

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Legislative Committee Meeting
9:30 a.m., Monday, July 23, 2007

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call:** Director Scott Haggerty called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Present: Scott Haggerty, Carol Klatt, Janet Lockhart, Michael Shimansky.

Absent: Dan Dunnigan, Erin Garner, Patrick Kwok, Tim Smith, Brad Wagenknecht.

Also Present: Pamela Torliatt.
2. **Public Comment Period:** There were none.
3. **Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2007:** Due to the lack of a quorum, approval of the minutes was deferred to a future meeting.
4. **Discussion on Solar Empowerment and Green Power Requirements:** Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer/APCO, stated that this item was placed on the agenda at Director Garner's request. Due to Director Garner's absence, the item was deferred to a future meeting.
5. **Consideration of New Bills and Corresponding Agency Position:** *Staff presented newly-introduced air quality bills for the Committee's deliberation.*

Tom Addison, Senior Advanced Projects Advisor, discussed and provided an overview of several bills likely to be introduced in the aftermath of recent leadership changes at the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that were made by the Governor. Mr. Addison stated that one bill will likely change the nature of ARB appointments from pleasure appointments to term appointments, and may add appointees by Legislative leadership. Another bill that may be introduced will likely require disclosure of communications between the CARB Board and the Governor and legislature.

Mr. Addison stated that there are currently five air district seats on the ARB board. There has been discussion regarding the possible elimination of air district representation on the CARB board. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Committee is for Board Chair Ross to send a letter to key legislators indicating the need to maintain the five air district positions on the CARB board.

Mr. Addison then discussed the following recently-introduced bills:

AB 1610 (Nunez) would establish a new California Petroleum Refineries Facilities Standards Board. Mr. Addison stated that this bill would give air districts a new and different role to play at refineries. Mr. Addison recommended that this bill should be watched.

AB 118 (Nunez) would create the Air Quality Improvement Program and Fund, and the Alternative and Renewable Fuel, Vehicle Technology, Carbon Reduction, and Clean Air Program and Fund. Mr. Addison reported that this bill is intended to help the state achieve the goals of AB 32, but the bill does not include a role for air districts. Mr. Addison recommended that this bill should be watched.

AB 1470 (Huffman) establishes a \$250 million program to subsidize the installation of solar hot water systems. Mr. Addison noted that the California Solar Initiative program established last year did not include solar thermal systems. Staff is recommending a “support” position.

Committee Action: The consensus of the Committee is for the Board of Directors to consider taking a “support” position on AB 1470.

6. Update on Bills on Which the Air District Previously Adopted Positions: *Staff provided an update on the bills on which the District has previously adopted positions.*

Mr. Addison stated that the container fee legislation (SB 974) should do well on the Assembly floor and noted that both the Port of Oakland and the City of Oakland are not opposing the bill. In response to questions from Director Shimansky, Mr. Addison stated that the Air District is not supporting AB 463 since it has been amended and is taking a neutral position on AB 619.

In response to additional inquires, Mr. Addison stated that SB 75 is dead and that the Air District has not taken a position on SB 375, which is a land use bill and it addresses GHG emissions. Director Haggerty requested staff report back on the status of the bill at a future meeting.

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

7. Committee Members’ Comments: Director Haggerty requested that staff explore the feasibility of changing the legislation that governs the amount of per diem the Board receives and receiving the per diem for each meeting attended in a day. Director Haggerty also requested that staff conduct a survey of other agencies on the amount of per diem paid to their board members.

8. **Time and Place of Next Meeting:** At the Call of the Chair.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

/s/ Mary Romaidis
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Clerk of the Boards