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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Protection
9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 23, 2006

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call:** Chair Gayle B. Uilkema called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Present: Gayle B. Uilkema, Chair, Dan Dunnigan, Scott Haggerty, Mark Ross, Tim Smith, Pamela Torliatt.

Absent: Chris Daly, Erin Garner.
2. **Public Comment Period:** There were none.
3. **Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2005:** Director Torliatt moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Director Smith; carried unanimously without objection.
4. **Presentation on the Initiatives of the District's Climate Protection Leadership Program:**
Staff made a presentation to the Committee describing the upcoming initiatives for the District's Climate Protection Leadership Program.

Ana Sandoval, Environmental Planner, presented the report and stated that the Ad Hoc Committee first met in December 2005 where recent and future activities were discussed. Ms. Sandoval discussed the following Climate Protection Leadership Program initiatives:

- A Climate Protection Summit.
- Research on greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction technologies or processes that could be implemented at stationary sources.
- A Bay Area GHG emission inventory.
- Promotion of energy efficiency.
- In-house GHG emission reductions.
- Green schools.

Ms. Sandoval noted that the Summit would provide an opportunity to link all of the actions. The research and study on GHGs should be completed by March 2007. The emission inventory data is being worked on and should be available in spring 2006. The green schools initiative will promote renewable energy.

Further integration with District activities includes the following:

- Consideration of greenhouse gas emission reduction benefit as a criteria in Transportation Fund for Clean Air grant awards.
- Integration of climate protection in District California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.
- Integration of climate protection in general plan guidelines.
- Greenhouse gas emissions tracking through the permitting process.

In response to a question from Chair Uilkema, Henry Hilken, Director of Planning, Rules & Research, stated that a steering committee has been convened to help with the planning of the Summit. The first meeting will be held on March 1st. The Summit will be held in the summer. Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer/APCO, added that the intent of the Summit would be to raise awareness of the issues just presented.

The Committee discussed ideas for the Summit, which included the construction of “green” schools or improved air quality through the HVAC systems and zero CO₂ emissions for schools. It was noted that it may be difficult to work with the schools because of their financial restraints.

There was discussion on “green” fleets for public agencies, blowers on pools being a source of greenhouse gas emissions, and the need to work on transportation options available to get to the Summit. The Safe Rides to School Program was briefly discussed.

Committee Action: The Committee provided recommendations to staff on issues for the Summit.

5. Status Report on Upcoming Climate Protection Summit: *Staff provided a report to the Committee on preparations for the climate protection summit to be hosted by the District in mid-2006.*

Ms. Sandoval presented a status report on the upcoming Bay Area Climate Protection Summit to be hosted by the Air District in mid-2006. The purpose of the Summit is inspire climate protection programs, improve coordination, and identify stronger State or federal actions.

Ms. Sandoval reviewed the target audience, potential Summit activities, and the Summit preparations. The Committee provided direction to staff on the following: 1) that school district leaders be included in the Steering Committee, as well as regional water districts and community groups; 2) the “message” for the Summit; such as the link between air quality and GHGs, green buildings, and a model ordinance; and 3) a gift bag with “green” gifts in it.

Ms. Sandoval listed the participants of the Steering Committee. The Committee also discussed having a co-sponsor and it was suggested the Lung Association be contacted. Another suggestion was to invite the President and/or the Governor.

Committee Action: The Committee provided staff with direction.

6. Committee Members’ Comments: There were none.

7. **Time and Place of Next Meeting:** At the Call of the Chair.
8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

/s/ Mary Romaidis
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Clerk of the Boards