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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Climate Protection Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2013

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

Chairperson John Avalos called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Present: Chairperson John Avalos; Vice-Chairperson David Hudson; and Directors Susan Adams and Mark Ross.

Absent: Directors John Gioia, Scott Haggerty and Shirlee Zane.

Also Present: None.

2. Public Comment Period:

Pauravi Shah, 350 Bay Area, addressed the Committee in gratitude for its work and that of Chairperson Avalos.

Janet Stromberg, 350 Bay Area, addressed the Committee in gratitude for the work of Chairperson Avalos and to highlight the importance of the climate-related work ahead.

Patrick Kennedy, 350 Bay Area, addressed the Committee regarding the need for immediate action on climate change.

Gary Latshaw, Sierra Club, addressed the Committee to request that the Air District oppose the Keystone XL Pipeline project and to deliver a report from the National Academy of Sciences.

Kathy Kemp, 350 Bay Area, addressed the Committee regarding her desire to learn more about the obstacles to addressing climate change.

3. Approval of Minutes of October 21, 2011, and April 16, 2012

Approval of the minutes was postponed for lack of a quorum.

4. Letter of Understanding between California Air Resources Board (ARB) and California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) Regarding Coordination and Collaboration on Climate Change [OUT-OF ORDER]

Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO), gave the staff presentation Collaboration with ARB on Climate Change, including a summary of possible areas for collaboration and next steps.

Director Ross asked, regarding slide #3, Areas for Collaboration, about projects currently included in the greenhouse gas (GHG) offset protocols, which questions were answered by Mr. Broadbent.

Chairperson Avalos asked for clarification regarding the role of the Air District in administering the program, which clarification was provided by Mr. Broadbent.

Director Hudson said the lack of state-wide recognition of the problem and a readiness to act is nonsensical, in response to which Mr. Broadbent explained the current state of discussions and program development.

Director Adams requested baseline figures and asked how emissions from sources outside the state are being calculated. Mr. Broadbent said a presentation at the next Committee meeting would address those questions.

Chairperson Avalos asked about the effect on the exchange of utility purchasing offsets, which question was answered by Mr. Broadbent.

Mr. Broadbent concluded the presentation.

Committee Comments:

Director Hudson asked about the next scheduled update of the scoping plan, which question was answered by Mr. Broadbent.

Director Adams recommended increasing the ease of access to materials relative to work being done by Board committees and Air District staff, including the scoping plan, and asked that the scoping plan be provided in PDF format.

Director Adams suggested establishing a list of available materials for sharing with cities and counties in the Bay Area, in response to which Jean Roggenkamp, Deputy APCO, explained the local government portal used to that end. Director Adams asked for information on the portal.

Public Comments: None.

Committee Action: None; informational only.

5. Consideration of Approval of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant Program (GGRGP) Project Components

Damien Breen, Director of Strategic Incentives, introduced Geraldina Grunbaum, Supervising Environmental Planner of Strategic Incentives, who gave the staff presentation Consideration of Approval of GGRGP Project Components, including the background, status of funds awarded, a

summary of projects remaining on the contingency list, expansion of the contingency list and allocation of funds, an overview of funds awarded by city and type, and recommendations.

Mr. Breen provided clarification regarding staff recommendations.

Committee Comments:

Chairperson Avalos asked about how staff prioritized projects and their ability to quantify reductions, which questions were answered by Mr. Breen.

Director Hudson asked if the Hercules Transit Center has solar power, which question was answered by Mr. Breen.

Director Adams asked how the allocation amount was defined and whether more revenue is expected, which questions were answered by Mr. Breen.

Public Comments: None.

Committee Action:

A consensus of the members present at the Committee meeting supported staff's recommendation for the Board of Directors to:

1. Allocate an additional up to \$435,907 in GGRGP derived funds;
2. Approve the addition of 17 GGRGP contingency project components listed in Attachment C; and
3. Authorize the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to execute all contracts and contingencies to expend the funding for the recommended GGRGP contingency project components listed in Attachment C.

6. CAPCOA GHG Reduction Exchange

Henry Hilken, Director of Planning, Rules & Research, introduced David Vintze, Air Quality Planning Manager of Planning, Rules & Research, who gave the staff presentation CAPCOA GHG Reduction Exchange, including an overview of the reasons for and functions of the exchange, how the Air District participates and a status report on the exchange.

Chairperson Avalos asked, regarding slide #5, How the District Participates, about the work load that will result for Air District staff, which question was answered by Messrs. Vintze and Hilken.

Mr. Vintze concluded the presentation.

Committee Comments:

Director Ross, Ms. Roggenkamp, and Mr. Hilken discussed minimum mitigations levels and credit valuation.

The Committee and staff discussed how the exchange will interplay with local mitigation measures.

Public Comments: None.

Committee Action: None; informational only.

7. Committee Member Comments/Other Business:

Director Adams gave a status update on the Marin Clean Energy project and its goals. The Committee discussed the initial steps in the project.

Director Hudson requested copies of Assembly Bill 32, the related Executive Order by Governor Schwarzenegger dated July 3, 2005, and the most recent Climate Scoping Plan, and suggested the Air District's PM Report be widely distributed and the Climate Protection Committee agendas be regularly delivered to the appropriate contact at ARB.

Chairperson Avalos requested a staff briefing on Air District activities related to climate protection before the next meeting of the Committee.

8. Time and Place of Next Meeting: At the call of the Chairperson.

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

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