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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP  
FRIDAY, JULY 18, 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, Metal Finishers of Southern California/All Metals  
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  
Angelo Logan, East Yard Communities for EJ  
Harold Martinez, Able Industrial Products, Inc.  
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  
James R. Krausz, Esq., ALA Inland Counties  
Kelly Moulton, Paralegal  
Todd Priest, Representative, Orange County Business Council

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Nicole Nishimura, Board Member Assistant (*Lyou*)  
Bob Ulloa, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)

**AQMD STAFF:**

Mona Arteaga, Community Relations Manager  
Sam Atwood, Media Manager  
Julie Franco, Sr. Administrative Secretary  
Dr. Pom Pom Ganguli, Asst. Deputy Executive Officer  
Ranji George, Program Supervisor  
Lori Langrell, Secretary  
Cheryl Marshall, Program Supervisor  
Susan Nakamura, Planning & Rules Manager  
John Olvera, Senior Deputy District Counsel

Gregory Ushijima, Air Quality Engineer II  
Kim White, Public Affairs Specialist  
Jill Whynot, Director of Strategic Initiatives

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

Chair Dennis Yates called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**Agenda Item #2 – Approval of June 13, 2008 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items**

Chair Yates called for approval or comment of the meeting minutes. Mr. Greg Adams clarified his intent on page 4 of the minutes under climate change activities, that for local government operations protocol, if they want to establish a baseline and follow some type of standard methodology to account for those actions, they need to be aware of this particular document. Mr. Adams added that Ms. Whynot has arranged for discussion on the item today.

The June 13, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

- Action item:* Staff to provide a list of media outlets where AQMD distributes air quality information. Staff to provide a list of schools that receive e-mails and/or faxes on a daily basis.
- ✓ Staff has provided a list of media outlets and contacts for distributing air quality information related material.

Mr. Art Montez commented that there is a gap in the educational media component and offered to work with AQMD media staff. Chair Yates replied that AQMD staff is cognizant of the Environmental Justice areas and the ethnic mixture in those areas. Dr. Ganguli added that the agency is taking incremental steps although there are limited resources.

- Action item:* Staff to provide a list of AB 2766 funding information for all cities.
- ✓ Staff has provided a list of AB2766 funding information for all cities.

- Action item:* Staff to provide a synopsis of the Local Government Operations Protocol when available.
- ✓ ARB staff to provide an update under agenda item 3.

**Agenda Item #3 – Update on Climate Change Activities (AB 32)**

Ms. Jill Whynot introduced two guest speakers on teleconference: Ms. Sharon Anderson from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) who gave an update on the CARB scoping plan which was released June 26, 2008, and Ms. Rachel Tornack from the California Climate Action Registry who is working on the local government protocol.

Chair Yates asked if CARB is going to set thresholds for greenhouse gas emissions or carbon footprints, or rely on the local AQMD's. Ms. Anderson replied that thresholds are being worked on in conjunction with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

Chair Yates commented on the need for some type of training program initiated by the state for those contractors who are going to have to meet the standards of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Ms. Anderson replied that CARB is working with several agencies. She added that there are resources out there for training, and people can be directed to local government officials.

Mr. Montez asked for help to mitigate some of the issues in urban areas, whether it be general plans, any building codes, training, etc. Ms. Anderson replied that CARB is looking at as many opportunities as possible for training and retraining. She added that CARB is looking to make sure that any revenues generated from AB 32 programs be reallocated back to disadvantaged communities, small businesses, etc.

Mr. Adams asked about the future under the scoping plan, in particular, the low carbon fuel standard and the 33% renewable portfolio standard. Ms. Anderson replied that the target is 2020 so nothing needs to happen overnight, but public and private investments need to be directed to small businesses.

Mr. Adams asked what will happen to all the early actions that have occurred in California as a result of the scoping program when the federal program is initiated. Ms. Anderson replied that when talking about the Western Climate Initiative (WCI) one of the top priorities is that every state is allowed to meet its laws. She added that CARB is hoping that the initiative will translate into a Federal program.

Mr. Adams commented that the organizational boundary language which deals with operational versus financial control is confusing. Ms. Tornack replied that the California Registry is helping their members to correctly define their organization boundaries.

**Agenda Item #5– Update on 2008 Clean Communities Plan (formerly the Air Toxics Control Plan)**

Ms. Susan Nakamura gave a presentation on the 2008 Clean Communities Plan, formerly the Air Toxics Control Plan.

Chair Yates commented that many of the problems are a result of how local elected officials layout their cities.

Mr. Angelo Logan commented that the plan should add an additional element on cumulative impacts. He added that those strategies would be related to the permitting process. Chair Yates replied that this would be difficult if zoning laws allow multiple businesses in the same area that would exceed cumulative thresholds.

Mr. Paul Avila commented that he would like to see an effort in the planning commissions of the communities instead of the permitting side.

Mr. Harold Martinez commented on educating businesses to purchase pre-manufactured products overseas.

Mr. Montez commented that staff should seek sensible mitigation issues by focusing mitigation funding towards the communities rather than the nature issues.

Mr. Jacob Haik asked if staff would work with communities to come up with ideas and plans how to deal with their problems, per community, or District-wide. Ms. Nakamura replied that the plans would be community specific.

Mr. Geoffrey Blake asked for clarification on what constitutes a public nuisance. Ms. Nakamura replied that a nuisance is six or more people complaining.

Mr. Daniel Cunningham asked who are the industries or small businesses on the Work group Ms. Nakamura replied that members were from a previous working group, the Air Toxics Management Working Group and said that she would add him to the mailing list.

*Action item: Ms. Nakamura to add Mr. Daniel Cunningham to the working group mailing list regarding the 2008 Clean Communities Plan.*

Mr. Avila asked whether staff consider the number of complaints when sending inspectors out to investigate a complaint. Ms. Nakamura replied that an inspector is sent out with as little as one complaint. She added that for a public nuisance, Rule 402, violation, generally six verified complaints are needed. Mr. John Olvera added that the number of complaints necessary for a violation can vary on a case by case basis. He also added that an AQMD inspector has to verify the odor or the complaint.

#### **Agenda Item #4 – School Bus Program**

Mr. Ranji George gave a presentation on the School Bus Program (see attached).

Mr. Montez commented that his agency just received \$500,000 in grant money from an endowment and would like a bus. He added that his agency would like to get some support from AQMD. Dr. Ganguli replied that he would follow-up with support from staff.

*Action item: Dr. Ganguli to follow-up with Mr. Montez regarding support from AQMD for school bus funding.*

#### **Agenda Item #6 – Overview of 2008 Leaf Blower Exchange Program**

This agenda item was postponed until the next meeting.

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

No comments.

#### **Agenda Item #8 - Other Business**

No comments.

#### **Agenda Item #9 - Public Comment**

No public comment.

#### **Agenda Item #10 - Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.