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**APPROVED MINUTES**

Summary of Board of Directors  
Legislative Committee Meeting  
(Immediately following the Climate Protection Committee Meeting)  
Thursday, January 8, 2009

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call:** Chairperson Tom Bates called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.  
  
**Present:** Tom Bates, Chairperson; Brad Wagenknecht, Vice Chairperson; Dan Dunnigan, Sue Garner, Scott Haggerty, Carol Klatt, Mark Ross and Michael Shimansky  
  
**Absent:** None
2. **Public Comment Period:** There were none.
3. **Approval of Minutes of December 17, 2008:** Director Shimansky moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Director Wagenknecht; carried unanimously without objection.
4. **Potential Legislative Agenda for 2009:** *Staff presented potential proposals for the Committee to consider as it crafts the District's legislative agenda for 2009.*

Executive Officer Jack Broadbent presented the following proposals for the Committee to consider in crafting the Air District's legislative agenda for 2009:

1. Consider revision of the formulation and size of the Board of Directors;
2. Consider pursuing legislation to increase motor vehicle registration fees for air quality;
3. Consider harmonizing wood smoke regulations;
4. Consider legislation to reduce emissions from ports, particularly Oakland's.

Regarding the size of the current Board of Directors, Mr. Broadbent noted that its population based composition was formulated many years ago when the population was much smaller. He suggested the Committee discuss and consider adjusting population thresholds so that as implemented over time, the Board's composition would be somewhat reduced as members' terms expire.

Committee members discussed the potential for appointees being added to the Board, and the Board's current population-based composition.

Regarding the DMV surcharge, Mr. Addison reported that the Governor has proposed a \$12 increase in registration fees. He noted that the San Joaquin and South Coast air districts have a fifth dollar for technology advancement programs. This allows those districts to fund cutting

edge projects that would not necessarily meet strict cost-effectiveness criteria. Mr. Addison said that the Sacramento Metro Air District wants to collaborate with us on this proposal, and that the Senate President Pro Tem would be approached to gauge his support for such a bill.

Regarding the new wood smoke regulation, Mr. Broadbent said there is value in all air districts having the same rule, but believed it would be difficult to get an author for the legislation. Committee members briefly discussed the matter and requested Mr. Addison make contact with potential authors.

Regarding the Port of Oakland, Mr. Addison stated that the Port has major air quality impacts to the region and huge impacts on the transportation network throughout the region. However, its Commissioners are appointed by the City of Oakland's Mayor. He asked whether the Committee wanted to work on a bill to add MTC and Air District representatives to the Port Commission, or a bill to require the Port to adopt an Air Quality Improvement Plan.

Committee members discussed representation by MTC and the Air District on the Port's Board and confirmed with Mr. Addison that Senator Lowenthal's bill would include the Port of Oakland. Members discussed the Air District's current enforcement authority and supported further discussion of sponsoring legislation to cut emissions from the Port.

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

6. **Committee Members' Comments:** None
7. **Time and Place of Next Meeting:** At the call of the Chair.
8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

*Lisa Harper*  
Clerk of the Boards