

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 2, 2016

AGENDA NO. 24

REPORT: Administrative Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Administrative Committee met on Friday, November 18, 2016. The Committee discussed various issues detailed in the Committee report. The next Administrative Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Dr. William A. Burke, Chair
Administrative Committee

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Attendance: Attending the November 18, 2016 meeting were Committee Vice Chair Ben Benoit and Committee Member Judith Mitchell at SCAQMD Headquarters, and Committee Chair Dr. William A. Burke and Committee Member Dr. Clark E. Parker, Sr. via videoconference. Dr. Burke appointed Dr. Joe Lyou, who participated at the SCAQMD Headquarters, to the Committee for the November 2016 meeting, until the arrival of the Vice Chair.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Board Members' Concerns:** None to report.
2. **Chairman's Report of Approved Travel:** As noted on the travel report, Councilmember Mitchell attended the monthly CARB Board meeting in Sacramento, November 16-17, 2016. Councilmember Mitchell added that she will also attend the monthly CARB Board meeting in Sacramento, December 8, 2016.
3. **Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/Consultant(s):** None to report.

4. **Report of Approved Out-of-Country Travel:** Ms. Sang-Mi Lee, Planning Program Supervisor, will present on urban dynamics and its impact on air quality and meteorology in Yongin, Korea, December 5-9, 2016, with expenses fully paid by the conference organizer.

5. **Amend Contract Under AB 1318 Mitigation Program in Coachella Valley:** Fred Minassian, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Science & Technology Advancement, reported that under the CPV Sentinel Mitigation Program, the City of Desert Hot Springs was awarded \$4,508,970 from AB 1318 funds, resulting in three projects: CNG station upgrade is completed with funds paid; solar installation is in progress; and dust control has a two-part component (paving of Cabot's Pueblo Museum parking lot which is completed and \$521,043 has been paid, and land stabilization for \$1,478,957, which the City hasn't been able to implement). Staff is recommending to amend the contract with the City of Desert Hot Springs to de-obligate \$1,478,957 and to amend the contract with Palm Springs USD to increase funding in the amount of \$1,602,073 for a solar project at a school located within a 6-mile vicinity of the Sentinel power plant. This funding is comprised of the unused funds from the City of Desert Hot Springs and \$123,116 from completed projects at lower costs.

Moved by Benoit; seconded by Mitchell, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Dr. Parker, Dr. Burke
Noes: None
Absent: None

6. **Annual Audited Financial Statements for FY Ended June 30, 2016:** Michael O'Kelly, Deputy Executive Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, provided a brief background on the audited financial statements and introduced Melba Simpson of Simpson & Simpson, the CPA firm engaged to provide an opinion on the financial statements. Ms. Simpson gave a lengthy and detailed presentation on the annual audited financial statements, noting there were no deficiencies, no material weaknesses, and no instances of noncompliance, nor were there any disagreements with management on financial accounting and reporting matters. Councilmember Mitchell asked whether there is a plan to pay down the \$151 million unfunded pension liability. Mr. O'Kelly responded that the contribution rate increased due to the retirement system's requirement to pay off the liability. As liability has increased, contribution rates have increased by over double within the last seven years. Some of those costs should come down with pension reform that went into effect in 2013 as the newer employees have lower benefit formulas with caps. Councilmember Mitchell inquired what are the interest rates paid on the liability. Mr. O'Kelly responded 7.5% based on assumed earnings. Councilmember Benoit inquired what is the actual. Mr. O'Kelly responded it is only compounded when they earn 1%. Councilmember Mitchell inquired has it been considered to

substitute the debt at that interest rate with another form of payment, such as a bond? Mr. O’Kelly responded in the past, the liability was normally paid through pension obligation bonds, but in 2012, it was determined it wasn’t the best practice due to doubling down on a liability. Dr. Burke commented that this would need to be fixed by either that State or Federal Government, it’s beyond this agency. Dr. Burke commended the auditor and Mr. O’Kelly for their good work.

Moved by Benoit; seconded by Mitchell, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Dr. Parker, Dr. Burke

Noes: None

Absent: None

7. **Transfer Appropriations from General Fund Salaries and Employee Benefits Major Object to General Fund Services and Supplies Major Object:** Mr. O’Kelly reported that this item is a mid-year budget item. There were some needs that were not recognized at the time the budget was created. It is requested to transfer \$600,000 from Salaries & Employees Benefits to Services & Supplies. \$300,000 is appropriated to Legislative & Public Affairs related to consultant work, legislative strategies, and communications issues that are related to the AQMP.

Moved by Mitchell; seconded by Benoit, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Dr. Parker, Dr. Burke

Noes: None

Absent: None

8. **Issue RFP for Information Technology Review:** Mr. O’Kelly reported that the Board requested an information technology (IT) review and staff is requesting to be able to release the RFP. Councilmember Mitchell inquired what does the review entail? Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Information Management Chris Marlia responded during the October Board, significant funds were being requested for permit automation and several Board Members wanted to ensure the appropriate technology, IT software and tools were used in light of considering the Bay Area’s system before starting the automation. This review is to understand the methods being used and if there are any improvements needed. Dr. Joseph Lyou commented that he recently spoke to Mr. Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer for the Bay Area AQMD, and Mr. Broadbent stated that he would not be able to provide the software without some consideration to remuneration since the cost was significant and his Board has express concern. Mr. Nastri confirmed this. Dr. Burke expressed disappointment since the ultimate goal is to serve the people. Moved by Benoit; seconded by Parker, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Dr. Parker, Dr. Burke
Noes: None
Absent: None

9. **Amend Provisions of SCAQMD’s Salary Resolution and Labor Contracts with Teamsters Local 911 and SCPEA Relating to Vacation Leave Balances:**

Mr. O’Kelly reported that due to operational needs, staff has been required to limit the use of vacation time this year. As a result, a number of employees will exceed the cap on vacation leave balances, which will result in their not being able to accrue vacation time or to be required to forfeit vacation hours accrued. Staff is requesting to not apply the 360-hour rule for this calendar year, but will reinstate the 360-hour rule the next calendar year.

Moved by Benoit; seconded by Mitchell, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Dr. Parker, Dr. Burke
Noes: None
Absent: None

10. **Add and Delete Positions to Address Operational Needs:** Jill Whynot, Chief Operating Officer, reported that two position changes are being recommended to address operational needs; first, to assist with the Board’s legislative priorities, including components of the AQMP, it is recommended to add a Legislative Assistant position and delete a Staff Assistant position in the Legislative & Public Affairs/Media division. Second, to better align with permit streamlining and backlog reduction efforts, it is recommended to delete an Air Quality Analysis & Compliance Supervisor and replace that position with a Program Supervisor.

Moved by Parker; seconded by Benoit, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Dr. Parker, Dr. Burke
Noes: None
Absent: None

11. **Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Funds for U.S. EPA PAMS and Near-Road Monitoring Programs, Amend Technical Support Contracts for U.S. EPA PAMS, and Issue RFQ and Purchase Orders and/or Contracts for CNG Vehicles and Air Monitoring and Analysis Equipment:** Dr. Matt Miyasato, Deputy Executive Officer/Science & Technology Advancement, deferred this item to Dr. Jason Low, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/TAO, who reported that this item is to recognize and appropriate federal funds in the amount of \$825,643 for the appropriation and purchase of equipment and CNG vehicles for near-road monitoring and PAMS programs.

Moved by Parker; seconded by Benoit, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Dr. Parker, Dr. Burke
Noes: None
Absent: None

12. **Transfer and/or Recognize Revenue and Appropriate Funding, Authorize Release of RFQ and Issue Purchase Orders:** Dr. Low reported that this action is to increase capability for special monitoring programs by purchasing new and updated laboratory instruments in the amount of \$218,000.

Moved by Benoit; seconded by Mitchell, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Dr. Parker, Dr. Burke
Noes: None
Absent: None

13. **Establish List of Prequalified Legal Counsel to Provide Employee and Labor Relations Legal Services:** In the absence of General Counsel Kurt Wiese, John Olvera, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Human Resources, reported that this item is to establish a list of prequalified law firms to provide the SCAQMD with legal services in the areas of labor and employment law. After evaluation of the proposals, Legal Counsel is recommending six firms for the prequalified list. The firms will be assigned work based on their areas of expertise and on a case-by-case basis. Councilmember Mitchell inquired if the recommendation is to execute one-year contracts with all six firms. Mr. Olvera responded it is a one-year contract renewable over three years, but staff would only enter into contract as needed. There are a few firms that have existing contracts to which additional time and money will be added if necessary. The \$200,000 is the budgeted amount for the fiscal year for all contracts entered into.

Moved by Mitchell; seconded by Parker, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Dr. Parker, Dr. Burke
Noes: None
Absent: None

14. **Recommend 2017 Legislative Goals and Objectives:** Deputy Executive Officer/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media/Public Advisor Derrick Alatorre reported that the State and Federal Legislative Goals & Objectives for 2017 are intended to assist the SCAQMD in meeting the federal and state Clean Air Standards within the South Coast region. Staff will be working with legislators in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., as well as the Administrations and state, federal and local agencies. The focus of the Goals and Objectives is to increase existing funding

and to identify new funding sources for clean air programs that will protect public health and help to secure the attainment of state and federal air quality standards; more importantly, to enable the incentive programs that are being proposed in the 2016 AQMP. Dr. Burke commented that SCAQMD's November 16, 2016 Environmental Justice conference in Los Angeles was exceptional, with a new format of breakout speakers and presentations. Councilmember Mitchell commented that with respect to the state legislative goals, the first item under state objectives is to find funding sources and promote incentives, the second item is related to providing the SCAQMD with sufficient authority; but the third item appears duplicative of the first two items where in the second and third line it is stated "or provide funding or regulatory authority," Councilmember Mitchell would like to add "and provide legislative support to the SCAQMD to implement these items." In addition, to promote clean air, the following additions are recommended: continuation of HOV stickers, higher DMV fees for high-polluting vehicles and lower fees or no fees for electric vehicles. Changing that one phrase to say "and to provide legislative support to the SCAQMD to implement our programs," would be an improvement.

Moved by Mitchell; seconded by Benoit, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Dr. Parker, Dr. Burke
Noes: None
Absent: None

15. **Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the September 9, 2016 Meeting:** Mr. Alatorre reported this is a written report.
16. **Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the July 29, 2016 Meeting:** Mr. Alatorre reported this is a written report.
17. **Review December 2, 2016 Governing Board Agenda:** Dr. Burke commented that at the November 18, 2016 Stationary Source Committee, there was a request from the City of Newport Beach to revisit the beach burning (fire pit) rule. Any reconsideration must be made by the person who voted on the affirmative side and that did not happen. Dr. Burke is requesting that the Executive Officer put this item on the Board agenda for December with a staff presentation.

18. **Closed Session**

The Board recessed to closed session, as follows:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, as specified below:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT

Title: Executive Officer

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, as specified below:

CONFERENCE WITH NEGOTIATORS Agency Designated Representative: A.

John Olvera, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Administrative & Human

Resources Unrepresented Employee: Executive Officer

Following closed session, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer for Administrative and Human Resources announced that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

19. **Open Session**

Staff requested to pull this item from the agenda.

20. **Other Business:** None to report.

21. **Public Comment:** None to report.

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Attachments

Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the September 9, 2016 Meeting

Environmental Justice Advisory Group Minutes for the July 29, 2016 Meeting



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ben Benoit, Council Member, City of Wildomar and LGSBA Chairman
Janice Rutherford, Supervisor, Second District, San Bernardino County
Felipe Aguirre
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California/All Metals
LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN
John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc.
Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance
Rita Loof, RadTech International
Cynthia Moran, Council Member, City of Chino Hills
David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation District

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Todd Campbell, Clean Fuels
Maria Elena Kennedy, Kennedy Communications

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Abramowitz, Board Member Assistant (*Lyou*)
Ruthanne Taylor-Berger, Board Member Assistant (*Benoit*)
Andrew Silva, Board Member Consultant (*Rutherford*)
Mark Taylor, Board Member Consultant (*Rutherford*)

SCAQMD STAFF:

Derrick Alatorre, DEO/Public Advisor
Susan Nakamura, Acting ADEO
Philip Crabbe, Community Relations Manager
Connie Day, Program Supervisor
Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Elaine-Joy Hills, AQ Inspector II
Lori Langrell, Secretary

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Mayor Ben Benoit called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Chair Benoit introduced Council Member Cynthia Moran as a new member of the LGSBA Advisory Group.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of June 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Benoit called for approval of the June 10, 2016 meeting minutes. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 – Review of Follow Up/Action Items

Mr. Derrick Alatorre advised the group of the following action items:

*Action Item: Email to LGSBA members the Quemetco community meeting notice
This item was emailed to members on June 14, 2016*

Action Item: Include in the report, to the extent possible, an overview of the disposition of the fee review cases.

A disposition summary of the Fee Review cases will be included in future SBA reports. As an example, below are the dispositions for the Fee Review cases in August as follows:

2 denied (reinstate permit; refund fee)

2 granted (refund fee; payment plan)

3 further research (refund fee, reissue permit, reinstate permit)

Mr. Bill LaMarr inquired without disclosing names of the businesses, typically what type of companies apply to be heard by the Fee Review Committee. Mr. Alatorre replied that it could be an auto body shop, dry cleaner, and other small businesses. Although there was an instance where a very large company from Pasadena appealed to Fee Review due to an expired permit and a late renewal fee. Mr. LaMarr also asked if there was a threshold as to who can come before Fee Review Committee, and if it comes under the definition of 100 employees or less. Mr. Alatorre indicated that no company is excluded from coming to Fee Review, nor is there a restriction on number of employees.

Agenda Item #4 – AB1318 Mitigation Fee Projects

Ms. Connie Day presented an update on the AB1318 Mitigation Fee Projects.

Mr. Paul Avila asked if the Federal and State land is separate, or do they overlap, and if it makes a difference if it's Indian gaming reservation land. Ms. Day replied that Torrez Martinez is not gaming land, but a community center. Torres Martinez is a tribal nation, and they were eligible to apply.

Mr. John DeWitt asked where all the money is coming from. Ms. Day indicated that the money came from the CVP power plant expansion in the City of Desert Hot Springs. They needed to build peaker plants and had to pay for emission offsets that would result from the construction and operations of those plants. Therefore, they provided 50 million dollars, staff went out with an RFP throughout the desert asking for projects that would offset the emissions generated by this power plant.

Mr. DeWitt asked if we are measuring the actual electrical bill savings. Ms. Day responded yes, that is what is reported to us. Mr. DeWitt further asked if we have results on previous solar projects that have been in place over a year. Ms. Day replied we do but not as part of this program. Mr. DeWitt inquired for results that have measured the actual dollars, the reduction in the power bill versus the solar, what the payoff on the investment is, and if we are getting a return. Ms. Day stated yes we are getting a return. She further indicated that staff had a presentation in one of the other committees from the school district, which talked about the amount of savings that they had.

Action Item: Ms. Connie Day will provide a copy of the previous presentation to the LGSBA Advisory Group members.

Mr. LaMarr asked how these projects are selected, and if cost effectiveness enter into the project. Ms. Day indicated these are a one-time program, with the money coming from the power plant, with a set amount of emission reductions that have to be reduced to meet what is being produced by the power plant. The overall projects will far exceed what the power plant is going to put out because of economies of scale that is occurring. When we take individual money and do these projects, the reductions in emissions are greater than they are supposed to be reducing. The original analysis was done based on the perceived effectiveness of the projects, location of the projects, and the cost effectiveness, which were incomparable. Ms. Day further indicated it isn't public money being used, and is not subject to regulation. Based on the public announcement that went out, these are the monies available, here is the emissions we want to reduce, and we want that benefit to go out to the Coachella Valley. Because it was open, there was a balance of all the different projects to be able to get the money into the various areas as required by the Governing Board, to meet the emission reductions and spend those funds.

Mr. LaMarr commented throughout Coachella Valley, he finds it hard to believe that elected officials couldn't prioritize what the needs are, emission related. Chair Benoit replied he toured those mobile home parks and can't describe how horrible they are, from many Environmental Justice (EJ) and fiscal perspectives. If the owner knew the tenant had a new job, they would increase the water bill from \$100 to \$500 overnight, those type of raw problems, and on top of that when you can't use the water because of high levels of arsenic. I can't begin to tell you how happy people were just to get paved roads in the RV parks. Regarding elected officials out there, Chair Benoit believes it was an area underserved for decades, scoring high from an EJ standpoint. While it's probably not the best offset of tonnage per dollar the impact it made on those communities out there that are still severely economically depressed, they can at least drive home now and not have a lot of dust in the air.

Mr. LaMarr asked if there are other considerations besides air quality. Chair Benoit replied yes, there are other issues raised in the area, and this area that is so underserved; one can literally drive 20 minutes into town (Indian Wells) where it is the highest per capita income. With regard to weatherization, there is a difference between older and newer homes and mobile homes. Ms. Day replied that they are not able to weatherize mobile homes, as they do not have an attic, and the weatherization is done in the home's attic.

Mr. Avila asked if you could measure emissions reduction once asphalt is down on the paving projects. Ms. Day indicated it was emissions measurement based on unpaved area, and once paving is done we can measure what's occurring out there with monitors.

Ms. Cynthia Moran inquired what the signal synchronization project is. Ms. Day replied signal synchronization reduces the emissions based on the loss of stop and go traffic, but keeping the flow going, it is a long time program that is used often. There are older vehicles that are dirty, and this helps to keep them from sitting and idling. Chair Benoit added that Los Angeles used AB2766 money on signal synchronization and it has been very successful.

Agenda Item #5 – Update on State Budget and Legislation

Mr. Philip Crabbe provided an update on the State Budget, focusing on the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) and other legislative issues.

Mr. Avila asked pertaining to members of a legislative joint committee, if there are any requirements that they be knowledgeable about air quality issues. Mr. Crabbe indicated he did not know.

Mr. Avila asked if there is any way we can get a representative from the cap and trade group to give a presentation on how it works. Mr. Alatorre replied he will reach out and seek a presentation as a follow up item, but cannot state when or if they will be able to come.

***Action Item:** Agendize a presentation to how cap and trade works.*

Mr. Avila asked Ms. Nancy Feldman regarding AB1903, what conclusion will come out of it if next year it resurrects itself. Ms. Feldman indicated the bill was designed for OEHHA to study the long term effects of methane and mercaptans on health. The legislation did fail, but the requirement for SoCal Gas to fund a health study is at an impasse. The district has filed a Petition for Declaratory Relief in Superior court, and we are hoping to have a hearing early next year as to the requirement to do the study.

Agenda Item #6 – Overview of CCP Unpermitted Business Outreach Efforts in the Boyle Heights Area in 2012

Ms. Susan Nakamura provided a presentation on SCAQMD's efforts in identifying unpermitted facilities in the Boyle Heights area.

Mr. LaMarr commented he was never a big advocate of the Clean Communities Plan (CCP), the original plan marching down the street going into a community public outreach meeting, hearing complaints from people, and visiting businesses. He also stated that he also had a number of conversations with Council Member Huizar on this, trying to get the point across to him that a lot of businesses in the Boyle Heights area are unlicensed doing business, or are businesses that do not require a permit. Mr. LaMarr indicated that he was glad to see that we are doing a review of businesses, street by street. If the district is still going to go forward with the CCP program, Mr. LaMarr encouraged that we continue to inventory these businesses, and that he would still like to be a part of that program.

Supervisor Janice Rutherford inquired whether we have any data that says this outreach resulted in pollution reduction. Ms. Nakamura indicated that as part of the CCP program, pilot studies were conducted, we worked with and met with community representatives and stakeholders, and became intimate with the communities who were able to identify issues unique to their area. Some businesses had reductions associated with the program, and this particular program's concern was for leveling the playing field. Some folks were compliant, others were not. We may have a facility or two that now have a permit with no emissions reductions associated with it. In Boyle Heights, the issue is lead. We were moving forward with and asking community to rank the issues, and we worked from that list.

Supervisor Rutherford asked if there are any plans on doing a similar program in San Bernardino. Ms. Nakamura indicated that a program in San Bernardino ran simultaneously as Boyle Heights, and while there was some commonality, San Bernardino ranked their own issues differently. The overwhelming theme in San Bernardino were the railyards and proximity of homes near busy highways. A lot of weatherization projects were completed in homes near busy highways. We have a targeted air shed grant finishing up, and will wrap up the pilot studies for both areas, and make up a template for other cities' use.

Mr. LaMarr asked that we share with Supervisor Rutherford the ENRRICH study (by Dr. Soret), which came out of the CCP project, focusing on the extent of pollutants and toxic air contaminants from the

railyard. Ms. Nakamura summarized the contract with Loma Linda University Medical Center to look at the health effects of pollution, conduct interviews, and look at a variety of different health metrics. Ms. Nakamura indicated some very interesting things came out of the study as we were dealing with Dr. Soret's underlying concerns with regard to diesel sources, and railyard emissions. As a result, we were able to meet with families concerning how to address asthma, proper use of inhalers, etc.

Agenda Item #7 –Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities

No comments.

Agenda Item #8 - Other Business

Mr. David Rothbart commented on his appreciation for the draft Board agenda, and noted there is an item about BACT guidelines. He indicated that, as a member of the BACT Scientific Review committee, was surprised that it is going to Stationary Source Committee and to the Board because their comments have not been incorporated, documented, and given back to the committee members. If it is something of concern, maybe directing staff back to the committee would be appreciated.

Ms. Loof echoed Mr. Rothbart's comments, stating she also found out about the May BACT Scientific Review Committee meeting after the fact and was actually working with staff to provide information. She further stated that she did not provide the information yet because she was unaware that it was going to the Board and would appreciate the time to get the information together. Ms. Loof stated that the BACT issue has been going on for many years, and the committee has not met for many years. She has not heard of the BACT Scientific Review Committee, so was surprised to find out it happened in May, and was more surprised to find out that it is going to Stationary Source Committee.

Agenda Item #9 - Public Comment

No comments.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.



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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Joseph Lyou, SCAQMD Governing Board, EJAG Chairman
Alycia Enciso, Small Business Owner, San Bernardino
Angelo Logan, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice/Urban and Environmental Policy Institute, Occidental College
Daniel Morales, National Alliance for Human Rights
Dr. Afif El-Hasan, American Lung Association
Evelyn Knight, Long Beach Economic Development Commission
Jill Johnston, University of Southern California
Judy Bergstresser, Member of the Public
Larry Beeson, Loma Linda University, School of Public Health
Manuel Arredondo,
Mary Figueroa, Riverside Community College
Myron Hale, SLMQM
Rafael Yanez, Member of the Public
Rhetta Alexander, Valley Interfaith Council

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Arnold Butler, Inglewood Unified School District Board
Brenda Threatt, First African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church
Lizette Navarrete, University of California, Riverside
Maria Elena Kennedy, Quail Valley Task Force
Micah Ali, Compton Unified School District
Pastor Raymond Turner
Pat Kennedy, Greater Long Beach Interfaith Community Organization
Paul Choe, Korean Drycleaners & Laundry Association
Rudy Gutierrez, Community Representative, Coachella Valley
Suzanne Bilodeau, Knott's Berry Farm
William Nelson, OC Signature Properties
Woodie Rucker-Hughes, NAACP - Riverside Branch

OTHERS PRESENT

Andy Silva, County of San Bernardino
Cassie Cuaresma, Southern California Edison
David Czamanske, SCAQMD Board Assistant for Michael Cacciotti
Julie Arthur, Palm Springs Unified School District

Tom Gross, Southern California Edison
Vallerie Gonzalez, Center for Sustainable Energy

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Angela Garcia, Office Assistant
Daniela Arellano, Senior Public Information Specialist
Derrick Alatorre, Deputy Executive Officer
Fred Minassian, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Henry Hogo, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer
Marc Carrel, Program Supervisor
Michael Krause, Planning & Rules Manager
Nicholas Sanchez, Sr. Deputy District Counsel

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Dr. Joseph Lyou called the Environmental Justice Advisory Group meeting to order at 12:02 PM, and announced Governor Brown's Sustainable Freight Action Plan. He welcomed Dr. Jill Johnston and Mr. Manuel Arredondo as the newest EJAG members, and congratulated Mr. Derrick Alatorre for being promoted to Deputy Executive Officer for the Legislative, Public Affairs, and Media Department (LPAM).

Agenda Item #2: Approval of April 29, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Lyou approved the meeting minutes with no objections.

Agenda Item #3: Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Mr. Derrick Alatorre reviewed the action items requested during the April 29, 2016 meeting.

1. **Action Item:** Agendize Andrea Hricko's EJAG replacement in the next Administrative Committee Agenda.
 - Dr. Lyou nominated Dr. Jill Johnston to replace Andrea Hricko. Dr. Johnston became an EJAG Member on July 22, 2016. Mr. Manuel Arredondo from the Coachella Valley was also approved as a new EJAG Member.
2. **Action Item:** Mr. Yanez received complaints about the off gassing and toxic odors produced by Valmont Coatings' operations in Los Angeles. He recommended SCAQMD review the company's permit as he believes it needs to be updated. Dr. Lyou requested that Mr. Yanez send Mr. Alatorre an email with the details of the issue for follow up.
 - Mr. Alatorre will speak to Mr. Yanez as Mr. Alatorre has not yet received information from Mr. Yanez.
3. **Action Item:** Dr. Lyou requested that staff deliver a presentation regarding opportunities for clean freight.
 - SCAQMD staff presented on opportunities for Clean Freight.
4. **Action Item:** EJAG members requested that staff follow up on the communities' concerns as expressed during workshops for the Environmental Justice Community Partnership. Dr. Lyou requested that staff provide EJAG with an update on this topic.
 - Staff is in the process of putting together an environmental justice action plan, based on the communities' feedback during the Environmental Justice

Community Partnership Workshops. Staff will return to each county to update community members about the plan and to get feedback. The plan will be posted online and will be distributed to interested parties.

Agenda Item #4: Member Updates

Mr. Manuel Arredondo introduced himself to EJAG members. He also expressed his desire for SCAQMD to communicate better with communities in Coachella Valley.

Mr. Daniel Morales expressed his concern with the increase in commercial facilities and truck traffic in South Colton. He is requesting more air monitoring in the area. He met with Ms. Nicole Nishimura, Michelle Warner and Councilman Frank Navarro to discuss these issues.

Jill Johnston introduced herself to other EJAG members and provided them with information about her background.

Dr. Afif El Hasan announced the American Lung Association is supporting the Charge Ahead Coalition, to expand the availability of zero emission transportation and other clean air transportation options in environmental justice communities. He added that Kaiser Permanente is opening “Health Hubs” in disadvantaged communities, where people can congregate and obtain community services.

Ms. Evelyn Knight gave an update on the Southern California International Gateway (SCIG) and expressed her satisfaction with the judge’s decision on this project, which ruled in favor of the community.

Mr. Angelo Logan announced he is working on a national campaign to reduce freight emissions. He indicated the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) committed to creating a working group on goods movement that will help develop an agency wide plan to focus on freight, environmental justice communities, and zero emissions.

Mr. Alatorre announced all EJAG meetings would be webcast, in an effort to be more transparent with the public and to increase public participation.

Agenda Item #5: Southern California Edison (SCE) Company’s Charge Ready Program

Ms. Cassie Cuaresma spoke about Southern California Edison Company’s (SCE) Charge Ready Program, and expressed her desire to collaborate with EJAG members to promote the program in disadvantaged communities.

Mr. Logan, Ms. Alicia Enciso, and Dr. Lyou asked for clarification on application requirements, metrics, and outreach efforts. Dr. Lyou requested that SCAQMD staff share information about the Replace Your Ride Program, to learn more about the demographics of the individuals who are purchasing new or used electric vehicles.

Action Item: Share applicants’ demographic information with EJAG members, regarding the Replace Your Ride Program.

Ms. Knight asked about the user-friendliness of the electric vehicle (EV) chargers and potential problems that users could encounter. Ms. Cuaresma replied SCE has standards that chargers have to meet, in terms of safety and usability.

Mr. Logan recommended there be a requirement for applicants to maintain the EV chargers throughout the duration of the contract, to ensure the public can truly benefit from the program.

Mr. Rafael Yanez asked if fast chargers will be incorporated into the pilot program. Ms. Cuaresma indicated SCE only included level one and level two chargers because not all vehicles can accommodate fast charging technology.

Dr. El Hasan asked if the energy grid can handle the number of fast charging vehicles entering the market. Ms. Cuaresma indicated SCE's forecasting team conducts projections for the next 40 years to identify the number of vehicles the energy grid can handle. Mr. Tom Gross from SCE said excess generation from midnight to 6:00 AM could help.

Agenda Item #6: 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)

Mr. Michael Krause presented on the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP).

Ms. Judy Bergstresser, and Ms. Alexander asked for clarification on baselines and incentives.

Mr. Logan inquired about MOBs, incentives, the state implementation plan, and backstop issues. He also suggested companies should include the cost of cleaner technology and equipment in the cost of doing business, as opposed to obtaining public/government money. Mr. Logan then asked how conversations from EJAG meetings are used to make decisions at the board level and added that SCAQMD should start focusing on indirect source rules, especially for rail yards and intermodal facilities.

Mr. Yanez stated SCAQMD's permitting is behind on VOC and NOx emitting industries, and would like to see more staff assigned to these issues. He also wants anaerobic digesters to be avoided or reduced, and reclaimed water to be used to mitigate dust while accounting for runoff. Mr. Henry Hogo clarified that methane and CO2 are greenhouse gas issues, and the AQMP focuses on criteria pollution.

Ms. Alexander announced she received a letter from environmental justice organizations that was directed at Governing Board Members regarding the AQMP, which outlined seven principles to be considered when finalizing the plan. The letter included organizations such as the American Lung Association, National Resources Defense Council, Inland Congregations United for Change, Coalition for Clean Air, Sierra Club, and Physicians for Social Responsibility among others. She encouraged other EJAG members to join in the efforts, as the letter specifically asks for the AQMP to include measures for compliance and efforts that protect low income communities. SCAQMD staff made copies of the letter and distributed the letter among EJAG members.

Mr. Arredondo stated the AQMP has a well-balanced approach but believes public transportation is important. He suggested the plan should also include a public outreach strategy. Mr. Krause informed Mr. Arredondo about the socioeconomic assessment which will be included in the AQMP.

Mr. Logan emphasized the need from for third party enforcement, and Ms. Alexander emphasized the need for job creation opportunities related to renewable energy.

Agenda Item #7: AB1318 Mitigation Fee Projects

Mr. Fred Minassian provided an update on the AB1318 Mitigation Fee Projects, which included the installation of solar panels at schools within the Palm Springs Unified School District. Ms. Julie Arthur, Executive Director of Facilities and Planning for the Palm Springs Unified School District, also delivered a presentation on the details of the projects in her school district.

Mr. Minassian concluded the presentation with a short video of the Riverside Paving Project, featuring Boardmember John. J. Benoit. More specifically, the Mobile Home Paving Project helped pave more than nine miles in 34 mobile home communities, resulting in improved access to homes, easier access to public transportation, and a decreased risk of respiratory problems.

Agenda Item #8: Opportunities for Clean Freight

Mr. Henry Hogo talked about opportunities for clean freight and made note of Governor Brown’s approval of the Sustainable Freight Action Plan.

Agenda Item #9: Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM

Next Meeting: October 28, 2016