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**APPROVED MINUTES**

Summary of Board of Directors  
Climate Protection Committee  
9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 8, 2009

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call:** Chairperson Yoriko Kishimoto called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.  
  
**Present:** Yoriko Kishimoto, Chairperson; Tom Bates, Vice Chairperson; and Committee Members Sue Garner, Scott Haggerty, Carol Klatt, Mark Ross, Michael Shimansky and Brad Wagenknecht  
  
**Absent:** Gayle B. Uilkema
2. **Public Comment Period:** There were none.
3. **Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2008:** Director Bates moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Director Shimansky; carried unanimously without objection.
4. **Update on Key District Climate Protection Activities:** *Staff updated the Committee on the status of Air District climate protection program activities.*

Henry Hilken, Director of Planning and Research, updated the Committee on the status of the District's Climate Protection Program activities. He said the Regional GHG Inventory was published last week, discussed the 2007 Bay Area GHG Emissions by sector, and reported on various additional changes in the inventory's methodology.

He then discussed the Air District's efforts in coordinating a local government and results-oriented Climate Protection Summit with a target date of May 2009, stating that keynote speakers and sponsors were being secured. Session topics would include:

- Climate action planning under SB 375
- GHG mitigation through CEQA
- Discussion roundtables for elected officials
- Green technology/buildings/vehicles
- Highly innovative projects

Committee members then held discussion with staff regarding climate grants, GHG economic 'carrots', identifying where best practices exist with private and public sectors, showcasing success stories,

potential keynote speakers, sponsorships from Bay Area partners. The Committee voiced the need to focus on the most advantageous feedback. Committee members suggested that the Air District inventory and provide tools to those agencies that have not yet adopted climate plans, continue work with ABAG and MTC, and briefly discussed existing City and County ordinance revisions which affect permitting and inspection processes. Also voiced was a suggestion to make contact with representatives from the Obama Administration and involve youth-oriented components into the program.

Mr. Hilken reported that the GHG Stationary Source fee was adopted last year to administer programs relating to stationary sources and almost \$1 million has been collected to date.

He highlighted key results from the second reporting period for projects funded by the Air District climate grants, which included:

- BerkeleyFIRST implementing 40 solar projects;
- Solar Sonoma County launching with over 80 members;
- Sustainable Silicon Valley release of a best practices guidebook for small/medium sized businesses;
- Youth installation of a solar PV system at Richmond Community Farm; and
- Establishment of Marin Energy Authority to pursue Community Choice Aggregation.

He further reported that CEQA Guideline updates were scheduled for a target release date of June 2009. The update will include a comprehensive review of the Air District's guidelines, assessment of analytical tools, revision and update of mitigation measures, review of existing significance thresholds, development of new thresholds, and addition/expansion of issues for evaluation such as GHG's, diesel emissions and impacted communities.

Mr. Hilken said the Air District will also be working on the Conoco Phillips settlement. Up to \$7 million will be available for grants. An RFP will be prepared and grants may cover the following:

- Energy efficiency and conservation;
- Water conservation;
- New renewable energy generation;
- Cool roofs, pavement;
- Low emission vehicles;
- VMT reduction

In conclusion, Mr. Hilken discussed the District's coordination with local governments, PG&E, ICLEI, and MTC, development of a best practices web portal, and State and regional collaboration.

#### Public Comment:

David Schonbrunn of Transdef, San Rafael, requested the Air District comment on the Regional Transportation Plan. He requested the Climate Protection Committee indicate to MTC the need for additional alternatives and suggested using available expansion funds to build more transit instead of roadway infrastructure.

**Committee Action:** None; for information only.

**5. Regional Climate Protection Vision:** *Staff presented options for potential initiatives related to regional climate protection campaigns.*

Executive Officer/APCO Jack Broadbent reported that with the adoption of the AB 32 Scoping Plan, the Air District will now play a major role in CO<sub>2</sub> reductions and presented options for potential initiatives relative to regional climate protection campaigns. Committee members supported the Air District's coordination and collaboration with partner agencies, taking aggressive steps, identifying the most advantageous reduction efforts and leveraging the Air District's regulatory authority.

Mr. Broadbent briefly discussed with the Committee the District's collaborative relationship with the JPC, MTC, ABAG and BCDC, reviewed upcoming Board Retreat topics, discussed the prospect for future regulations and the Joint Policy Committee's focus on key strategies. Mr. Broadbent agreed that information and recommendations would be incorporated into discussion items for the Board of Directors' Retreat on January 21, 2009.

**Committee Action:** None; for information only.

**6. Update on SB 375:** *Staff provided a summary of SB 375 and its relationship to Bay Area climate protection programs.*

Air Quality Planning Manager, Dave Vintze, provided a summary of SB 375, stating the Bill requires ARB to set GHG reduction targets for automobile and light truck sectors. The ARB will appoint a Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) on methodologies and factors by January 31, 2009 which will include representatives from air districts, counties, transportation agencies, the League of California Cities, the public and building industries, and it is hoped that MTC will secure representation on the RTAC.

Mr. Vintze said the ARB takes into account reductions across all sectors. GHG targets can be expressed in various ways via gross tons, per capita or other metrics deemed appropriate, and it is up to local MPO's to develop a sustainable community strategy. The strategy will be part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). However, he noted there was no current legislation that requires a sustainable community strategy be approved.

Another key issue of SB 375 is that it is linked to housing element updates. He further discussed CEQA and exemptions, transit-priority projects, land use changes, the promotion of high density infill development and transportation modeling. The RTAC will submit its recommendations to the ARB by September 30, 2009. The ARB will release draft targets for each region by June 30, 2010 and provide regional targets by September 30, 2010, which will be updated every eight years until 2050.

Next steps for the Air District include participation in the RTAC process, review of technical information submitted by the ARB prior to setting regional targets, participation in MTC/ABAG process for implementing SB 375, and review of updates to transportation model guidelines.

Public Comments:

Michele Rodriguez, Senior Planner, Jones & Stokes, distributed a DVD of SB 375 workshops offered free to the public, reported on their analysis and planning strategies for greenhouse gas reductions, general plans, work on a sustainability plan and partnership with the State Department of Conservation.

**Committee Action:** None; for information only.

7. **Update on AB 32 Implementation:** *Staff provided an update on recent activity and upcoming milestones related to AB 32 implementation.*

Deputy APCO, Jean Roggenkamp, provided an update on AB 32 implementation, stating that the ARB Board approved the AB 32 Scoping Plan on December 11, 2008 and CAPCOA was successful in incorporating language in ARB's adoption resolution requiring the development of a work plan with the air districts to include permitting, enforcement and other activities.

She said the Scoping Plan outlines strategies to achieve GHG reductions to 1990 levels by 2020 through a cap and trade program with WCI, regulatory and energy efficiency measures, renewable portfolio standard (33%), vehicles and fuels measures, regional transportation-related GHG targets (SB 375) and others. An upcoming workshop on AB 32 implementation will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> and regulations must be adopted and implemented by 2012.

**Committee Action:** None; for information only.

8. **Committee Members' Comments:** None
9. **Time and Place of Next Meeting:** 9:30 a.m., March 19, 2008, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109.
10. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

*/s/ Lisa Harper*  
Clerk of the Boards