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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Climate Protection Committee
4th Floor Conference Room
Monday, October 31, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Chairperson Jennifer Hosterman called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. with an established quorum.

Present: Chairperson Jennifer Hosterman, Vice Chairperson Gayle B. Uilkema, and Directors John Gioia, Dave Hudson, Johanna Partin, Mark Ross, and Susan Garner

Absent: Directors Susan Gorin and Carole Groom

2. Public Comment Period: None

3. Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2011

Director Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2011; seconded by Director Uilkema; carried unanimously without objection.

4. Conoco Phillips Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction

Jean Roggenkamp, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, introduced Avra Goldman, Environmental Planner, who provided an informational update on the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant Program (GGRGP). The update provided a brief background on the funding for this program. The funding for this program is provided from a settlement agreement between the Attorney General of California and the Conoco Phillips Company. The Air District received approximately \$4.4 million from Conoco Philips by June 1, 2009. As a result of this settlement, the Air District developed a program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in areas closest to the refinery in Rodeo, California. Therefore, all projects funded under this program are located in Crockett, Hercules, Rodeo, and Pinole.

On June 2, 2010, the Air District Board of Directors approved an award of \$4 million to the most cost effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in these areas. At that same time, the Board also approved a contingency list of the highest ranking projects if funds become available due to accrued interest and projects closing under budget or cancelled. To date, 42 project

components have been allocated funding for a total of just under \$4 million. Of those, 9 projects are completed and 33 are scheduled to complete by December 2012.

The program is estimated to reduce approximately 10,078 metric tons of CO2 emissions. Air District staff is currently in the process of allocating funds from accrued interest to projects on the approved Contingency List.

Committee Comments:

Director Gioia confirmed that the amount of funds returned from completed or cancelled projects and/or accrued interest is the same amount of funds that are reallocated to new projects. Director Gioia also requested further clarification regarding the 20 year commitment requirement, particularly for the City of Pinole swim center project. Supervisor Gioia inquired about whether all these facilities need to commit to a budgetary decision 10 to 20 years out.

Damian Breen, Director of Strategic Incentives, responded that the length of the commitment is based on the project life provided by the applicant. The budget commitment is not 20 years down the road but the budget commitment now.

Director Ross asked what would happen in unforeseen loss. Mr. Breen responded that each contract contains an insurance and warranty clause.

Director Uilkema asked if a public facility, such as a firehouse, decided to allow a private entity to run the facility, how this will impact the contract. Mr. Breen stated that as long as the private entity agreed to continue with the contract, then the contract would be transferred.

Director Hosterman asked what the average time is from application receipt to time of funding. Mr. Breen responded about 6 to 8 months.

Public Comments: None

Committee Action: None; for information only.

5. Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Update

Jean Roggenkamp, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, introduced Ken Kirkey from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and Lisa Klein from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) who provided the Committee with an overview of the status and development of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and Abby Young, Principal Environmental Planner, who discussed the Air District's involvement and interest in the SCS.

Mr. Kirkey provided an update on what's new with Senate Bill 375 which requires key actions by every region in California. One requirement is that every region's transportation plan must align with and support a sustainable community strategy land use pattern. The sustainable community strategy will be adopted as part of the regional transportation plan which will happen in spring of 2013. The SCS shall identify how the region can satisfy the region's housing demand for the

projected population across all income categories and adopt a forecasted development pattern for the region, supported by a transportation system, which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Director Hudson asked if the Shaping Our Future Plan would qualify as an alternative planning strategy. Mr. Kirkey responded no.

Mr. Kirkey continued with the presentation discussing regional job projections, revised Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission reduction estimates, performance targets, priority developments areas, and housing distribution.

Mr. Kirkey requested that Ms. Klein continue with the presentation to the Committee. The following topics were discussed during this portion of the presentation: Investment Strategies, Policy Initiatives, Project Performance Assessment, and next steps.

Director Hosterman noted that Director Garner joined the meeting.

Ms. Young provided the Committee with a summary of the Air District's role in the SCS and staff's work to ensure projects and land use scenarios minimize exposure to particulate matter and air toxics.

Director Partin commented that 15% GHG emission reduction by 2035 is large. Director Partin noted that the real challenge is how to build near transit centers but at the same time address CEQA thresholds and air quality issues.

At the request of Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer/APCO, and concurrence from the Committee, Agenda item #6 is deferred to the next Climate Protection Committee meeting.

Committee Comments:

Director Gioia stated that he read the regional transit cost study and asked how the recommendations in the study fit into the SCS. Ms. Klein referred back to the presentation.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: None; for information only.

6. **Committee Member Comments/Other Business:** None.
7. **Time and Place of Next Meeting:** At the Call of the Chairperson.
8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

/s/ Maricela Martinez

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Executive Secretary I