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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Climate Protection Committee
9:30 A.M., Thursday, November 15, 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 (10:37 a.m.), Chris Daly, Yoriko Kishimoto, Jake McGoldrick, Gayle B. Uilkema (9:40 a.m.).

Absent: Erin Garner, John Gioia, Scott Haggerty.

Also Present: Board Chair Mark Ross, Janet Lockhart.
2. **Public Comment Period:** There were no public comments.
3. **Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2007:** Director Kishimoto moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Director Daly; carried unanimously without objection.
4. **Status Report on AB 32 Implementation:** *The Committee received an update on implementation of AB 32.*

Jean Roggenkamp, Deputy APCO, presented the report and stated that the implementation schedule for AB 32 was an ambitious one. Ms. Roggenkamp reviewed the Air Resources Board's (ARBs) early action measures.

Director Gayle B. Uilkema arrived at 9:40 a.m.

Ms. Roggenkamp provided a brief overview of the three early action measures that were adopted in June and the six additional early action measures that were adopted in October. Ms. Roggenkamp discussed the statewide greenhouse gas emission inventory, the mandatory reporting requirements, and the Scoping Plan. The first workshop on the Scoping Plan will be held on November 30, 2007 and the deadline for its adoption is January 1, 2009. Ms. Roggenkamp highlighted the activities of the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association's (CAPCOA) Climate Protection Committee and stated that the Committee is tracking implementation of AB 32 and is developing a White Paper. The White Paper will be a resource for lead agencies for addressing greenhouse gas emissions in CEQA documents. The White Paper will be considered by the CAPCOA Board in December and released thereafter.

5. **Status Report on the Establishment of an Air District Foundation:** *The Committee received an update on the establishment of a Foundation.*

Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer/APCO, presented the report and stated that the foundation would be a separate mechanism where monies can be provided for purposes designated for the foundation. The foundation would be separate and apart from the Air District activities. Mr. Broadbent reported that the Air District has a company under contract that is in the process of researching companies that could donate to a foundation for the Spare the Air Program in the summer. Staff will provide a progress report at a future meeting.

Brian Bunger, Legal Counsel, stated that when funding for the Spare the Air Program was discussed with a number of people, some of whom the Air District regulates, and the consensus was that they would not be willing to put money into programs unless there is a tax break. The District has also looked into a 501(c)(3), which is an education-based foundation.

Mr. Bunger stated that the District is in the process of selecting a law firm to move forward with paperwork to establish a foundation. The firm should be hired within the next few weeks. A decision would need to be made regarding the focus of the foundation and if it would be on education, work or both, because they are two different types of foundations.

The Committee discussed the importance of determining whether there should be an educational foundation, a work foundation, or both.

6. **Discussion and Consideration of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Reduction Fee Schedule:** *The Committee discussed and considered options for a fee schedule applicable to permitted stationary sources of GHG emissions.*

Brian Bateman, Director of Engineering, presented the report and stated that staff would like to move forward with this fee schedule and complete the process by fiscal year 2008/2009. Mr. Bateman provided an overview of the proposal and the Air District's legal authority to assess fees. Mr. Bateman provided an overview of the activities provided by Air District staff for stationary sources, which includes compiling and maintaining the Bay Area GHG emissions inventory, completing studies, developing regulatory measures, CEQA guidelines and comments, and assisting the Air Resources Board (ARB) in AB 32 regulation development.

Options for a GHG fee schedule could be based on the capacity for a source to emit or based on actual emission levels. In summary, Mr. Bateman stated that staff will propose a new GHG fee schedule, in conjunction with other proposed fee amendments, for consideration of adoption later this fiscal year. Staff will also provide updates to the Committee as the work progresses.

One member of the public spoke on this agenda item:
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7. **Overview of Climate Protection Curriculum Pilot Program:** *The Committee received an overview of the climate protection curriculum pilot program.*

Henry Hilken, Director of Planning, Rules & Research, introduced the item and stated that working with youth is important and that this curriculum is being brought to 4th and 5th graders.

Sigalle Michael, Environmental Planner, presented the report and stated that youth outreach is an important component of the Air District's Climate Protection Program. Ms. Michael provided an overview of the *Protect Your Climate* curriculum. The curriculum was developed by Strategic Energy Innovations in coordination with Air District staff. It is a pilot program for 2007-2008 and is being piloted in 13 classrooms in 10 public schools throughout the Bay Area. Ms. Michael reviewed the next steps, which include revising the curriculum based on teacher experience and feedback, continuing to solicit feedback from education professionals, and enhancing and expanding the program to reach more students next year.

The Committee discussed the issue of the \$400 stipend provided to the teachers.

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Ms. Roggenkamp noted that the teachers are being paid to provide feedback on the program. Other discussion included the teacher's ability to select from 16 lesson plans and that there are eight core lessons. Ms. Michael stated that the pilot program will end in June 2008 and that after a review of the feedback and making appropriate changes to the program, the program would then be available to others.

8. **Committee Members' Comments:** Director McGoldrick reported that there is a C40 Climate Protection Conference in London on the 4th and 5th of December. It is co-sponsored by the cities of Stockholm and London.
9. **Time and Place of Next Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 13, 2007.
10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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