

**BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Legislative Committee Meeting
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 13, 2004

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call:** Chairperson Wagenknecht called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

Present: Brad Wagenknecht, Chairperson, Chris Daly (9:55 a.m.), Erin Garner, Erling Horn, Mark Ross, John Silva.

Absent: Mark DeSaulnier, Liz Kniss, Pamela Torliatt.

2. **Public Comment Period:** There were none.

3. **Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2004 and April 28, 2004:** Director Ross moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Director Silva; carried unanimously without objection.

4. **Summary of the Legislative Year:** *Staff presented a summary of the 2004 Legislative Year.*

Thomas Addison, Advanced Projects Advisor, summarized the 2004 legislative year and reviewed the three major issues that were on the District's legislative agenda: 1) improving the Smog Check program by ending the rolling 30-year exemption; 2) finding an on-going long-term source of funding for cleaning up diesel engines; and 3) getting authority for an increase in the motor vehicle registration fee surcharge for clean air.

Director Daly arrived at 9:55 a.m.

It was noted that none of the bills that the District opposed passed without first being amended or having the District's concerns addressed.

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

5. **Motor Vehicle Registration Fee Increase:** *The Committee considered a recommendation to the Board to allow a motor vehicle registration fee increase for air quality, as authorized by AB 923 (Firebaugh).*

Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer/APCO, stated that AB 923 (Firebaugh) authorizes the District to increase local registration fee surcharges for clean air from \$4 to \$6, and imposes a state tire fee for clean air. This fee increase would generate about \$11 million for emission reduction projects. Staff recommends the Committee recommend to the full Board that the increase be authorized.

Director Silva requested staff provide information on the total amount of fees for vehicle registration.

Committee Action: Director Silva moved that the Committee recommend the Board adopt a \$2 motor vehicle registration fee increase for clean air, as authorized by AB 923 (Firebaugh); seconded by Director Horn; carried unanimously without objection.

6. Consideration of County Sales Tax Transportation Ballot Measures: *Staff presented a summary of the five Bay Area County transportation sales tax measures.*

Mr. Broadbent explained that this item was a referral from Director Hill and it deals with the county sales tax transportation ballot measures.

Mr. Addison stated that the ballot measures vary on what would be funded and that it can be difficult to analyze the air quality impacts of the measures. There was discussion on the short- and long-term benefits of the measures and if it is appropriate for the Air District to become involved in local issues, such as these ballot measures.

Committee Action: Director Ross moved that the issue be forwarded to the full Board for further discussion without a recommendation from the Committee; seconded by Director Horn.

There was one speaker on this item:

Daryl K. Halls, Executive Director
Solano Transportation Authority
Suisun City, CA 94585

The motion then passed with dissenting votes from Directors Garner and Wagenknecht.

7. Potential Legislative Proposals for 2005: *Staff presented potential legislative measures for consideration by the Committee to form the District's 2005 legislative agenda.*

Staff presented a wide range of ideas to the Committee for consideration for the Air District's 2005 legislative agenda. The Committee provided input and requested staff develop the proposals and present them to the Committee at its next meeting.

Committee Action: None.

8. California Performance Review Discussion: *Staff presented a summary of the California Performance Review.*

Mr. Broadbent presented a summary of the California Performance Review, specifically on the elimination of the Air Resources Board and the issue of streamlining petroleum infrastructure permitting. The District's position on these two issues was addressed in a letter to the Governor.

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

9. **Committee Members' Comments:** There were none.
10. **Time and Place of Next Meeting:** At the Call of the Chair.
11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

/s/ Mary Romaidis
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Clerk of the Boards