



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2009 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, Metal Finishers of Southern California/All Metals  
Daniel Cunningham, Metal Finishing Association  
Jacob Haik, Office of School Board Member Richard Vladovic  
Maria Elena Kennedy, Kennedy Communications  
Angelo Logan, East Yard Communities for EJ  
Art Montez, AMA International  
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  
Eric Busch, Representative, South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy  
James R. Krausz, Esq., ALA Inland Counties  
Kelly Moulton, Paralegal  
Todd Priest, Representative, Orange County Business Council

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Earl Elrod, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)  
Vlad Kogan, Orange County Sanitation District  
Rita Loof, Radtech  
Nicole Nishimura, Board Member Assistant (*Lyou*)  
Lisa Rothbart, Orange County Sanitation District

### AQMD STAFF:

Anupom Ganguli, Ph.D., Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor  
Philip Crabbe III, Community Relations Manager  
Henry Hogo, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer  
Lori Langrell, Secretary  
Chung Liu, Deputy Executive Officer  
Nicole Mendoza, Secretary  
John Olvera, Principal Deputy District Counsel  
Greg Ushijima, AQ Engineer II

### **Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Chair Dennis Yates called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

### **Agenda Item #2 – Approval of January 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**

Chair Yates called for approval of the meeting minutes.

The January 16, 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

*Action item:* Ms. Maria Elena Kennedy to be provided information on the NSR Stakeholder meeting via email.

✓ Information on the NSR Stakeholder meeting was sent to Ms Kennedy.

*Action item:* Agendize a discussion on the Clean Trucks Program.

✓ Overview of the port's Clean Trucks Program was agendized for current meeting.

### **Agenda Item #3 – Overview of the Port's Clean Truck Program**

Mr. Henry Hogo gave an overview of the Port's Clean Truck Program.

Mr. Paul Avila remarked that he was surprised that more lawsuits, or a class action lawsuit, have not been brought against the Port of Los Angeles. Mr. Hogo replied that there are lawsuits by the American Trucking Association and the Federal Maritime Commission. Mr. Avila asked if those were on behalf of industrial truckers, to which Mr. Hogo replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Avila asked if the guidelines are only for the Port of LA (POLA). Mr. Hogo replied that the guidelines are for both Ports and cover mainly container movement, and that there are provisions for other types of trades/goods. Mr. Avila further asked if it is feasible for AQMD to get smoking trucks off the road. Mr. Hogo indicated that truck regulations and the AQMP called for such actions.

Ms. Kennedy asked what container fee was under Senator Lowenthal's bill that the Governor vetoed. Chair Yates indicated that the money collected would have gone to transportation projects, i.e. Alameda Corridor East, in addition to the POLA.

Mr. Angelo Logan asked for a presentation on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) on-road truck rule.

*Action item:* Agendize a presentation on the CARB on-road truck rule.

Mr. Jacob Haik asked if the POLA fees are being held up or whether AQMD is going to try to collect some fees. Mr. Hogo responded that the ports are moving ahead next Wednesday, February 18, 2009 with fees of \$35/\$70.

Mr. Art Montez asked whether the amount of paperwork required for retrofits on vehicles has changed. Mr. Hogo responded that the Ports are developing a "clean truck center" in an attempt to expedite and streamline the process. Mr. Montez stated that it is not a good idea for these folks to wait six months, to which Mr. Hogo replied that the Carl Moyer program has streamlined the process.

Mr. Montez indicated that he would like to see a matrix of what it takes to get from one end of the Clean Truck Program process to the other, in terms of a paper list. Mr. Hogo indicated that we can ask the Ports for this information, what is expected, and how to get through the system.

*Action item: Contact the Ports to ascertain whether a paper exists outlining the Clean Truck Program process and the estimated time frame.*

#### **Agenda Item #4 – Update on New International Maritime Organization Standards**

Mr. Philip Crabbe gave an update on New International Maritime Organization Standards.

Chair Yates asked about Mexico's progress on Ports and emissions standards. Mr. Crabbe indicated that Mexico is potentially working on one large port, and United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is working with them to make an emission control area (ECA).

Mr. Greg Adams noted that on a slide, the footnote indicates 30% overall reduction of NOx and asked about the anticipated reduction. Mr. Crabbe replied that NOx reductions are limited with respect to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) rule.

Mr. Avila asked if other countries besides Saudi Arabia are building ships. Mr. Crabbe replied that there are a lot of ships on order, but he is not sure where. Mr. Hogo added that in Asia, there is limited goods movement, but expects transportation to pick up again.

Mr. Montez asked how ship building can be controlled or regulated. Chair Yates replied that the ports would enforce and possibly the Coast Guard.

Mr. Montez asked if ships were the largest contributors. Dr. Ganguli responded that they are the second largest, and Mr. Hogo added that by 2014 it will be 30%-40% of total NOx.

Mr. Angelo Logan indicated there is a gap between IMO standards and the state implementation plan (SIP), and asked whether there is a plan to address the issue in the coming years. Mr. Crabbe replied that the shortfall is recognized. He added that the District is working with Senator Boxer and reaching out to USEPA to go beyond IMO. Mr. Hogo commented that the new engine standards will lower PM.

Mr. Jacob Haik asked if staff need to account for reductions that ports are doing and whether this comes close to reaching 30% reductions. Mr. Hogo indicated that the 30% of reductions only applies to engines.

#### **Agenda Item #5 – Changes to the California Public Contract Code Authorizing Design-Build Contracting for Qualified Projects**

Dr. Pom Pom Ganguli gave a presentation on changes to the California code authorizing design-build contracting for qualified projects.

Mr. Greg Adams indicated that he was completely unaware of the bill until his legislative analyst advised him one month ago, are there sunset dates. Dr. Ganguli advised that the sunset date for cities is January 2016, and for districts it is January 2010, and this is a design-build which means one contractor does the entire job.

#### **Agenda Item #6 – Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities**

No comments.

**Agenda Item #7 – Update on Climate Change Activities (Written Report)**

Ms. Whynot provided a written report update on climate change activities.

**Agenda Item #8 - Other Business**

No comments.

**Agenda Item #9 - Public Comment**

No comments.

**Agenda Item #10 - Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.