



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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ETHNIC COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

February 13, 2008

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT

ECAG CHAIRPERSON

Governing Board Member Joseph Lyou, Ph.D.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CAUCUS

Stan Lee

LATINO CAUCUS

Fernando Del Rio, Chair

Ramon Diaz

Harold Martinez

Anastacio Medina

Rose Montoya-Lona

Daniel Morales

ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER CAUCUS

Paul Choe

David Sakurai

OTHERS PRESENT

Earl Elrod, Board Assistant

AQMD STAFF

Lourdes Cordova Martinez, Community Relations Manager

Pom Pom Ganguli, Asst. DEO/Public Advisor

Ray Gorski, MSRC Technical Advisor

Leticia Gutierrez, Secretary

Carolyn Hamilton, Public Affairs Specialist

John Olvera, Sr. Deputy District Counsel

Jill Whynot, Director of Strategic Initiatives

ABSENT

Patricia Byrd

Todd Short

Rosa Washington

Tom Chang

ECAG Minutes – February 13, 2008

Call to Order/Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Pom Pom Ganguli at 1 p.m.

Dr. Joe Lyou, newly appointed ECAG Chair, introduced himself to the members. He was unable to stay for the meeting as he was moderating a roundtable discussion as part of the Aircraft Emissions Control Technology Forum being held that afternoon. He notified the members, that due to his schedule, future ECAG meetings would be held on Friday with the meeting time to be confirmed.

Dr. Ganguli mentioned that terms of all ECAG members have expired and Dr. Lyou is proposing to solicit nominations from the Governing Board members. If current members are interested in continuing to serve on ECAG, they should forward their request to Dr. Lyou. Nominations are forwarded to the Board's Administrative Committee for review and approval by the Board Chair. The selection process should be completed in two to three months.

Member Fernando del Rio expressed concern regarding the new ECAG meeting date. He mentioned that members could have been notified in a more timely manner and given an option to discuss the proposed meeting time. Dr. Ganguli informed the members that the new ECAG chair has informed staff that his schedule will only allow him to attend on Fridays.

Member John Bacheller was concerned that some of the ECAG members may not be able to participate due to the change in meeting date. After polling the group in attendance, there were three members that said they wouldn't be able to attend on the new meeting date.

Members were then reminded to resubmit their resumes and bios to Nancy Velasquez in Public Affairs by Friday, February 15, as per request from Dr. Lyou.

Approval of December 12, 2007 & January 9, 2008 Minutes

Review of Follow-Up Items

The minutes were approved as presented. There were no follow-up items.

Caucus and Subcommittee Reports

There were none.

Overview of 2007 Report on AB 2588 Hot Spots

Jill Whynot, Director of Strategic Initiatives, presented an overview on AB 2588 Air Toxics “Hot Spots” Information & Assessment Act of 1987. The annual report, which is required by State law, serves to identify recent accomplishments and future goals. The annual report also ranks facilities in the AB 2588 program and lists AQMD rules adopted that year for toxics.

Member Del Rio inquired as to how calculations are made to determine possible cancer risk. Ms. Whynot stated that it depends on several factors, including what chemical is being used, how much and how potent it is. Distance to neighbors and wind speed and wind patterns are also considered. There are six to eight orders of magnitude in terms of how toxic a chemical is per pound.

AB 2588 facilities are ranked according to cancer risks in an Appendix to the report. Last year, Health Risk Assessments were approved for 19 facilities. Notification procedures were developed for retail gasoline stations, perc dry cleaners and emergency Diesel Internal Combustion Engines. There were two rules adopted or amended addressing air toxics: Rule 1470-Requirements for Stationary Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion, and Other Compression Ignition Engines; and Rule 1403-Asbestos Emissions from Demolition/Renovation Activities.

For 2008, priority has been given to Public Notification procedures for diesel back-up generators and developing a work plan for remaining industry-wide categories.

Once a facility is in the program an inventory update must be completed every four years. Member Del Rio posed the question regarding the confidence level of assuring a good job is being done with the information given. Ms. Whynot stated the information applies only to facilities with an AQMD permit, but that permitted and non-permitted emissions are evaluated. The program began in 1987 with the phasing in of facilities based on their criteria pollutants.

Member Anastacio Medina mentioned it would be helpful for the committee to review data on the emissions of lead for Quemetco. Ms. Whynot informed members that the information is accessible online.

Program Overview of the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee(MSRC)

Mr. Ray Gorski, Technical Advisor to MSRC, began by notifying members that the name of the organization has been changed to Clean Transportation Funding. This organization was formed in 1990 by the California Legislature and is unique to AQMD. Their mission is to fund projects that will result in direct and tangible emission reductions within AQMD.

The MSRC is a committee within AQMD, not a legal entity. It is comprised of eight elected officials. This committee has the authority to adopt an annual work plan and make recommendations for projects to fund. MSRC relies upon AQMD for administrative functions and the MSRC reimburses AQMD for those functions, as well as legal support and day-to-day operations. MSRC receives \$1.20 for every motor vehicle registered in the South Coast basin, which is approximately \$20 million per year. Some

of MSRC's accomplishments are: over 17 million pounds of pollutants have been reduced and the program has proven to be cost-effective.

Mr. Gorski stated MSRC is the oldest and longest running incentive program. Sixty percent of funds have funded low emission alternative fuel technologies, such as transit and school buses. MSRC initiated the "Showcase" Program to focus on the retrofitting of old off-road construction equipment with new clean diesel engines. MSRC has partnered with the AQMD in assisting to build infrastructures, as well as assisting the school districts with funds for purchasing low emission school buses.

Member Stan Lee expressed concern regarding the time period for retrofitting trucks entering the ports. Mr. Gorski informed members this has to be done by 2012 because older trucks will not be allowed to provide drayage service to the ports after that date due to a resolution passed by the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Member Del Rio requested information regarding the eight elected members of the MSRC. Mr. Gorski stated that each of the regional county transportation commissions have a representative and the remaining members represent CARB, AQMD, Regional Rideshare Agency and the Southern California Association of Governments.

Member David Sakurai inquired as to whether the MSRC provides funding for clean technologies for the railroads and shipping industries. Mr. Gorski noted that MSRC does not. Dr. Ganguli mentioned that Senator Boxer has proposed legislation, S.1499, the Marine Vessel Reduction Emission Act dealing with controlling emissions from large marine vessels, including foreign-flagged ships.

Member Rose Montoya-Lona expressed interest in attending an MSRC meeting. Mr. Gorski stated that meetings are open to the public and encouraged members to attend. He mentioned a Work Program Development which will be held in May where ideas for funding are solicited.

Review last Governing Board Meeting and Discussion on Upcoming Governing Board Agenda Items.

Dr. Ganguli informed members that South Pasadena Mayor Michael Cacciotti was sworn in at the February 1, 2008 Governing Board Meeting. He represents the cities of Eastern Los Angeles County, and is the 13th Board Member.

In March, the Board will hear Proposed Rule 445-Wood Burning Devices and a proposed incentive program to encourage residents to convert existing wood-burning fireplaces to clean-burning gas logs.

Other Business

There was none.

Public Comment

There was none.

Adjournment

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.