

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
939 Ellis Street
San Francisco, California 94109

APPROVED MINUTES

Advisory Council Executive Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2003

- 1. Call to Order – Roll Call.** 9:03 a.m. Quorum Present: William Hanna, Chairperson, Elinor Blake, Rob Harley, Ph.D., Kraig Kurucz, Robert Sawyer, Ph.D., P.E., Brian Zamora.
- 2. Public Comment Period.** There were no public comments.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2003.** Ms. Blake moved approval of the minutes; seconded by Mr. Zamora; carried.
- 4. Standing Committee Chair Reports on Committee Work Plans and Recommendations.** Mr. Zamora reported that the Public Health Committee met on February 10 and March 10 to receive and discuss presentations on the optical remote monitoring equipment at the ConocoPhillips refinery in Rodeo. At the first meeting, a representative from the company that installed the equipment apprised the Committee on its attributes. At the second, Contra Costa County Health Services (CCCHS) staff described the county website which will soon post the data generated from the system. In the future, the Committee will receive input on this system from community and environmental groups near the refinery. At today's Council meeting, the Technical Committee will comment on the Public Health Committee's particulate matter (PM) abatement recommendations.

Dr. Harley stated the Technical Committee met on February 4 and developed a list of intermittent ozone control strategies for the District's summer Spare the Air (STA) program. It also reviewed the Public Health Committee's recommendations on particulate matter abatement. It endorsed the inclusion in the ordinance of fireplace change-out to natural gas or EPA-certified equipment upon change of home ownership. From a technical perspective, this will further abate PM. The Committee was concerned over the recommendation to lower the PM trigger for the winter Don't Light Tonight (DLT) program because this could initiate advisories too frequently and lessen the impact of the program. The Committee considered the matter of NO₂ emissions from PM traps retrofitted on buses and heavy-duty diesels. It concluded that while there is a trade-off between increased NO₂ and reduced PM emissions, further information on this issue is needed.

The Committee reviewed the Air Quality Planning Committee's (AQPC) recommendations on improving the enhanced vehicle inspection and maintenance (I&M) program that will be implemented in the Bay Area. It agreed that there are benefits to improving the program and felt that targeting the program to reduce hydrocarbons upwind of Livermore was especially important.

Lastly, the Committee reviewed the proposal from the Sonoma County Climate Protection Campaign (SCCPC) that the District allocate \$25,000 to support its greenhouse gas emission inventory work. The Committee felt the proposal was conceptually acceptable but was concerned over its insufficient linkage to air quality and lack of coordination with the existing state program.

Mr. Kurucz stated the AQPC met on February 25 and completed its recommendations on I&M. It also reviewed and added to the Technical Committee's list of proposed summer ozone intermittent control measures. The Committee found that the SCCPC duplicated both the state and District staff's efforts. It recommends the District not allocate the \$25,000 but instead that staff work with the SCCPC to identify other sources of seed money from within the Transportation Fund for Clean Air, which the County annually receives from the Air District. Such funds may in turn be used to leverage additional funding for the SCCPC.

The Committee agreed on the following regarding the Action Items at the Council meeting:

- The Air Quality Planning Committee will move the adoption of its recommendations on the SCCPC proposal, and comments from the Technical Committee will immediately follow.
- The Technical Committee will present its list of intermittent control measures. As a friendly amendment, the AQPC will propose to add its supplemental list of control measures.
- The Public Health Committee will move the recommendations on PM abatement, to which the Technical Committee will propose its amendments. Mr. Zamora noted that the proposal to lower the PM threshold that triggers a DLT advisory strives toward greater public health protection. This is distinct from the program delivery issues discussed earlier. Ms. Blake added that the recommendation only urges staff to develop a plan to lower the threshold.
- The AQPC will move its recommendations on improving enhanced I&M, to which the Technical Committee's suggestions may be added as a friendly amendment. Dr. Harley emphasized that the Technical Committee believes the state's emission factor (EMFAC) model should not be used to evaluate I&M as it merely replicates its own built-in assumptions on I&M. The use of data from remote sensing "Smart Signs" and on-road testing data from the Bureau of Automotive Repair would help over time to rectify the disjunction between real-world emissions and the estimates that are used in mobile source emission modeling.

5. **Committee Member Comments/Other Business.** Chairperson Hanna briefly reviewed the status of the application process for current Architecture and Organized Labor vacancies on the Council. With today's departure of Council member Nack, a position on the Applicant Selection Working Group becomes vacant. Ms. Blake offered to fill it, and Chairperson Hanna so ordered.

Chairperson Hanna indicated that six positions have been budgeted for the Advisory Council at the forthcoming Air & Waste Management Annual Exhibition & Meeting. Eligibility priority will be given to Council members who have not previously attended this meeting.

6. **Time and Place of Next Meeting.** 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2003, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California 94109.

7. **Adjournment.** 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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