

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
939 ELLIS STREET – SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

Approved Minutes: Board of Directors' Regular Meeting – February 7, 2007

Call To Order

Opening Comments: Chair Mark Ross called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mark Ross, Chair, Tom Bates, Harold Brown, Chris Daly, Erin Garner, John Gioia (10:00 a.m.), Jerry Hill, Yoriko Kishimoto, Carol Klatt, Liz Kniss (10:04 a.m.), Patrick Kwok, Jake McGoldrick, Nate Miley, Michael Shimansky, John Silva, Pamela Torliatt, Gayle B. Uilkema, Brad Wagenknecht.

Absent: Dan Dunnigan, Scott Haggerty, Janet Lockhart, Tim Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Board of Directors recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation/Commendation: There were none.

Public Comment Period: There were none.

Chair Ross stated that Director Torliatt requested that agenda item 2 be removed from the Consent Calendar and he so ordered.

Consent Calendar (Items 1 – 2)

1. Minutes of January 17, 2007
2. Communications. Correspondence addressed to the Board of Directors. For information only. – Removed from Consent Calendar

Board Action: Director Brown moved approval of Consent Calendar Item 1; seconded by Director Garner; carried unanimously without objection.

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Director Torliatt stated that, as Secretary of the Board, she requested that copies of all Board correspondence be placed in a binder. The binder will be at the Clerk's desk and is available for review by Board members, or any other interested party.

Board Action: Director Wagenknecht moved approval of Consent Calendar Item 2; seconded by Director Torliatt; carried unanimously without objection.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

3. Report of the Climate Protection Committee Meeting of January 18, 2007

Director Uilkema presented the report and stated that the Committee met on Thursday, January 18, 2007.

Staff presented a report on the Bay Area Climate Protection Summit held on November 10, 2006. Staff reviewed the variety of people attending the Summit, the Summit speakers, and network sessions. The next steps include a Regional Leadership Council, a Climate Protection website, a public outreach campaign and the Climate Protection Grant Program.

Staff presented information on the establishment of the Climate Protection Grant Program that would transition into a Climate Protection Foundation. A \$3 million grant program was announced at the Summit. Staff reviewed the types of projects that could be funded through this Program and the potential recipients. The Committee members expressed particular interest in student education and public awareness campaigns. The next steps include hiring a person to lead the program, development of program guidelines, soliciting public input and Board adoption of program guidelines. A tentative schedule anticipates a call for projects in late summer or early fall of 2007.

The Committee had questions with regard to the legal aspects of establishing a foundation and requested staff provide a report at a future meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee will be at the Call of the Chair.

Board Action: Director Uilkema moved that the Board of Directors' approve the report of the Climate Protection Committee; seconded by Director Kishimoto.

There was discussion on what Committee(s) the climate protection grant program will be under. Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer/APCO stated that this will be discussed at the next Board Executive Committee meeting, which is scheduled for Friday, February 9th. The motion then passed unanimously without objection.

Director John Gioia arrived at 10:00 a.m.

4. Report of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting of January 24, 2007

Action(s): The Committee recommended approval of the addition of (1) one employee position of Supervising Environmental Planner to the current fiscal year budget in the Grant Programs Section of the Outreach and Incentives Division.

Director Daly presented the report and stated that the Committee met on Wednesday, January 24, 2007.

Staff presented a summary of the status of the fiscal year 2007/2008 budget process. An overview was provided on mid-year financial projections, county revenue, fee revenue, expenses, and current uses of reserves. In addition, staff discussed the District's unfunded

medical liability, which must be reported starting fiscal year 2008/2009. A brief review of the Carl Moyer audits currently being conducted at the Air District was provided to the Committee. The Committee requested that an overview of the audits become a standing item on future agendas.

The Committee received for consideration and recommendation, a request for an additional position in the current fiscal year 2006/2007 budget, for a Supervising Environmental Planner in the Grants Program Section of the Outreach and Incentives Division. This request is a result of legislative revisions to the Carl Moyer Program. The workload has increased as result of new compliance requirements for grant programs. Legislative revisions to the program provide for an increase in administrative costs from 2% to 5%. Staff was requested to provide a summary of the Carl Moyer Program allocation relative to administration of the program. The summary is included in agenda item 4 in the Board packet.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the addition of a Supervising Environmental Planner position to the current fiscal year budget in the Grant Programs Section of the Outreach and Incentives Division.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 9:45 a.m., Wednesday, February 28, 2007.

Board Action: Director Daly moved that the Board of Directors approve the recommendation and report of the Executive Committee; seconded by Director Uilkema; carried unanimously without objection.

Director Liz Kniss arrived at 10:04 a.m.

Other Business

5. Report of the Executive Officer/APCO – Mr. Broadbent reviewed the following:
 - A) PM_{2.5} exceedances based on continuous PM_{2.5} monitors from November 1, 2006 through February 6, 2007. The Bay Area has exceeded the new standard 29 days this winter.
 - B) The Spare the Air Tonight program informs the public when there may be potential elevated levels of PM and the public is asked not to burn wood. There have been approximately 30 of these types of days to-date.
 - C) There was a Spare the Air Tonight alert last night, but PM levels were just below the standard
 - D) It will be several years before the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines the attainment status of areas in the country. Based on the attainment determinations, EPA will then prescribe the appropriate planning mechanisms, or what areas like the Bay Area will have to do.

Discussion took place on the following:

- People need to know what to do when a Spare the Air Tonight advisory is called.
- What steps other air districts have taken to address wood smoke.
- Send out a generic message that burning wood in general is a bad thing.

- Truck traffic at night is a major contributor to PM emissions.
 - Encourage people to chip or mulch tree trimmings, including larger pieces.
 - Presentations at city council meeting, or other local agencies, on the Spare the Air Tonight campaign.
 - Director Uilkema requested that the *Contra Costa Times* article and survey on wood smoke be sent to the Public Outreach Committee.
 - Alternative uses for a fireplace (candles, etc.).
6. Chairperson's Report – Chair Ross stated that the current Standing Committee assignments are at each Board member's place. Chair Ross cancelled the February 21, 2007 Regular Board meeting.
 7. Board Members' Comments – Director Kniss applauded the Air District staff for securing Al Gore to speak at the Climate Protection Summit. Director Kniss noted that Mr. Gore recently spoke at the Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network and has been nominated for an Oscar and the Nobel Peace Prize.
 8. Time and Place of Next Meeting – 9:45 a.m., Wednesday, March 7, 2007 – 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109
 9. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

/s/ Mary Romaidis
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Clerk of the Boards