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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Climate Protection Committee
9:30 A.M., Thursday, December 13, 2007

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call:** Chair Pamela Torliatt called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Present: Pamela Torliatt, Chair, Tom Bates (9:39 a.m.), Chris Daly, John Gioia, Scott Haggerty (9:51 a.m.), Yoriko Kishimoto, Jake McGoldrick (9:44 a.m.)

Absent: Erin Garner, Gayle Uilkema.

Also Present: Board Chair Mark Ross.
2. **Public Comment Period:** There were no public comments.
3. **Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2007:** Director Daly moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Director Kishimoto; carried unanimously without objection.
4. **Climate Protection Grant Awards:** *The Committee considered recommending Board of Directors approval of climate protection grant awards totaling \$1.5 million.*

Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer/APCO, introduced the staff proposal to award climate protection grants.

Director Bates arrived at 9:39 a.m.

Abby Young, Principal Environmental Planner noted that a revised spreadsheet, Attachment 1, dated December 13, 2007 at the Committee members' places, as there were minor changes made in the original spreadsheet that was distributed in the Committee packet.

Director McGoldrick arrived at 9:44 a.m.

Director Haggerty arrived at 9:51 a.m.

Ms. Young noted that there was an overwhelming response, and that the applications showed creativity and thoughtfulness with very exciting results.

Ms. Young recommended that the Committee consider allocating up to \$3 million dollars set aside for Climate Incentives to the Grant Program.

At the Budget and Finance Committee meeting held on December 12, 2007, the Committee acknowledged that the excellent response warranted moving the full \$3 million dollars set aside for Climate Incentives from reserve to the budget, pending the Climate Protection Committee's decision.

Ms. Young provided an overview of the goals and objectives of the grant program. She stated that the evaluation process entailed extensive team work. Two person teams were devoted to each of the five different grant categories. The teams involved staff from Planning, Grants, Rule Development and Outreach and Incentives.

All applications were scored using the following criteria:

- GHG reductions (20-25 pts);
- Meeting the Air District's objectives (20 pts);
- Feasibility of technical approach (20 pts);
- Organizational capacity (10 pts);
- Matching funds (5-10 pts);
- Climate achievement (5-10 pts); and
- Strength of overall proposal (5 pts)

Specific grant categories were scored using additional criteria:

- Engagement of impacted communities (Climate Protection Planning grants only, 5 pts);
- Finance strategy (Capacity-building grants only, 10 pts); and
- Cost-effectiveness (Regionalizing Best Practices and Fostering Innovation grants, 10 pts)

Mr. Broadbent concluded the staff presentation, noting that this is very much a success story, that there was an overwhelming response to these grant awards and there are very good projects that would be funded if \$3 million in funding is awarded.

After a lengthy discussion of grant applications received and the significant response demonstrating the need for the grant program from across the Bay Area, the Committee agreed to move forward with the staff recommendation.

Committee Action: Director Bates moved that the Committee recommend to the Board of Directors approval of \$3 million dollars to fund 53 innovative projects, with the corrections noted by staff in Attachment 1, and directed staff to come back with the evaluation follow up to best practices; seconded by Director Gioia; carried unanimously without objection.

Director Daly suggested that staff follow up with the comment for targeted outreach to the media on this issue and also consider a foundation.

5. **AB 32: Implementation Update:** *The Committee received an update on the implementation of AB 32.*

Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer/APCO, noted that the Committee would be provided a status update on this item. Mr. Broadbent also indicated that there have been some recent developments with respect to the State and wanted to highlight this information.

Mr. Hilken followed up with the presentation, highlighting that AB 32 implementation includes:

- Adoption of Early Action Measures;
- Adoption of Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emission Cap;
- Adoption of Mandatory Reporting Regulation; and
- Adoption of a Scoping Plan

Mr. Hilken noted that there were three early action measures that ARB proposed last summer, and this fall, ARB added six more for a total of nine. One of the cornerstones of AB 32 is the GHG 1990 emission inventory, which is the emissions cap for 2020. ARB adopted the emission inventory on December 6, 2007. ARB also adopted the mandatory reporting requirements at their December 6, 2007 meeting.

The scoping plan is currently under development. There were workshops on November 30, 2007 and December 14, 2007.

One of the early action measures is ARB's Air Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for shore power. On December 6, 2007, ARB adopted the ATCM requiring that most container ship fleets visiting California ports use grid power or other electrical power when they are at port. In addition to air toxics reduction, greenhouse gas emission reductions will result from this measure.

ARB elected to have companies report GHG emissions directly to them, through the mandatory reporting rule, including third party verifiers.

Mr. Hilken concluded his presentation and noted that the Air District continues to work with the other districts and CAPCOA to get the message across that the local districts have a role in AB 32 implementation.

Chairperson Torliatt stated that she would like staff to continue to bring recommendations on what should be forwarded to CARB and CAPCOA, especially with cap and trade. In addition, Chairperson Torliatt noted that the Air District should have standard language as a response to the various Environmental Impact Reports (EIR's), regarding greenhouse gas emissions.

Committee Action: None. This was an informational item only.

6. **Committee Members' Comments:** Director McGoldrick noted that he was in London for a meeting regarding Climate Protection along with representatives from around the world. He noted that what was discussed in London just reaffirms what the Air District is currently doing. Director Ross thanked Chairperson Torliatt for her work during her tenure as the Committee Chairperson.

Chairperson Torliatt noted that the City of Petaluma has re-circulated a portion of its EIR for a new general plan, including a component for GHG.

7. **Time and Place of Next Meeting:** at the Call of the Chair.

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

/s/Vanessa Johnson

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Acting Clerk of the Board