

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Executive Committee Meeting
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 13, 2006

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call:** Chair Gayle B. Uilkema called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Gayle B. Uilkema, Chair, Chris Daly (9:44 a.m.), Jerry Hill (9:31 a.m.), Mark Ross, John Silva, Tim Smith, Brad Wagenknecht.

Absent: Erin Garner, Patrick Kwok.

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

Director Jerry Hill arrived at 9:31 a.m.

3. **Approval of Minutes of May 30, 2006:** Director Ross moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Director Silva carried unanimously without objection.

4. **Report of the Advisory Council: May 10 – August 9, 2006**

Kraig Kurucz, Advisory Council Chairperson, presented the report and noted that several members of the Advisory Council attended the Air & Waste Management Association Conference in New Orleans. Mr. Kurucz provided a brief update on the following key topics the Council is working on: particulate matter, woodsmoke, greenhouse gas programs, and the Community Air Risk Evaluation (CARE) Program. Mr. Kurucz updated the Committee on discussions the Council has had regarding its role in outreach to the community.

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

5. **Quarterly Report of the Hearing Board – April 2006-June 2006:** Hearing Board member Terry Trumbull presented the *Hearing Board Quarterly Report – April 2006 – June 2006.*

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

6. **Consider Authorizing the Executive Officer/APCO to Initiate Program with the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District:** *The Committee considered recommending that the Board of Directors' authorize the Executive Officer/APCO to initiate a program with the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District for joint use of Carl Moyer Program Funds for multi-regional projects as a result of amendments to SB 225.*

Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer/APCO, presented the report and stated that SB 225 is on the Governor's desk. The bill changes the formula for distribution of Carl Moyer funds and would increase the percentages of the allocation to districts that are based on population and severity of air quality problems.

Director Chris Daly arrived at 9:44 a.m.

The Bay Area District and the Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD would like to initiate a program whereby Carl Moyer Funds would go towards multi-regional projects. Staff recommended that the Committee recommend that the Board of Directors' authorize the Executive Officer/APCO to initiate a program with the Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD with the allocation of \$500,000 each year from Carl Moyer Program funds towards multi-regional projects as a result of the amendments to SB 225 currently on the Governor's desk. The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District's Board of Directors unanimously approved the program and a matching allocation of \$500,000 in Carl Moyer Program funds.

Committee Action: Director Wagenknecht moved the staff recommendation; seconded by Director Smith; carried unanimously without objection.

7. Spare the Air Program Update: *Staff provided an update on the Spare the Air program.*

Mr. Broadbent stated that the Spare the Air season started June 1st and will end on October 13th. September 12th was another Spare the Air day with temperatures in the 100's in the East Bay. Mr. Broadbent noted that there were five exceedances of the state 8-hour standard and two exceedances of the state one-hour standard.

Jack Colbourn, Director of Outreach and Incentives, stated that 26 transit agencies participated in the free fare days and region-wide, transit ridership increased 15%. The survey results were discussed and the behavioral changes people made were highlighted. The preliminary emission reductions on the six free fare days were reviewed and Mr. Broadbent stated that the average reduction amounted to one ton a day. In response to a question from Director Ross, Mr. Colbourn stated that the emission reduction statistics for the non-free fare days will be provided at a later date.

Mr. Colbourn reviewed some of the customer complaints that the District received. The Air District sent response letters regarding comments received on the Spare the Air campaign. Chair Uilkema requested that staff prepare a binder of the responses and have it available at the Board meeting for Directors to review. Director Daly requested that a Spare the Air fact sheet be available on the District's web site.

Mr. Broadbent presented potential refinements to the free transit program for consideration for next year's campaign. Potential funding sources for next year were also discussed. Chair Uilkema requested that the Advisory Council review possible funding sources, or sponsors, for the Spare the Air campaign and also consider a list of stationary sources that could potentially curtail operations on Spare the Air Days.

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

8. **Community Air Risk Evaluation Program Update:** *Staff provided an update of the Community Air Risk Evaluation (CARE) program.*

Philip Martien, Ph.D., Senior Advanced Projects Advisor, presented the report and reviewed the CARE Program objectives, the emissions concentrations, exposure, and health effects. The CARE Program is a multi-phase program and Phase I concentrated on the development of toxic air contaminants (TAC) emissions estimates. Dr. Martien reviewed demographic and health data, and target areas for Carl Moyer grants. The findings from Phase I were discussed as well as mitigation approaches. Phase I is near completion.

Phase II will focus on modeling concentrations and continued mitigation. Dr. Martien noted that all three phases of the CARE Program include mitigation measures. An update on the CARE Program will be presented to the full Board at a future meeting.

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

9. **Presentation of Mercury Emissions from Crematories:** *Staff gave an informational presentation on mercury emissions at crematories.*

Brian Bateman, Director of Engineering, presented the report and reviewed background information on mercury; its health effects; mercury emissions from crematories, which are estimated to be 27 pounds per year; the regulation of mercury from crematories; and the amount of mercury found in the San Francisco Bay.

Chair Uilkema requested that staff send a copy of the study on mercury to the community members who wrote letters regarding mercury emissions from crematories.

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

10. **Joint Policy Committee Update:** *Ted Droettbomm provided an update on the activities of the Joint Policy Committee.*

Mr. Droettbomm reviewed the progress of the *Focusing Our Vision* program; smart growth and goods movement discussions; meetings held with local governments; the Technical Advisory Committee; and provided a legislative update.

Committee Action: The Committee received and filed the report.

11. **Committee Member Comments/Other Business:** There were none.

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

13. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

/s/ Mary Romaidis

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Clerk of the Boards