



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Yates, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Chairman
Greg Adams, L.A. County Sanitation District
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, DriLube/All Metals
Eric Busch, Representative, South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
Daniel Cunningham, Metal Finishing Association
Jacob Haik, Councilwoman Janice Hahn
Barbara Hanna, Council Member, City of Banning
Maria Elena Kennedy, Kennedy Communications
James R. Krausz, Esq., ALA Inland Counties
Steve Mugg, South Orange County Representative, City of Mission Viejo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronald Loveridge, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Vice Chairman
Felipe Aguirre, Vice Mayor, City of Maywood
Angelo Logan, East Yard Communities for EJ
Harold Martinez, Able Industrial Products, Inc.
Art Montez, AMA International
Kelly Moulton, Paralegal
Todd Priest, Representative, Orange County Business Council

OTHERS PRESENT:

Vlad Kogan, Orange County Sanitation District
Nicole Nishimura, Board Member Assistant (*Lyou*)
Bob Ulloa, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)

AQMD STAFF:

Mona Arteaga, Community Relations Manager
Dave De Boer, Program Supervisor
Heather Farr, Air Quality Specialist
Dr. Pom Pom Ganguli, Asst. Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor
John Olvera, Sr. Deputy District Counsel
Ricardo Rivera, Sr. Staff Specialist
Dr. Laki Tisopulos, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Gregory Ushijima, Air Quality Engineer II
Jill Whynot, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Dennis Yates called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Chair Yates introduced Ms. Maria Elena Kennedy and Mr. Art Montez (not present) as the newest LGSBA members. He added that Steve Mugg, Angelo Logan, Todd Campbell, and Paul Avila were all reappointed to the committee.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of April 11, 2008 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

April 11, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

There were no action items from the last meeting.

Agenda Item #3 – Update on Climate Change Activities

Ms. Jill Whynot gave a presentation on climate change activities (see attached).

Mr. Geoff Blake asked if the CEQA greenhouse significance threshold was defined. Chair Yates replied that there is no definition yet.

Mr. Avila asked where the general CEQA lawsuits with the AQMD are generated from. Mr. John Olvera replied that the lawsuits are generally challenges to proposed rules and rule amendments.

Mr. Greg Adams recommended bringing back the issue of CEQA thresholds to the next meeting for discussion.

Action item: CEQA threshold issue to be discussed at next meeting.

Agenda Item #4 – Amendments to Rule 1186 – PM10 from Paved and Unpaved Roads and Livestock Operations

Ms. Whynot gave a presentation on Amendments to Rule 1186 – PM10 from Paved and Unpaved Roads and Livestock Operations (see attached).

Mr. Avila asked whether there will be a difference for the traditional sweepers with a roll brush in the rear compared to a sweeper with the side brushes. Ms. Whynot replied that there are certifications for both types with the minimum collection efficiency of 80%. Ms. Whynot was asked to provide information about whether there was any difference between the different sweeper configurations. Staff had previously agreed, with sweeper manufacturers, not to give specifics about different models, just to list those that have met the criteria, so Ms. Whynot was unable to provide this information.

Mr. Adams asked if this is the rule that requires local governments to pave one mile per year of unpaved roads. Dr. Laki Tisopulos confirmed this. Mr. Adams asked how local governments know these requirements. Ms. Whynot replied that staff does outreach to the local governments.

Agenda Item #5 – Natural Gas Hearth Product Buy-Down Pilot Program

Ms. Whynot gave a presentation on the AQMD's Natural Gas Hearth Product Buy-Down Pilot Program (see attached).

Mr. Jacok Haik asked whether the approved contractor would confirm the installation to prevent people from reselling the hearths. Ms. Whynot confirmed this. She added that a professional installation helps alleviate safety concerns.

Mr. Eric Busch asked if the funding would be handled on a first come, first serve basis. Ms. Whynot confirmed this.

Chair Yates commented that the issue for Rule 445 is enforcement. He added that enforcement occurs when neighbors complain, but there are a few exemptions.

Mr. Blake asked about the professional installation costs. Ms. Whynot replied that the average installation cost is about \$200.

Mr. Haik asked how the program would be advertised to the Environmental Justice areas. Ms. Whynot and Chair Yates replied that staff would rely on the retailers, the media, and through AQMD events.

Mr. James Krausz commented that he is unsure about the professional installation requirement and asked if there is any emissions difference with different gas logs or installations. Ms. Whynot replied that there is not much difference in emissions, but there is a safety concern with the installations. She added that the program is consistent with what the other districts are doing.

Mr. Adams commented that a proper seal to the piping is worth the installation cost.

Mr. Campbell asked who will enforce the requirements of Rule 445. Chair Yates replied that enforcement is handled through complaints. Mr. Blake asked if the AQMD has regional inspectors to handle the complaints. Chair Yates replied that there are staff on-call throughout the district. Mr. Campbell further asked if the complaints will be prioritized. Ms. Whynot confirmed this and added that the penalty structure for homeowners starts light.

Agenda Item #6 – Rule 1610 – Old Vehicle Scrapping

Mr. David De Boer, Program Supervisor, gave a presentation on Rule 1610 – Old Vehicle Scrapping (see attached).

Mr. Adams asked how many charitable organizations use this program. Mr. De Boer replied that none currently use the program.

Mr. Avila asked if abandoned cars picked up by some government agency qualify for the program. Mr. De Boer replied that the vehicle still has to meet the registration requirements. He added that approximately 1-2% of those vehicles that end up in auction would qualify for the program.

Mr. Krausz asked about the intent of holding cars for re-sale to interested parties. Mr. De Boer replied that the provision is for car enthusiasts, but that it is rare that people buy the cars during the holding period.

Agenda Item #7 - Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities

No comments.

Agenda Item #8 - Other Business

Mr. Krausz asked if future meetings could be convened through the web or at other locations by phone. Chair Yates replied that would be possible as long as the locations were noticed and open to the public per the Brown Act.

Agenda Item #9 - Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item #10 - Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.