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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Climate Protection Committee
4th Floor Conference Room
Thursday, May 28, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

Call to Order - Roll Call: Vice Chairperson Tom Bates called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present: Vice Chairperson Tom Bates; Scott Haggerty, Carol Klatt, Michael Shimansky and Gayle B. Uilkema

Absent: Chairperson Yoriko Kishimoto; John Gioia, Susan Garner and Mark Ross

Also Present: Chairperson Pamela Torliatt

Public Comment Period: None

Approval of Minutes of April 17, 2009: Director Klatt made a motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2009; seconded by Director Uilkema; carried unanimously without objection (Torliatt abstained).

2009 Climate Action Leadership Summit Debriefing - *Principal Environmental Planner Abby Young*

Overview:

Who did we reach?

- 430+ attendees
- 75+ local governments represented
- Attendees included: Elected officials, special districts, city managers, transit agencies, planning directors, CMAs, public works directors, tech companies, non-profit, foundations, state agencies, federal agencies

Review of Goals:

- Accelerate implementation of GHG reduction policies and programs
- Improve capacity to address new planning challenges
- Lay groundwork for new era in collaboration

Outcomes Achieved: Direct Action:

- San Mateo County convening cities to replicate Berkeley FIRST program;
- Cities beta testing new tools such as: Technical tools, database of activities, Cool Neighbors program which is a LEED style certification rating system for trip reduction in new developments by TransForm; a codification and tracking system to be able to track

emission reductions from green point rating system policies, which was prepared by Build It Green and adopted by many local governments;

- Cities attended green housing training;
- Local governments signed up for BCDC's adaptation training program;
- Local governments directly engaging with ARB (SB375, Climate Toolkit).

Outcomes Achieved: Intangibles:

- Elevated discussion on climate protection—examples of regarding San Leandro's debate and adoption of their city landscape ordinance; use of flash drive samples used by organizations in public outreach campaigns;
- New strategies for collaboration—example of El Cerrito convening with other local governments in Contra Costa County to work together to develop their climate protection programs;
- Increased clarity on how to address GHGs in planning efforts—example of how it fits into General Plan updates or potentially work in developing SB 375 responses;
- Increased expertise for Air District initiatives—staff convened a small meeting of local experts in the building energy efficiency field to incorporate energy efficiency in plans such as the District's Clean Air Plan.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Post-Summit website up and running;
- Individual follow-up with facilitators, speakers and attendees;
- Next steps:
 - Launch Best Practices website
 - Develop ISR
 - Collaborate on SB375 with ABAG, MTC

Committee Comments/Discussion:

- Interest voiced in staff providing periodic updates and reports;
- Interest in posting photographs from the Climate Summit;
- Internal clarification regarding receipt of \$75,000 by the Air District and how set-aside funds will be utilized.

Henry Hilken, Director of Planning, distributed a resource document which he said will be made available to planning agencies in the region entitled, *Model Policies for Greenhouse Gases in General Plans*, produced and released in May 2009 by CAPCOA.

Committee Action: None; for information only.

Update on Development of ConocoPhillips GHG Mitigation Program - Presentation by Karen Schkolnick, Air Quality Programs Manager

Overview:

Background:

- ConocoPhillips required to pay up to \$7 million; may be decreased by \$25/ton of GHG emissions reduced onsite at the refinery;
- Air District will administer a greenhouse gas reduction grant program (GGRGP);
- Notified by ConocoPhillips that based on the GHG emissions reduced at the refinery, the Air District will receive \$4,443,025 by June 1, 2009;
- Eligible projects must achieve verifiable, quantifiable reductions in GHG emissions in areas nearest to the ConocoPhillips refinery;
- Community meetings held to review process and program requirements.

Program Requirements Approved by Attorney General:

- Projects must be located at public buildings;
- Applicants may be non-profit, private, and public entities;
- Eligible project categories:
 - *Energy efficiency measures in existing buildings*
 - *“Cool roofs” on existing buildings and/or “cool pavement”*
 - *New and renewable energy generation*
- 1st round of RFP to include Rodeo, Crockett, Hercules, and Pinole.

Timeline:

- Create “Carbon Offset Fund” – Completed
- Approval of Program Concept by Attorney General – Completed
- Community Meeting (most recent) – May 26, 2009
- Present draft guidelines to Climate Protection Committee – May 28, 2009
- Receive payment from ConocoPhillips – June 1, 2009
- Present RFP draft to Attorney General – July 2009
- Issue call for projects/RFP – August 2009
- Expend funds (complete projects) – By May 30, 2011

Public Comments:

Richard Dale, Sonoma Ecology Center, former recipient of grant funding, said funds were extremely successful in assisting hundreds of families to achieve energy efficiency improvements and he hoped for future funding opportunities if criteria are expanded in the future.

Tom Kelly, Kyoto USA, voiced support for expenditure of settlement funds for renewable energy projects, noted receipt of \$500,000 via a technical assistance grant from DOE to develop solar master plans for the Oakland, Berkeley and West Contra Costa Unified School Districts and spoke of collaborative opportunities with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency.

Mike McLaughlin, Superintendent of the John Swett Unified School District, believed that the project fits perfectly in school and new energy guideline projects and hoped to benefit from funding.

Wayne Seaberg, John Swett Unified School District, said the school district had conducted an integrated energy audit, echoed Mr. McLaughlin’s comments, and hoped to bring projects forward at the high school and middle school levels.

Committee Comments/Discussion:

- Discussed adherence to program guidelines of the MOU;
- Confirmed that 40 sites have been identified for projects located at public buildings;
- Discussed RFP timing and expenditure of funds by May 30, 2011; staff to consult with the Attorney General’s office to conduct more outreach or change criteria if sufficient applications are not initially received;
- Confirmed that the MOU requires expenditure of funds must not go beyond the stated jurisdictions;
- Discussed importance of school district energy efficiencies which transfers into educational benefits and improvement of school program content;

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- Asked that the process in West County, derived from interested community members, be viewed as a model;
- Confirmed that additional interest was also received from fire departments and libraries.

Committee Action: None; for information only.

Committee Members' Comments: None

Time and Place of Next Meeting: 9:30 a.m. – Thursday, June 11, 2009
939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

/s/ Lisa Harper
Lisa Harper
Clerk of the Boards