

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 1, 2023

AGENDA NO. 3

PROPOSAL: Request Approval of Proposed Membership Roster for the AQMP Advisory Group

SYNOPSIS: Staff is recommending that membership be granted for the AQMP Advisory Group for a new four-year term. The current term for the AQMP Advisory Group is set to expire on September 5, 2023. The AQMP Advisory Group consists of representatives from environmental/community groups, government agencies, academia, and businesses. The primary role of the AQMP Advisory Group is to review and provide recommendations to staff regarding the implementation of the 2022 AQMP and the development of SIPs aimed at demonstrating attainment of NAAQS. In December 2002, the Blue Ribbon Panel developed recommendations for the AQMP Advisory Group, including the applicable Board Committee. The proposed action seeks to have revisions to the AQMP Advisory Group membership reviewed by the Mobile Source Committee instead of the Stationary Source Committee and to approve the suggested membership roster for the AQMP Advisory Group.

COMMITTEE: Mobile Source, August 18, 2023; Recommended for Approval

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Revise the Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations to review changes to the membership of the AQMP Advisory Group with the Mobile Source Committee instead of the Stationary Source Committee; and
2. Approve proposed membership roster for the AQMP Advisory Group (Attachment A) for a new four-year term.

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Executive Officer

Background

In January 1997, the Board formed six Advisory Groups to provide advice and recommendations to Board Committees and the Board on specific areas of expertise. In December 2002, the Board adopted the Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations regarding the duties and activities of the Advisory Groups. Since then, the AQMP Advisory Group has contributed to the development of the overall aspects of the region's AQMPs and has made recommendations concerning policy, control measures, and attainment strategies. Specifically, the AQMP Advisory Group charter states that its mission is to: 1) review and provide comments on: (a) studies relevant to advancing scientific and technical knowledge in support of AQMP and SIP preparation, (b) emissions inventory development and modeling approaches, (c) the development of new and revised control strategies, including on- and off-road mobile sources, and (d) socioeconomic data and evaluations; 2) foster coordinated approaches toward overall attainment strategies and implementation of AQMPs; and 3) assist in resolving key technical issues. Currently, the Blue Ribbon Panel states that changes to the membership of the AQMP Advisory Group should be reviewed by the Stationary Source Committee. However, since all matters related to AQMPs are presented to the Mobile Source Committee, staff is recommending that changes to the membership of the AQMP Advisory Group be reviewed by the Mobile Source Committee.

The AQMP Advisory Group members are appointed by the Board. The AQMP Advisory Group charter calls for approximately 40 members comprised of representatives from environmental/community groups, government agencies, academia, and businesses. The previous membership roster for the AQMP Advisory Group was approved in September 2019 for a four-year term, expiring in September 2023.

Proposal

Staff is proposing a new membership roster for the AQMP Advisory Group to assist staff with various AQMP/SIP related projects for the new four-year term commencing upon the Board's approval and expiring in September 2027. The proposed membership roster for the AQMP Advisory Group is provided in Attachment A. The roster consists of 32 members representing partner agencies, government agencies, businesses, environmental/community groups, academic/research and labor. Business interests and environmental/community groups comprise the majority of the Advisory Group at approximately 47 percent and 22 percent of the proposed membership, respectively. The proposed membership roster was developed by soliciting nominations from existing Advisory Group members and public members. After the nomination process concluded, staff contacted representatives from under-represented group types to ensure the AQMP Advisory Group include a diverse stakeholder membership.

The duties of this Advisory Group includes reviewing and providing feedback on a SIP revision to demonstrate attainment of the 2012 annual PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), implementation of the 2022 AQMP, as needed, and future AQMP/SIP revisions. The AQMP Advisory Group will meet throughout the year at various frequencies (e.g., monthly, quarterly) depending on the plan development schedule.

Resource Impacts

Existing South Coast AQMD resources are adequate to host the AQMP Advisory Group meetings.

Attachment

Proposed AQMP Advisory Group Roster

ATTACHMENT A

**Proposed Air Quality Management Plan Advisory Group Roster
September 2023 to September 2027**

No.	Affiliation	Group Type	Member	Alternate
1	American Coatings Association	Business	Rhett Cash	
2	California Air Resources Board (CARB)	Partner Agency	Michael Benjamin	Edie Chang
3	California Alliance of Small Business Associations	Business	Bill La Marr	
4	California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance	Business	Bill Quinn	Christine Wolfe
5	CEA Consulting	Business	Peter Okurowski	
6	Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ)	Environmental/ Community	Ana Gonzalez	Marven Norman
7	Clean Energy	Business	Todd Campbell	Ryan Kenny
8	Clean Water SoCal	Govt. Agency	David Rothbart	Alison Torres
9	Community Environmental Services	Environmental/ Community	Mark Abramowitz	
10	Earthjustice	Environmental/ Community	Adrian Martinez	Fernando Gaytan
11	FuturePorts	Business	Varalakshmi Jayaram	
12	Holland & Knight LLP	Business	Brian Bunger	
13	International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU)	Labor	Marcos R. Holguin	Marvin Fernando Pineda
14	Jet Propulsion Laboratory	Academic/Research	Greg Osterman	
15	Latham & Watkins LLP	Business	John C. Heintz	Jen Garlock
16	Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce	Business	Jacqueline Romero	Patricia Torres Bruno
17	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro)	Govt. Agency	Lori Huddleston	
18	Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)	Environmental/ Community	David Pettit	Alison Hahm

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19	Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)	Govt. Agency	Gregory Nord	
20	Pacific Environment	Environmental/ Community	Dawny'all Heydari	Teresa Bui
21	Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA)	Business	Thomas Jelenic	Jacqueline Moore
22	RadTech	Business	Rita Loof	
23	Redeemer Community Partnership	Environmental/ Community	Richard Parks	Brittney Lu
24	Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)	Govt. Agency	Jenny Chan	Martha Masters
25	Sierra Club	Environmental/ Community	Yassi Kavezade	
26	South Bay Cities Council of Governments	Govt. Agency	Kim Fuentes	David Leger
27	Southern California Air Quality Alliance	Business	Curtis Coleman	
28	Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)	Partner Agency	Rongsheng Luo	Lijin Sun
29	Southern California Edison (SCE)	Business	Bethmarie Quiambao	
30	Southern California Gas (SoCalGas)	Business	Daniel McGivney	Jessilyn-Elise K. Davis
31	United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 9	Partner Agency	Ben Machol	Ginger Vagenas
32	Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA)	Business	Ramine Cromartie	Patty Senecal