislature introduced 2,637 bills; 1,777 in the Assembly and 860 in the Senate. 1,564 of those bills made it to the Governor's desk for his consideration. The remaining 1,073 bills died through the legislative process. Governor Brown signed and chaptered 1363 bills and vetoed 201.

AB 2548 (FRIEDMAN) COMMUTE BENEFIT POLICIES: METRO.

This bill authorizes the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to administer a commute benefit program that requires certain employers to provide a commuter benefit option to their employees.

As you know, the SCAQMD administers an extensive commute benefit program under Rule 2202, which requires employers with over 250 or more employees at a worksite to establish commuter programs to meet designated emission reduction targets. Our firm worked closely with Assemblymember Friedman's office to ensure the new ordinance would only apply to employers that are not currently subject to the regulations established under Rule 2202. In fact, the bill specifically prohibits Metro from approving any commute benefit ordinance that affects the SCAQMD program.

Specifically, AB 2548 would authorize Metro to establish a commuter benefits ordinance in L.A. County that would give commuters the ability to set aside up to \$260 per month of their paycheck pre-tax to cover the cost of ride-sharing, vanpools, and transit. This means that the Metro program would cover employers with 50 to 249 employees at a worksite. However, in the future, the Metro program would have to be updated based on any actions by SCAQMD to raise or lower the number of employers covered by Rule 2022. Metro estimates that 24-26% of the worksites in L.A. County, or 64,000 to 69,000 of approximately 265,000 worksites, have between 50-249 employees.

On August 20, 2018, Governor Brown signed AB 2548 into law, which will take effect on January 1, 2019.

AB 2453 (E. GARCIA) AIR POLLUTION: SCHOOLS.

Existing law requires CARB to establish Community Emissions Reductions Programs (CERP) for the purposes of reducing emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria air pollutants. Existing law also establishes school modernization apportionment funds, which may be used for improvements to extend the useful life of, or to enhance the physical environment of, a school, including, but not limited to, maximizing indoor air quality, but may not be used for routine maintenance and repair.

AB 2453 clarifies that a modernization apportionment may be used to limit pupil exposure to harmful air pollutants by updating air filtration systems. Additionally, the bill would permit a school or school district located in a community identified as a qualifying community for a CERP to:

- work with local air districts to identify school sites for air quality adaptation efforts; and
- be eligible for a grant, as a part of a CERP, that implements air quality mitigation efforts, including, but not limited to, air filter upgrades or installations and vegetation buffer planting.

On August 17, 2018, the Senate Appropriations Committee amended AB 2453 to specify that the provision authorizing a school district to be eligible for a CERP grant

shall be implemented only if an appropriation for this purpose is made in the annual Budget Act or other statute. With that amendment, the bill passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on a 7-0 vote.

On August 27, 2018, AB 2453 passed off the Senate Floor on a 39-0 vote. Since the bill was amended in the Senate, AB 2453 went back to the Assembly Floor for concurrence in Senate amendments and passed on an 80-0 vote.

On September 23, 2018, Governor Brown signed AB 2453 into law, which will take effect on January 1, 2019.

CLEAN VEHICLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) recently announced a new statewide grant and loan program to help lower-income consumers across California get into the cleanest new and used cars on the market.

The Clean Vehicle Assistance Program, run by the Oakland-based nonprofit Beneficial State Foundation, was launched with a \$5 million CARB grant from California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that spends billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment, especially in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. The program has been up and running since June 2018 and has already received more than 900 applications and awarded 24 grants for cars ranging from a 2018 Nissan Leaf to a 2014 Kia Optima Hybrid.

CLEAN TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT

On October 25, 2018, CARB approved a \$483 million plan to fund clean car rebates, zero-emission transit and school buses, clean trucks, and other innovative, clean transportation and mobility pilot projects.

The funding plan for Clean Transportation Incentives (CTI), largely funded with cap-and-trade funds, is part of the Legislature's strategy for improving air quality and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the transportation sector. Of the \$483 million total, \$455 million comes from the cap-and-trade program. The remaining \$28 million is from the Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). The funding plan prioritizes investments in disadvantaged and low-income communities.

The plan serves as the blueprint for expending funds appropriated to CARB in budget bills passed this year by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. The plan establishes priorities for the funding, describes the projects CARB intends to fund, and sets funding targets for each project.

Highlights of the FY 2018-19 Plan include:

- **\$200 million** for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP), including increased rebates for low-income consumers.
- **\$75 million** for Transportation Equity Projects, including the Enhanced Fleet Modernization Plus-Up/Clean Cars 4 All Program, Financing Assistance for Lower-Income Consumers, Clean Mobility Options, Agricultural Worker Vanpools, Rural School Bus Pilot Project, and the new Clean Mobility in Schools Project.
- **\$180 million** for Clean Truck & Bus Vouchers and the Zero- and Near-Zero Emission Freight Facilities Project.
- **\$28.6 million** for AQIP or AQIP-funded heavy-duty vehicle investments, including the Truck Loan Assistance Program and new Diesel Particulate Filter Retrofit Replacements.

Over the past five years, the Legislature has appropriated nearly \$1.2 billion for low-carbon transportation projects from the cap-and-trade program. These investments are an essential element in the state's transition to a low-carbon economy and meeting 2030 GHG emissions reductions targets of 40% below 1990 levels.

The AQIP has an annual budget of about \$28 million. AQIP supports CVRP, the Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP), and has been funding demonstrations for advanced emission reduction vehicle technologies since 2009.