
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST BASINWIDE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL

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Council Member, City of Ventura
Ventura County

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Mayor, City of Goleta
Santa Barbara County

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES March 28, 2024 Meeting Commenced at 10:00 a.m.

Present Council

Members: Liz Campos, Paula Perotte, Kate Secrest.

Staff: Aeron Arlin Genet, Ali Ghasemi, and Gary Willey.

1. Election of a Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2024.

A motion was made by BCC member Perotte, seconded by BCC member Secrest, for BCC member Campos to remain as the BCC Chair for calendar year 2024. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 3 - Campos, Perotte, Secrest.
Noes: 0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent: 0 - None.

A motion was made by BCC member Secrest, seconded by BCC member Perotte, to nominate BCC member Secrest as the BCC Vice-Chair for calendar year 2024. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 3 - Campos, Perotte, Secrest.
Noes: 0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent: 0 - None.

2. Proposed SCC/BCC Schedule for Calendar Year 2024.

A motion was made by BCC member Perotte, seconded by BCC member Secrest, to approve the SCC/BCC meeting schedule as proposed for calendar year 2024. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 3 - Campos, Perotte, Secrest.
Noes: 0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent: 0 - Perotte.

4. Approval of Minutes of the December 21, 2023 Special Meeting.

A motion was made by member Perotte, seconded by member Campos that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 3 - Campos, Perotte, Secrest.
Noes: 0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent: 0 - None.

5. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Agenda items reorganized due to delay in Tom Knox's participation.

7. San Luis Obispo County APCD – District Update (Willey)

Item Received.

Gary Willey provided the Council with a San Luis Obispo County APCD (SLOCAPCD) update. Highlights included: completion of the budget for the next fiscal year, recruitments, status update on the Oceano Dunes, active lawsuits, an off-shown wind power permit, infrastructure grants, Woodsmoke Reduction grants, EPA 105 funding, and status of automation of forms.

6. Options for Increasing ZEV Access for Disadvantaged Community Residents (guest presenter Tom Knox, Valley Clean Air Now)

Item Received.

Tom Knox, with Valley Clean Air Now, provided the Council with a presentation on how to create opportunities for Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV) equity in disadvantage communities that have not had enough funding for ZEV opportunities historically. Criteria for increasing ZEV access discussed were targeting an audience with demonstrated need, emphasizing affordability and reliability, partner with community-based organizations, hosting workshops, offering test drives, supporting customers from start to finish, informing of incentives as well a how to stack those incentives, and using vehicle finance as and partnerships with nonprofit lenders. Mr. Knox also walked the committee through potential program plans.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Economou, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District.

8. Santa Barbara County APCD – District Update. (Arlin Genet)

Item Received.

Aeron Arlin Genet provided the Council with a Santa Barbara County APCD (SBCAPCD) update. Highlights included updates on the SBCAPCD's Long Range Fiscal Strategy efforts, the recently Board approved cost recovery policy, progress and updates to the SBCAPCD's Fee Rule – 210, the SBCAPCD's 2024-25 Budget timeline, updates on the north county office space, recruitments underway, changes to the community Air Protection Program and the possibility of a Clear Air Rooms program coming to Old Town Goleta, industrial permitting updates, platform decommissioning, updates on grants and incentives, specifically the Landscape Equipment Electrification Fund, and efficiency measures recently adopted by the SBCAPCD.

9. Ventura County APCD – District Update. (Ghasemi)

Item Received.

Ali Ghasemi provided the Council with a Ventura County APCD (VCAPCD) update. Highlights included updates on changes due the loss of large fee-paying facilities which has resulted in a budget deficit, staff reallocations and reorganization, future fee updates potentially happening next year, the upcoming need for the development of an Exceptional Mitigation Plan, funding received for Ventura's Blue Whales and Blue Skies program, Climate Protection Reduction Plan funding, the upcoming announcement of the application period for grants coming in late March/early April, upcoming Commercial Zero Emission Lawn & Garden equipment voucher program, amendments to multiple rules, lack of interest in a Woodsmoke reduction program from the public, and updates on requirements as EPA 105 grant recipients.

10. Other Business/Confirm Next Meeting Dates and Format

A motion was made by BCC member Ortiz-Legg, seconded by BCC member Campos to set the next regular meeting for March 28, 2024 at 10 a.m. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

11. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m.