



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 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
Harold Martinez, Able Industrial Products, Inc.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronald Loveridge, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Vice Chairman
Felipe Aguirre, Vice Mayor, City of Maywood
James R. Krausz, Esq., ALA Inland Counties
Angelo Logan, East Yard Communities for EJ
Kelly Moulton, Paralegal
Steve Mugg, South Orange County Representative, City of Mission Viejo
Todd Priest, Representative, Orange County Business Council

OTHERS PRESENT:

Earl Elrod, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)
Ky Truong, Public Safety & Community Services Manager, City of Carson

AQMD STAFF:

Mona Arteaga, Community Relations Manager
Lourdes Cordova Martinez, Community Relations Manager
Dr. Pom Pom Ganguli, Asst. Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor
Dayantha Kurukulasuriya, Telecommunications Analyst
John Olvera, Sr. Deputy District Counsel
Denny Shaw, Supervising Radio Telephone Operator
Anthony Tang, Telecommunications Technician
Gregory Ushijima, Air Quality Engineer II
Jill Whynot, Strategic Initiatives Director

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Dennis Yates called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. The Advisory Group discussed to move the meetings to the second Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. The motion was approved.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of January 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

January 18, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

There were no follow-up Action Items.

Agenda Item #3 – Overview of 2007 Report on AB 2588 Air Toxics Hot Spots Program

Ms. Jill Whynot gave a presentation on the 2007 Report on AB 2588 Air Toxics Hot Spots Program (see attached).

Mr. Greg Adams commented that the AQMD has caused significant emissions reductions due to AB 2588, mainly due to the public notice requirement. He added that the program is one of the most effective toxics program, even more than the air toxics control plan, to reduce overall pollution in California. Mr. Adams then asked whether Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved the new American Meteorological Society Dispersion Model (AERMOD), instead of the Industrial Source Complex Short Term (ISCST3) Model, and whether California Air Resources Board (CARB) will adopt the new model for the Hot Spots Analysis & Reporting Program (HARP) model. Ms. Whynot replied that she thinks CARB will incorporate AERMOD into HARP, and AQMD has hired a contractor to develop data to use AERMOD for AQMD.

Action item: Staff to report back to the Advisory Group regarding CARB's plans regarding AERMOD and HARP.

Agenda Item #4 – Update on Climate Change Activities

Ms. Whynot gave an update on Climate Change Activities (see attached).

Mr. Adams asked whether Ms. Susan Nakamura will be convening a working group to bring back information regarding the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) thresholds to the Board. Ms. Whynot confirmed that staff will be setting up a working group soon. Staff would like to set a CEQA threshold that captures big projects, gets appropriate mitigation, but does not excessively impact staff resources to review those types of projects. She added that recommendations are expected this Summer or Fall.

Mr. Dan Cunningham asked if this would be a good time to make reporting for Greenhouse Gases (GHG) and the Annual Emissions Report (AER) the same, so that only one submittal is required. Ms. Whynot confirmed that one submittal can be made for both reports. The AQMD web-based system will look similar to the current AER reporting forms since businesses are familiar with those forms. CARB rules allow AQMD to develop a system to collect the data, as long as it is approved by CARB and staff is working with them to ensure all the required data is captured.

Mr. Todd Campbell asked if the AQMD is looking at the benefits of fleet rules. Ms. Whynot replied that she will inquire about this.

Action item: Staff to look into the greenhouse gas benefits of the fleet rules.

Mr. Campbell further asked who would claim any benefits from the fleet rules. Ms. Whynot replied that has not been determined.

Agenda Item #5 – Presentation on Reverse 911 Call System

Mr. Ky Truong gave a presentation on their Reverse 911 Call System (see attached).

Mr. Eric Busch asked about the ongoing costs. Mr. Truong replied that the system cost about \$114,000, the fees to maintain the telephone line is \$700, and the quarterly fee to update the phone information is \$150. He added that the total is about \$11,000-12,000 per year. He also added that the phone company charged \$7,000 to install a circuit necessary to run the system.

Mr. Jacob Haik asked about the cost of making the 4,000 calls per minute. Mr. Truong replied that the cost is \$0.20 per minute. He added that the cost may be billed back to FEMA if it was a result of a natural disaster. Mr. Haik commented that Wilmington residents felt they should have received some BP/ARCO funding for a similar system. Chair Yates replied that some of the funding went to regional programs. Dr. Pom Pom Ganguli added that there were regional considerations, so the choice of programs was difficult. He added that programs, such as tree planting and Breathemobiles, did provide benefits to the area in question. Mr. Haik requested a future presentation on the Breathemobile and the Public Benefits Program.

Action item: Dr. Jean Ospital to give a future presentation on the Breathemobile and the Public Benefits Program.

Mr. Campbell asked about the system that makes calls to cell phones. Mr. Truong replied that the system repeats calls to cell phones two to three times. He added that there is about an 80% call success rate with cell phones. He further added that other systems can be used in emergencies, such as the emergency broadcast, speakers, and helicopters.

Mr. Blake commented that there is a possibility of a bandwidth problem for cell phones depending on the extent of the emergency.

Dr. Ganguli asked if the system is able to be networked with other systems. Mr. Truong replied that bandwidth can be shared with similar systems, such as Long Beach. He added that the system is not compatible with other areas due to the particular functions and technology.

Agenda Item #6 - Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities

No comments.

Agenda Item #7 - Other Business

No other business.

Agenda Item #8 - Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item #9 - Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.