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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Terry Dressler, Air Pollution Control Officer

CONTACT: Linda Beard, 961-8853

SUBJECT: Minutes of the May 2006 CAC Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the attached draft minutes from the May 10, 2006 meeting of the Community Advisory Council.

DISCUSSION:

The attached minutes summarize the May Community Advisory Council meeting.

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Minutes
of
The Santa Barbara County
Air Pollution Control District
Community Advisory Council

May 10, 2006

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. Roll Call

There was a quorum in attendance. Sixteen members were present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve March 8, 2006 minutes.

Moldaver/Banigan

Motion Passed: 14:0:2

Abstain: Moldaver, Chytilo

At this time, Terry Dressler introduced new CAC member, Aaron Peterson, who was appointed by City of Solvang Councilmember Ed Skytt. Mr. Peterson briefly summarized his professional background followed by the CAC members and APCD staff introducing themselves also.

IV. Public Comment

CAC member Jayne Brechwald reported that the American Lung Association (ALA) was recognizing May as Clean Air Month and May 2 as World Asthma Day. She handed out a copy of a press release sent out jointly with the APCD. Ms. Brechwald also reported that ALA had released its annual report comparing air quality in California counties.

John Gilliland asked that APCD staff report back to the CAC regarding the new state NO₂ standards.

Kevin Wright complimented the APCD on its excellent web site and suggested that the CAC minutes be posted on the APCD web site and also requested an updated CAC member list.

Marc Chytilo reported that SBCAG approved reauthorization of Measure D expenditure plans and will be presenting the plans at each city prior to the November ballot. He said that alternative transportation measures were included.

Mr. Chytilo also requested that videoconferencing be considered for CAC meetings. Mr. Dressler said he would look into it. Several CAC members voiced their preference for face-to-face meetings especially for discussions such as those which are customary with the CAC.

Linda Beard, CAC secretary, reported that those submitting mileage reimbursement claims would have to fill out a W-9 form to file with the County Auditor's office as well as proof of insurance.

V. Organization of Agenda and Declaration of Interests.

There were no changes to the order of the agenda. Members gave their Declaration of Interests for agenda item VII-B.

VI. APCO Report

Terry Dressler reported that two workshops were held to review the APCD FY 2006/2007 budget. He said that there have been some impacts to the budget as a result of decreased federal funding and the shutting down of one of Celite's production lines. An analysis of these impacts would be completed by the June 15 budget hearing.

VII. New Business

A. Discuss and consider the 2007 Clean Air Plan Chapter 2 – Local Air Quality.

Joe Petrini, of the APCD, gave a presentation on Chapter 2 and received a suggestion from John Gilliland to add a statement on page 2-12 addressing "3-digit rounding and precision". Connie Hannah said that underlining new text was very helpful, and suggested that deleted text be included and crossed out. In response to a question regarding the new 8-hour state standard, Tom Murphy said that this plan is a triennial review and would not be affected by the new standard.

Marc Chytilo asked that per capita vehicle miles traveled be compared to other communities and Tom Murphy responded that Andrew Orfila, of SBCAG, would provide that data in Chapter 5.

B. Receive a report on potential local global climate change policies and consider selection of specific policies for recommendation to the APCD Board.

Bobbie Bratz of the APCD said that this report was being presented as a result of a request by the CAC at the December 2005 meeting to develop a menu of potential local global climate change policies that the APCD could adopt to begin a local effort to address greenhouse gas emissions. She reported that climate action programs are being developed by a number of states including thirteen Western states, including California, as part of the Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP). In addition, Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act, was introduced in April and is making its way through the Legislature. She presented twelve possible actions that Santa Barbara County could take to address climate change issues.

The CAC debated these issues with several members concerned the regulated community would be subjected to another level of regulations and questioning if this is an issue the CAC should be involved in. They also felt that a state mandate should be in place before any action is taken. Lee Moldaver said that greenhouse gases were identified by the National Academy of Sciences as the number one health issue facing us this century. Mr. Moldaver suggested that the CAC review an article on this topic by Dr. Klaus Lackner, Professor of Geophysics at Columbia University and one by Elizabeth Kolbert

which appeared in New Yorker magazine. The majority of the CAC favored taking reasonable and feasible actions such as public education and a grassroots effort to get small businesses to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as much as possible. Tom Murphy and several CAC members felt that preparing an emissions inventory would be a practical start. Marc Chytilo added that this is an air quality issue and therefore is in the jurisdiction of the CAC.

A motion was made to obtain and distribute the two articles Mr. Moldaver suggested; consider the twelve options listed on the memo in the CAC agenda packet and examine the level of effort required for each option resulting in APCD staff making recommendations to the CAC on which are most feasible.

Chytilo/Petersen

Motion passed: 10:5:1

No: Banigan, Deacon,
Kober, Winters,
Wright

Abstain: Oliver

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.