

**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, June 12, 2003

1. Call to Order – Roll Call: 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Shelia Young, Chair, Roberta Cooper, Jerry Hill, Julia Miller (9:37 a.m.), Dena Mossar, Pamela Torliatt.

Absent: Jake McGoldrick, John Silva, Tim Smith.

Also Present: Scott Haggerty (10:06 a.m.).

2. Public Comment Period: There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2003: Director Torliatt moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Director Hill; carried unanimously by acclamation.

4. Vehicle Incentive Program:

Consideration of:

- 1) Allocation of \$800,000 in FY 2003/04 Transportation Fund for Clean Air Regional Funds for the continuation of the District's Vehicle Incentive Program.*
- 2) Approve proposed FY 2003/2004 policy revisions to the Vehicle Incentive Program.*

David Burch, Environmental Planner, presented the report and reviewed the background of the Vehicle Incentive Program (VIP). Mr. Burch reported on the potential revisions to the VIP and noted that the District received 15 written comments. Mr. Burch reviewed the incentives for ultra low emission vehicle (ULEV) and super ultra low emission vehicles (SULEV). Mr. Burch explained concerns about high mileage vehicles and the proposal that this portion of the program be eliminated. These vehicles will still be eligible for VIP incentives via the basic VIP program. In conclusion, Mr. Burch recommended the Committee approve the staff recommendation.

There were two speakers on this item:

Roger Hooson
San Francisco International Airport
San Francisco, CA 94125

Doug Cameron
Clean Energy
San Francisco, CA 94131

Committee Action: Director Hill moved that the Committee recommend Board approval of the staff recommendations on the Vehicle Incentive Program for FY 03/04; seconded by Director Miller.

There was discussion on the lack of availability of electric vehicles. Mr. Burch stated that there have been discussions with ARB to encourage the manufacturers to re-lease these vehicles or extend the leases. There was discussion on electric bikes and that they would be eligible for the TFCA County Funds. The motion then carried unanimously without objection.

5. Vehicle Buy Back Program: *The Committee received an informational report on the status of the District's Vehicle Buy Back Program.*

Vanessa Mongeon, Environmental Planner, presented the report and summarized the Air District's Vehicle Buy Back Program and noted that the Program is governed by the Air Resources Board's (ARB) Voluntary Accelerated Light-Duty Vehicle Retirement (VAVR) regulation. A total of 16,484 vehicles have been scrapped through the end of April 2003. There are three dismantlers with 13 yards taking the vehicles. Ms. Mongeon stated that the dismantler contracts were recently revised, adding a total of \$1,500,00 to the existing contracts, for a total of \$3.5 million that is available. Ms. Mongeon reviewed the direct mail campaign, the vehicle scrapping rates, and the VAVR regulation. It was noted that the State Vehicle Retirement Program has been suspended since December 2001.

The Committee requested staff provide information on what counties the scrapped vehicles come from and information on the Bureau of Automotive Repair low-income program when vehicles fail a smog check.

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

6. Carl Moyer Program: *The Committee considered authorizing the Air District's continued participation in implementing the California Air Resources Board FY 2002/2003 Carl Moyer Program in the Bay Area.*

Michael Murphy, Principal Environmental Planner, presented the report and stated that the Carl Moyer Program provides grants to reduce emissions of NOx in the Bay Area. Mr. Murphy reported that the Air District has received approximately \$3.2 million to distribute as incentives. Mr. Murphy reviewed the proposed procedures for distribution of the funds and the proposed schedule. In conclusion, Mr. Murphy stated that the staff recommends the following:

- 1) *Board approval of the Air District's participation in implementing the California Air Resources Board's 2003 Carl Moyer Program in the San Francisco Bay Area.*
- 2) *The Board authorize the Executive Officer/APCO to enter into necessary agreements and contracts with CARB and with approved applicants to implement the Carl Moyer Program in the San Francisco Bay Area.*
- 3) *Board approval of the revised 2003 procedures for allocating the Carl Moyer Program incentives in the Bay Area.*

During discussion, the Committee requested a change in Procedure No. 7 to state that old diesel engines must be destroyed, with the exception of public safety vehicles and school buses, which

would have to have emission control equipment installed if they were to be sent outside the Bay Area.

Committee Action: Director Haggerty moved the Committee recommend Board approval of the staff recommendations, with the change in Procedure No. 7 as stated above; seconded by Director Miller.

During discussion, it was noted that control equipment will be installed on the school buses that will be sent to San Felipe, Mexico. In response to a question from Director Young, Mr. Murphy stated that the District receives 9% of the money available statewide and this is based on a formula that ARB adopted when the Air District was out of attainment. District staff has spoken to ARB about re-adjusting the formula and ARB has indicated they will address this issue in future allocations. The motion then passed without objection.

7. Lower Emission School Bus Program: *The Committee considered:*

- 1) *Authorizing the Air District's continued participation in implementing the California Air Resources Board's Lower Emission School Bus Program in the Bay Area.*
- 2) *Approving proposed revisions to the Lower Emissions School Bus Program to lower the maximum school district co-payment for a school bus purchase, expand the available options to reduce emissions from in-use diesel school buses, and require participating school districts to retrofit all eligible diesel school buses in their fleet.*

Mr. Murphy presented the report and stated that the District's efforts to get clean school buses has been successful and continuation of this program will help to purchase new vehicles. Mr. Murphy reviewed the funding sources, the requirements of the Program, the proposed policies, and the schedule.

In response to a question from Chairperson Young, Brian Bunker, Counsel, stated that the United Airlines settlement funding is from a portion of the total settlement of Notices of Violation that was set aside for the school bus program. There was also discussion on Requirement 11 that imposes a \$100 per day penalty that would be assessed for each school bus delivered after September 1, 2004. Mr. Murphy indicated staff has discussed this issue with CARB and stated that the contracts could have a clause that would pass this penalty on to the vendor.

The Committee requested staff look into school districts' interest in providing bus service and to consider the Air District partnering with MTC to help coordinate or provide this. Director Miller requested staff provide information on how many school districts qualify for this funding and how does the Air District do outreach for this. There was a brief discussion on the definition of a school bus. Director Cooper expressed concern over the \$10,000 to \$15,000 cost to the school districts because of the budget issues the school districts are facing.

Committee Action: Director Miller moved the Committee recommend Board approval of the staff recommendations on the Lower Emission School Bus Program; seconded by Director Haggerty; carried with Director Cooper opposing.

8. Committee Member Comments/Other Business: Chairperson Young requested staff research information on what can be done with regard to idling garbage trucks.

9. Time and Place of Next Meeting: At the Call of the Chair.

10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Mary Romaidis

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Clerk of the Boards

MOBILE SOURCE COMMITTEE

Follow-up Items for Staff

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