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**APPROVED MINUTES**

Summary of Board of Directors  
Mobile Source Committee Meeting  
9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 13, 2003

1. **Call to Order – Roll Call:** Chairperson Young called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Shelia Young, Chairperson; Roberta Cooper, Jerry Hill, Julia Miller, John Silva, Pam Torliatt (9:38 a.m.).

**Also Present:** Scott Haggerty (9:38 a.m.).

**Absent:** Jake McGoldrick, Dena Mossar, Tim Smith.

2. **Public Comment Period:** There were no public comments.

3. **Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2003:** Director Hill moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Director Cooper; carried unanimously without objection.

4. **Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) Additional Regional Fund Grant Awards for FY 2003/04:** *The Committee considered recommending Board of Directors' approval of additional TFCA Regional Fund grant awards for FY 2003/04, including \$248,940 to three public agency projects.*

Liz Berdugo, Supervising Environmental Planner, presented the report and the background on the allocation of TFCA Regional Funds. Ms. Berdugo reported that the District had received 57 grant applications totaling \$17.5 million in funding requests for FY 2003/04 and \$11.1 million was available for allocation. A total of 39 projects were awarded \$8.2 million in grants; \$1 million was also approved for the Regional Rideshare Program; and an additional \$1 million was approved for the Vehicle Buy Back Program. Ms. Berdugo reviewed the Evaluation Criteria.

Staff recommended three additional projects for funding as follows:

1. The City of East Palo Alto's shuttle bus service for the Dumbarton Bridge.
2. The County of Alameda's Class 2 bike lane on Tesla Road.
3. The City of Sunnyvale's traffic signal battery back-up system.

Ms. Berdugo stated that a fourth project, the City of Berkeley's Dynamic Ridesharing Program, is not being recommended at this time. Additional time is needed to clarify and evaluate this program and staff has suggested that the City of Berkeley consider a pilot program that would help with

project evaluation. The three projects recommended for approval will result in additional emissions reductions of 2.85 tons over the life of the projects, and an overall cost effectiveness of \$87,347 TFCA dollars per ton.

**Committee Action:** Director Hill moved the Committee recommend Board approval of the additional FY 2003/04 TFCA Regional Fund grant awards for the three projects recommended by staff; seconded by Director Miller; carried unanimously without objection.

## 5. Clean Air Vehicle Incentives for Private Consumers

*The Committee considered the staff recommendation to maintain the current guidelines for TFCA light-duty clean air vehicle incentives for public agency fleets and not offer these incentives to private consumers.*

Ms. Berdugo presented the report and provided the background for the Vehicle Incentive Program (VIP) funding and stated that it provides incentive to help public agencies acquire clean, alternative fuel light-duty vehicles. Ms. Berdugo stated that staff does not recommend clean air vehicle incentive for private consumers for the following reasons:

1. Monitoring: It would be difficult to prevent potential abuse of the program.
2. Scope of program: The public demand for natural gas vehicles would probably be relatively modest. Consumers would most likely take advantage of an incentive for hybrids.
3. Funding: The demand for incentive for private consumers could be very high, especially if hybrids are included.
4. Existing incentives: Some clean air vehicle incentives are already available to private consumers.
5. Program administration: Offering incentives to private consumers would require more administrative work to verify eligibility, review documents, and issue payments. It is estimated it would require at least one additional full-time employee.

The Committee discussed the item and topics included:

- Including tax incentives from other local agencies.
- The possibility of funding coming from the balance of the clean air funds
- It was noted that electric cars from Solano County are being crushed now that the leases have expired.
- Solano County is using methane from landfills for county cars.
- Manufacturers not keeping up with this kind of vehicle
- A pilot test program of some sort.
- Looking at dealerships in nine Bay Area counties and cutting checks to the dealerships.

**Committee Action:** Director Haggerty moved the Committee refer the issue back to staff for further review and recommendation; seconded by Director Torliatt; carried unanimously without objection.

## 7. Committee Member Comments. Peter Hess, Deputy APCO, announced that this was Ms. Burdugo's last meeting and noted she would be moving to Italy.

Chairperson Young reported that she attended the ribbon cutting for the HOV lane at the Bay Bridge and spoke on behalf of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

- 8. Time and Place of Next Meeting:** It was noted that several Committee members would be attending the National League of Cities meeting on December 11, 2003. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 18, 2003, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California 94109.
- 9. Adjournment:** 10:05 a.m.

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Clerk of the Boards

## **MOBILE SOURCE COMMITTEE**

### **Follow-up Items for Staff**

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1. The Committee referred back to staff the feasibility of the VIP program applying to private individuals for further review and recommendation.