

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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APPROVED MINUTES

Advisory Council Special Meeting
9:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Call To Order

Opening Comment: Chairperson Bedsworth called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Roll Call: Chairperson Louise Bedsworth, Ph.D.; Council Members Cassandra Adams, Sam Altschuler, Vice Chair Harold Brazil, Ken Blonski, Robert Bornstein, Ph.D., Jeffrey Bramlett, MPA, Emily Drennen, Fred Glueck, William Hanna, John Holtzclaw, Ph.D., Robert T.P. Huang, Ph.D., Kendal Oku, Linda Weiner and Brian Zamora.

Absent: Irwin Dawid, Steven T. Kmucha, Kraig Kurucz, Karen Licavoli-Farnkopf and Virginia Smyly

Public Comment Period – There were no public comments.

1. **Discussion of Proposed Advisory Council Role:** *The Committee was provided information on the Board of Directors' consideration of revising the role of the Advisory Council.*

Mr. Broadbent provided a summary of the history of the Advisory Council, its purpose, membership, representation and standing committees, and said that staff has been considering ways to better utilize the talents and resources of the Advisory Council and had discussed concepts with the Board of Directors Executive Committee at its September 29, 2008 meeting. Specifically, the Executive Committee proposed that the Advisory Council meet four times a year and focus on the following topic areas: 1) current developments in health information related to air quality; 2) current developments in technologies and techniques for control of air emissions from stationary sources; 3) current developments in technologies and techniques for control of air emissions from mobile sources; and 4) current developments related to air quality in land use planning and transportation planning.

Mr. Broadbent further explained that the Air District staff includes scientists, engineers and planners capable of researching and developing policy and developing successful programs and principles relating to health impacts and air quality. The Air District's vision for the Advisory Council is to serve as a forum for hearing and facilitating discussions from experts.

Mr. Broadbent further discussed burdens on staff and duplication of efforts and said the Air District is looking to streamline efforts of the Council. He proposed a process similar to a symposium, where a call for papers would be issued ahead of the meeting and proceedings would be held on the four topic areas.

Discussion ensued and comments were received from the Council.

Mr. Broadbent discussed the Advisory Council's comments, stating that he believed the Air District has an extensive public process where stakeholders are involved and cited the CARE Task Force as an example. Moreover, he felt the Advisory Council can serve a greater purpose as a convener of speakers; members could more efficiently provide their expertise to the Council and be able to determine findings that need to be taken into consideration.

Mr. Broadbent noted that the Chair of the Board of Directors serves as an ex-officio member of the Advisory Council and should attend future meetings. He agreed that staff could logistically arrange for speakers and for papers ahead of time. In conclusion, he said staff was open to feedback and the Board of Directors would ultimately adopt the legal framework to implement recommendations.

Vice Chairperson Harold Brazil, acting as Chairperson in the absence of Dr. Bedsworth, confirmed with Mr. Broadbent that next steps would be to have him meet with the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary to develop a proposal, which would be presented and discussed with the full Advisory Council at a regular or special meeting.

Mr. Broadbent thanked the Advisory Council for their patience, reiterated their level of expertise and he is optimistic about developing an efficient working model for the Air District.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. **Council Member Comments/Other Business** – None.
3. **Time and Place of Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109.
4. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

/s/ Lisa Harper
Clerk of the Boards