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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Climate Protection Committee
9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 18, 2007

- 1. Call to Order - Roll Call:** Chair Gayle B. Uilkema called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Present: Gayle B. Uilkema, Chair, Chris Daly (10:15 a.m.), Erin Garner, Scott Haggerty, Yoriko Kishimoto, Mark Ross, Pamela Torliatt (9:52 a.m.).

Absent: Dan Dunnigan, Tim Smith.

- 2. Public Comment Period:** There were none.

- 3. Approval of Minutes of October 12, 2006:** Director Ross moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Director Kishimoto; carried unanimously without objection.

- 4. Report on Bay Area Climate Protection Summit and Next Steps:** *Staff reported to the Committee on the November 10, 2006 Bay Area Climate Protection Summit.*

Henry Hilken, Director of Planning, Rules & Research, introduced the item and stated that the Climate Protection Summit was a very successful event.

Ana Sandoval, Principal Environmental Planner, presented the report and stated that there were over 500 people in attendance at the Summit that represented a variety of organizations. Ms. Sandoval discussed the Summit speakers, (noting that Al Gore was the keynote speaker), the five network sessions, the extensive media coverage, and the announcement of the District's climate protection grant program.

Chair Uilkema thanked Ms. Sandoval for the outstanding job she did on the Summit.

Jean Roggenkamp, Deputy APCO, reported on the next steps that will be taken. They include a Regional Leadership Council, a Bay Area Climate Protection website, a public outreach campaign, and the grant program.

In response to Director Kishimoto's question on the purpose of the foundation, Ms. Roggenkamp stated that it would involve working with private entities and other government agencies to establish a foundation that would provide a funding mechanism for the climate protection grant program.

Director Pamela Torliatt arrived at 9:52 a.m.

Ms. Roggenkamp then provided detailed information on each of the next steps to be taken noting that the grant program would be discussed under the next agenda item. There was general discussion on this agenda item that included the following:

- Making sure all nine counties are informed about actions being taken by the Regional Leadership Council.
- The website would centralize climate protection information.
- A model resolution.
- The Summit built up momentum and the information needs to keep flowing.
- Implementation of AB 32 and defining the Air District's role.
- Who will be on the Regional Council.

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- Setting milestones for next year.
- Director Uilkema requested an article in Sunday's paper be distributed to the Board members.
- Targeting public outreach where large numbers of people can be reached, such as county fairs.

Committee Action: None. This report provided for information only.

5. Climate Protection Grant Program: *The Committee discussed potential goals and procedures for the new climate protection grant program.*

Mr. Hilken thanked the Committee for their complements regarding the Summit. Mr. Hilken acknowledged Tracy Keough of O'Rorke and staff member Dave Vintze for the assistance they provided in setting up the Summit.

Mr. Hilken then presented information on the establishment of the Climate Protection Grant Program that would transition into a Climate Protection Foundation. Mr. Hilken reiterated that a \$3 million grant program was announced at the Summit. Projects that could be funded through this Program include renewable energy infrastructure, green technology, green building projects, and educational messaging or emission reduction implementation programs. A list of potential recipients was reviewed. The Committee members expressed interest in student education and public awareness campaigns.

Mr. Hilken reviewed the next steps, which would include hiring a person to lead the program, developing 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.

There was extensive discussion on the foundation and what the funds would be used for. Several Committee members felt that an educational program was paramount. The Committee had questions with regard to the legal aspects of establishing a foundation and requested staff provide a report at a future meeting.

Committee Action: None. This report provided for information only.

6. **Committee Members' Comments:** There were none.
7. **Time and Place of Next Meeting:** At the Call of the Chair.
8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

/s/ Mary Romaidis
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Clerk of the Boards