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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Climate Protection Committee
9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 19, 2007

- 1. Call to Order - Roll Call:** Chair Pamela Torliatt called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Present: Pamela Torliatt, Chair, Tom Bates, Erin Garner, Scott Haggerty, Yoriko Kishimoto, Jake McGoldrick, Gayle B. Uilkema (9:41 a.m.).

Absent: Chris Daly, John Gioia.
- 2. Public Comment Period:** There were none.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2007:** Director McGoldrick moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Director Bates; carried unanimously without objection.
- 4. Status Report on District Climate Protection Activities:** *The Committee received a status report on recent and forthcoming District climate protection activities.*

Henry Hilken, Director of Planning, Rules & Research, introduced the item.

Ana Sandoval, Principal Environmental Planner, presented the report and reviewed the Bay Area 2002 greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventory by major categories. Ms. Sandoval noted that the emissions listed do not account for emissions from electricity produced outside of the region. Ms. Sandoval discussed the climate protection initiatives, which are now included in the regional inventory, rulemaking and GHG criteria in the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) grant program, to name a few. Ms. Sandoval briefly reviewed other initiatives, including the Foundation, the Incentive Program, and public outreach.

Director Gayle B. Uilkema arrived at 9:41 a.m.

Additional initiatives include AB 32 implementation collaboration and regional assistance to local agencies. Ms. Sandoval noted that, as of June 1st, the Air District has gone carbon neutral and has solicited suggestions from employees regarding how the District can further reduce GHG emissions.

In response to a question from Director McGoldrick on the extent of input with other agencies, Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer/APCO, stated that the air districts are coordinating efforts with a state-wide approach.

There was general discussion on the following:

- Staff provided information to the Committee on how the Air District determined to use Native Energy for its carbon off-sets and that the focus was on renewable energy projects.
- The affect of forest or urban fires on the inventories since emissions from fires can be significant. Director Garner requested staff look into this issue (fire suppression).
- The contract for Phase II of the GHG Mitigation Technology Study is being signed.
- Reducing vehicle miles traveled, ozone, and GHG emissions.
- Supporting local investment for carbon footprint.

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

5. Status Report on District Climate Protection Public Outreach Activities: *The Committee received a report on recent and forthcoming District climate protection public outreach activities.*

Jack Colbourn, Director of Outreach and Incentives, introduced the item and stated that the presentation will focus on the Air District's outreach efforts to-date and future activities. Karen Schkolnick, Air Quality Program Manager, presented the report and reviewed the District's outreach objectives. The public outreach efforts include partnerships with businesses and promoting special events, such as the *Artic Tale* screening in Walnut Creek. Youth outreach was reviewed, collateral material was presented to the Committee, and media relations and advertising was discussed.

The Committee discussed the inclusion of solar power information in the collateral material and staff reviewed information on exploring the possibility of local schools being established as "green" schools. The Air District is exploring a partnership with the "Flex Your Power" program for a "green" school element.

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

6. Climate Protection Incentive Program: *The Committee discussed the possible structure, objectives and guidelines for the Climate Protection Grant Program and other possible programs for Climate Protection incentive funds.*

Mr. Broadbent stated that discussion on this item covers the establishment of a \$3,000,000 climate protection incentive program and the criteria for the program. Abby Young, Principal Environmental Planner, presented an overview and background of the program. Ms. Young stated that staff is recommending the \$3,000,000 be distributed as follows:

- Sustainable energy loan fund - \$1,000,000,

- Seed money for the foundation - \$1,000,000, and
- Climate Protection grant program - \$1,000,000.

Ms. Young noted that staff has conducted considerable research on different types of grant program structures. The Program goals and objectives, categories, evaluation criteria, and timeline were reviewed.

The Committee discussed the following issues:

- If the tax code allows the District to establish a 501.(c)3 foundation.
- The feasibility of the loan fund.
- See what captivates the region and building on that for the future.
- If there is a good response to the grant program, staff may want to reevaluate the loan fund.
- The loan fund is for sustainable energy and the grant projects are more programmatic.

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

7. **Committee Members' Comments:** Director Bates congratulated the Air District on becoming carbon neutral.

Director Haggerty stated that Alameda County received an award regarding its fuel cell project at the county jail. Alameda County has also signed a new initiative called "Cool Counties" which calls for a reduction in emissions by 2015 and for gas mileage of 35 mpg by the end of this decade.

8. **Time and Place of Next Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 20, 2007.
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Mary Romaidis
Clerk of the Boards