

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Stationary Source Committee Meeting
Monday, April 18, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Stationary Source Committee (Committee) Chairperson John Gioia called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Present: Committee Chairperson John Gioia; Vice-Chairperson James Spring; and Directors John Avalos, Scott Haggerty, David Hudson, Liz Kniss, and Rod Sinks.

Absent: Director Carole Groom and Jan Pepper.

Also Present: Board Chairperson Eric Mar.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Robert Reed, Chevron, urged the Committee to consider the job security of current and future refinery employees, as well as potential financial impacts that the general public may face, resulting from regulations made at the Air District. The Committee and staff discussed concerns that misinformation is being circulated regarding Rule 12-15, and claims that the “Air District is shutting down refineries.” Staff clarified that the Air District is attempting to promote further transparency and disclosure about refinery emissions through this rule.

Greg Karras, Communities for a Better Environment, addressed the Committee regarding bringing rule-ready language, including an option for Board consideration for refinery emission caps, to the Committee by May 2016. Mr. Karras distributed a draft Resolution to Propose Emission Limit “Caps” on Refinery-Wide Climate and Particulate Air Pollution via Rule 12-16, and urged staff to bring this to the Committee, and then Board, for adoption.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2016

Committee Comments:

None.

Public Comments:

No requests received.

Committee Action:

Director Kniss made a motion, seconded by Director Hudson, to approve the Minutes of February 25, 2016; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Avalos, Gioia, Haggerty, Hudson, Kniss, Sinks, Spering, and Mar.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Groom and Pepper.

4. UPCOMING CHANGES TO REGULATION 9, RULE 13: CEMENT KILNS

Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer, introduced Robert Cave, Senior Air Quality Specialist, who gave the staff presentation, *Upcoming Changes to Regulation 9, Rule 13: Cement Kilns*, including background and purpose; comparison of standards; results of rule adoption; continuing issues of concern; technical issues with the Ammonia standard; the staff's proposed solution to the Ammonia issue; and next steps.

Public Comment:

Cupertino resident, Gary Latshaw, addressed the Committee, stating that many cement plants are located in rural areas, while the Lehigh Southwest Cement Company directly impacts a metropolitan area in Santa Clara County. Mr. Latshaw acknowledged that cement plant's emissions levels have been improving, and said that he hopes for an improved, bottoms-up health risk assessment.

Bill Almon, addressed the Committee regarding Lehigh's full compliance with Regulation 9, Rule 13, despite the Ammonia emission standard not being met.

Committee Comments:

The Committee and Staff discussed the difficulty of correcting the Ammonia emissions standard, due to variable feed stock-generated Ammonia; fugitive dust mitigation and the associated health risks of the workers inside the plant; the Committee's appreciation of staff's ongoing outreach and listening to key stakeholders; the anticipated timeframe for addressing the correction of the Ammonia emissions standard, as well as the anticipated timeframe for the incorporation of new Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment guidelines; particulate matter and SO₂ production rates; and Lehigh's compliance with dust mitigation measures.

Committee Action:

None; receive and file.

5. AIR QUALITY IMPACTS OF CALIFORNIA'S ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION REQUIREMENTS

Jeff McKay, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, introduced Wayne Kino, Director of Compliance and Enforcement, who gave staff presentation *Air Quality Impacts of California's Organic Waste Diversion Requirements*, including background; solid waste facilities overview; California's organic waste diversion priorities; solid waste industry overview; air emissions; the Air District's role in solid waste emissions control; and summary.

Public Comment:

No requests received.

Committee comments:

The Committee and Staff discussed the difference between regulation on solid waste and composting facilities; indoor versus outdoor facilities and the Air District's permitting authority over such facilities; new models for processing food waste; criteria to assess locations to mitigate odor impacts to communities from these facilities; clarifying for the public what items may be recycled; and the Committee's acknowledgement of staff's initiative in regulating this industry.

6. PERMIT APPLICATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ENHANCEMENTS

Damien Breen, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, introduced Jaime Williams, Director of Engineering, who gave the staff presentation *Permit Application Public Participation Enhancements*, including improvements to public participation in the permit application process; permit application look up table; implementation roadmap; and next steps.

Public Comment:

Azibuike Akaba, Bay Area Environmental Health Collaborative (BAEHC), addressed the Committee regarding a desire for a more extensive break-down of the Air District's technical information for the public. Mr. Akaba also said that he believes that this permit process needs to be applied to Air District permit renewals.

Committee Comments:

The Committee and staff discussed the ten-day period during which applications are subjected to public inquiries and comments after they are submitted; further enhancements to the website that may be needed; the difference between "Discretionary" permits and "Ministerial" permits; the permit renewal process; and whether or not permit violations will be listed on the website.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Hudson requested clarification on the location of the June 1, 2016 Stationary Source Committee meeting.

8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 1, 2016, Bay Area Air Quality Management District Headquarters, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 at 9:30 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hirtzka

Marcy Hirtzka
Clerk of the Boards