

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Mobile Source Committee Meeting
9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 27, 2007

1. Call to Order – Roll Call: Board Chair Mark Ross called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Present: Tim Smith, Chair (9:40 a.m.), Scott Haggerty (9:42 a.m.), Carol Klatt, Patrick Kwok, Gayle B. Uilkema (10:17 a.m.).

Absent: Tom Bates, Jerry Hill, Jake McGoldrick, John Silva.

Also Present: Board Chair Mark Ross, Janet Lockhart (9:42 a.m.), Pamela Torliatt (9:50 a.m.).

2. Public Comment Period: There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes of July 18, 2007: Approval of the minutes was deferred until a quorum was present.

4. Vehicle Buy Back Program – Annual Report: *The Committee received the 2007 annual report on the Vehicle Buy Back Program, including a report on dismantlers' advertising rates.*

Susan Adams, Acting Manager, Grant Programs, presented the report and provided an overview of the Vehicle Buy Back (VBB) Program and updated the Committee on fiscal year 2005/2006 activities. An average of 426 vehicles are scrapped per month. Ms. Adams stated that there is a declining buy back rate due to fewer eligible vehicles and a declining demand since the last program expansion. Ms. Adams reviewed the advertising costs and the direct mail campaign.

Committee Chair Tim Smith arrived at 9:40 a.m.

In conclusion, Ms. Adams stated that the VBB Program continues to be a cost-effective way to reduce emissions; purchasing rates have been declining in recent years; and current advertising reimbursements to vehicle dismantlers are reasonable.

Directors Janet Lockhart and Scott Haggerty arrived at 9:42 a.m.

Director Ross requested information regarding the geographic areas where the cars being dismantled come from.

Committee Action: None. This report provided for information only.

- 5. Vehicle Buy Back Program – Regulation Amendments, Proposed Changes to the Program, Direct Mail Contract Increase:** *The Committee considered staff recommendations that the Board of Directors 1) incorporate the amended Voluntary Accelerated Light-Duty Vehicle Retirement (VAVR) Program regulations into the VBB Program, 2) approve a change in the eligibility requirement, 3) authorize the amendment of the current dismantler contracts, and 4) authorize an increase in the contract amount by \$111,000 to continue the program’s direct mail campaign.*

Ryan Bell, Environmental Planner, presented the report and provided an overview of the Air Resources Board’s (ARB) Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement (VAVR) regulation amendments. To comply with the VAVR regulations, the VAVR amendments would be incorporated into the Air District Vehicle Buy Back (VBB) Program and the dismantler contracts would be amended to add these new requirements.

Director Pamela Torliatt arrived at 9:50 a.m.

Mr. Bell outlined recommended changes to the District’s VBB Program that would include model year 1986 and 1987 as eligible vehicles. All program changes would be implemented by February 2008. Mr. Bell discussed the VBB direct mail campaign and stated that the Direct Mail Center contract approved in September 2006 contained an option for a 1-year renewal. Additional funds are requested to continue the direct mail campaign through November 2008.

Staff recommended the following:

- Incorporation of the amended VAVR regulations into the District’s VBB Program;
- Modification of the eligibility requirements to include 1987 and older vehicles;
- Authorization to amend the dismantlers contracts to incorporate these changes; and
- Allocation of an additional \$111,000 to Direct Mail Center to continue the direct mail campaign.

In response to a question from Director Haggerty regarding Suburbans and similar vehicles, Mr. Bell stated that a spot check was conducted of vehicle types and that vehicles like the Surburban would qualify as a light-duty vehicle. Vehicles similar to the Excursion would not qualify because of their weight.

Committee Action: Director Kwok moved the staff recommendations; seconded by Director Haggerty; carried unanimously without objection.

- 6. Transportation Fund for Clean Air – Amendment to Santa Clara Program Manager Expenditure Program:** *The Committee considered staff recommendation that the Board of Directors approve an allocation of Santa Clara County Program Manager funds.*

David Wiley, Supervising Environmental Planner, presented the report and stated that \$526,684 of the fiscal year 2007/2008 Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) expenditure program for the Santa Clara County Program Manager remains unallocated. The Program Manager has proposed a project at the San Jose International Airport that would increase the number of vehicles using CNG instead of conventional fuels by upgrading the Airport’s CNG station.

Staff recommended that the Committee recommend Board of Directors approval of an amendment to the TFCA Santa Clara County Program Manager fiscal year 2007/2008 expenditure program, to allocate \$526,684 in TFCA County Program Manager funds for expanding CNG fueling opportunities at the San Jose International Airport.

Speaker: The following individual spoke on the agenda item:

Bill Hough
Santa Clara VTA
San Jose, CA 95134

Committee Action: Director Haggerty moved the staff recommendation; seconded by Director Kwok; carried unanimously without objection.

7. Air Quality Performance Targets for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update (T2035): *The Committee received an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's RTP along with the Air District's recommendations on performance targets.*

Henry Hilken, Director of Planning, Rules & Research, introduced the item and stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is updating the Regional Transportation Plan. This is an important planning process for the region's efforts to reduce ozone precursors, PM and greenhouse gases (GHG). As part of the RTP update process, MTC is looking at various alternatives and will be conducting an analysis of how the alternatives meet various performance objectives, some of which are air quality objectives.

David Burch, Principal Environmental Planner, presented the update and reviewed the approach MTC will take in developing the RTP (T2035). MTC will define a vision and what policies will achieve that vision. Scenarios for strategic expansion will also be defined.

Mr. Burch provided an overview of the scenario performance targets: 1) economy (congestion); 2) equity (affordability); and 3) environment (vehicle miles traveled and emissions). CO₂ performance targets were discussed and the Air District's recommended target is to reduce CO₂ emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2035. The Air District's recommended PM performance targets include reducing PM_{2.5} by 10% and PM₁₀ by 45%.

In conclusion, Mr. Burch stated that CO₂ and PM reduction targets are based on established benchmarks and will help to protect public health and the environment. The Air District will work with MTC to define strategies to help achieve the CO₂ and PM emission reduction targets. The RTP milestones are as follows:

- Phase 1: define Vision by December 2007
- Phase 2: financial and technical analysis through September 2008
- Phase 3: review draft Plan, hold hearings, and adopt the RTP by February 2009

Director Gayle B. Uilkema arrived at 10:17 a.m.

There was general discussion on the RTP, the need for benchmarks, and the proposed targets.

- 3. Approval of Minutes of July 18, 2007:** A quorum being present, Director Ross moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Director Haggerty; carried unanimously without objection.
- 8. Committee Member Comments/Other Business:** There were none.
- 9. Time and Place of Next Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 25, 2007 – 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109
- 10. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Mary Romaidis
Clerk of the Boards