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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, October 12, 2006

1. Call to Order - Roll Call: Chair Gayle B. Uilkema called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

Present: Gayle B. Uilkema, Chair, Chris Daly, Scott Haggerty (9:50 a.m.), Mark Ross, Pamela Torliatt (9:47 a.m.).

Absent: Dan Dunnigan, Erin Garner, Yoriko Kishimoto, Tim Smith.

2. Public Comment Period: There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2006: Approval of the minutes was deferred until a quorum was present.

4. Discussion of Assembly Bill 32 (Nuñez): *Staff briefed the Committee on AB 32 (Nuñez).*

Tom Addison, Senior Advanced Projects Advisor, presented an overview of AB 32, which mandates that the state reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. The bill assigns the California Air Resources Board (CARB) the lead role in developing a regulatory program. Mr. Addison discussed the key features of the bill.

Director Pamela Torliatt arrived at 9:47 a.m.

Mr. Addison noted that the bill states that the regulations shall “achieve the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective” reductions. There is no definition of cost-effective at this time. In addition, market-based compliance and programs are allowed.

Director Scott Haggerty arrived at 9:50 a.m.

The timeline for implementation was reviewed and Mr. Addison noted that it is an aggressive timeline. The bill also sets out the roles for CARB, which includes monitoring compliance with and enforcing any rule, regulation, order, emission limitation, emissions reduction measure, or market-based compliance mechanism adopted by the state board. The bill states that the authority of the air districts shall not be limited or expanded under this bill. Jack Broadbent,

Executive Officer/APCO, stated that there are on-going discussions at the CAPCOA level regarding this bill and that staff will keep the Committee and the Board of Directors updated.

In response to questions from Director Daly, Mr. Addison stated that, at this point, CARB does not have any enforcement staff for stationary sources. There was further discussion on CARB's role and the role of the Air District. It was suggested that Robert Sawyer, Chairperson of CARB, be invited to an Executive Committee meeting to discuss the challenges and issues facing CARB with regard to this bill. In addition, Chair Uilkema noted that the Air District does have a representative on the CARB Board.

In conclusion, Mr. Addison stated that this is a major new program and that the way the bill was designed, CARB will take the lead. The author of the bill indicated that air districts will need a role in the program, but, at this time, that role has not as yet been determined.

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

5. **Update on Climate Protection Summit:** *Staff provided an update on the status of preparations for the District's Climate Protection Summit.*

Ana Sandoval, Principal Environmental Planner, presented the report and reviewed the District's Climate Protection Program initiatives, which includes the Climate Protection Summit. Ms. Sandoval discussed the progress on the Summit, including the Summit program, key themes, signature-level and event-level sponsors, and Summit announcements. Ms. Sandoval provided information on the various network meetings that will take place in the afternoon. There was discussion on steps that are being taken to make this a carbon neutral event.

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

3. **Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2006:** There being a quorum present, Director Ross moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Director Haggerty; carried unanimously without objection.
6. **Initiation of a Climate Protection Grant Program:** *Staff proposed that the Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve the establishment of a climate protection grant program.*

Mr. Broadbent gave a presentation on the establishment of a Climate Protection Grant Program, including formalizing the creation of a new Standing Committee on Climate Protection. The Program would also link to the development of a climate protection foundation. The new Committee would have the authority to make grant program award recommendations to the full Board. Mr. Broadbent highlighted potential projects and target recipients.

The Program would fund projects beyond those covered by current District grant programs. The projects would be required to achieve criteria, toxic, and greenhouse gas emission reductions. This would be the first Climate Protection Grant Program by an air quality control district. Initial funding for the program would come from reallocation of excess funds remaining in the Reserve for Radio Replacement, which came in under budget. Staff recommended that the

Committee recommend Board of Directors approval of a new Bay Area climate protection grant program with an initial allocation of \$2,000,000, subject to review by the Budget and Finance Committee of the redesignation of the requested funds.

The Committee discussed the following: education is key, how the program relates to AB 32, contacting CARB after the Summit to discuss possible matching funding, asking targeted recipients what they need and what would help them implement the program, the possibility of inclusion of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in a component of the program, and the regulation of ionic air purifiers.

The initial funding of \$2 million was discussed and the Committee determined to increase the initial funding to \$3 million.

Committee Action: Director Daly moved that the Committee recommend that the Board of Directors' approve the establishment of a Climate Protection Grant Program with an initial \$3 million allocation, and concurrence from the Budget and Finance Committee. The Committee also requests that the Budget and Finance Committee review the budget with regard to funds that may be available to increase the initial allocation to \$5 million; seconded by Director Haggerty; carried unanimously without objection.

7. **Committee Members' Comments:** There were none.
8. **Time and Place of Next Meeting:** At the Call of the Chair.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

/s/ Mary Romaidis
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Clerk of the Boards