

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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APPROVED MINUTES

Advisory Council Executive Committee
Wednesday, September 10, 2008

- 1. Call to Order – Roll Call:** Chairperson Louise Bedsworth, Ph.D., called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Present: Louise Bedsworth, Ph.D., Chairperson, Jeffery Bramlett, Emily Drennen, Kraig Kurucz (9:13 a.m.), and Brian Zamora

Absent: Harold Brazil

Also Present: Sam Altshuler and Fred Glueck

- 2. Public Comment Period:** There was none.

- 3. Approval of Minutes of May 15, 2008:**

Mr. Glueck provided an edit to be incorporated in the minutes.

Committee Action: Ms. Drennen moved approval of the minutes as amended; seconded by Mr. Bramlett; the minutes carried unanimously.

- 4. Standing Committee Chair Reports:**

A) Public Health Committee Meeting of June 9, 2008

Mr. Zamora gave the report on behalf of the Public Health Committee, stating that the Committee did not meet on August 13th, as there was not a quorum. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for October 8, 2008. Mr. Zamora also noted that at the next meeting the Committee will invite Richard Sinkoff from the Port of Oakland or possibly schedule Dr. Iton. Mr. Zamora continued by stating the subject for discussion would be the Air District's CARE Program as it relates to the Port of Oakland.

Chairperson Bedsworth responded to Mr. Zamora stating that there is a possibility that Dr. Iton would be available in November. In addition, Chairperson Bedsworth stated a need for the Health Department and the Air District to work together on CARE and any other issues.

Mr. Zamora concluded his report.

B) Air Quality Planning Committee Meetings of June 16, 2008 and August 11, 2008

Emily Drennen, Chairperson of the Air Quality Planning Committee gave the Committee report. The Committee received a presentation on the California Air Resource Board's AB 32 Climate Change Draft Scoping Plan. The Draft Scoping Plan was released to the public and open for public comment. Ms Drennen continued, stating that the Committee was able to come up with recommendations on the Draft Scoping Plan which are included on the agenda for the full Council consideration. The Air District staff has responded to the request for comments on the Draft Scoping Plan.

Jean Roggenkamp, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer, provided the Committee with an overview of the Air District's comments submitted in a letter to the Air Resources Board. Ms. Roggenkamp stated that the Air Resources Board is now working to prepare the Proposed Scoping Plan, based on comments received.

Ms. Roggenkamp gave an overview of AB 32 stating that the bill was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor and is a road map on how California will address climate change. The goal is to reach 1990 levels of greenhouse gases in the state by 2020. Ms. Roggenkamp continued that the Executive Order called for 80% below 1990 levels by the year 2050, but AB 32 specifically focuses on the 2020 target. The Scoping Plan is the framework for how the state would propose to meet the 2020 target; it includes the cap and trade program and early action measures for high global warming potential gases such as voluntary measures, energy sector measures, transportation and land use measures.

Ms. Drennen concluded her report.

C) Technical Committee Meeting of June 9, 2008 and August 4, 2008

Kraig Kurucz reported that on June 9, 2008 Dr. Duffy provided a presentation on global warming. He summarized Dr. Duffy's key points: temperature change is going to continue and worsen; many factors are masking effects of global warming and current models do not take these factors into account; there are no increases in summertime highs, but there is overall warming as evidenced by increased daytime minimums and wintertime temperatures; the decrease in snowcap is due to warming and not due to a decrease in precipitation; and land use and agricultural practices, for example irrigation and aerosols, are important drivers of temperature but are not incorporated into current models. Effects of aerosols are not well understood and agricultural aerosols are not represented in Central Valley models. The snow albedo effect is also not represented.

Mr. Kurucz reported that on August 4, 2008 the Committee discussed the implications of climate change; synergies and conflicts of climate change on Bay Area air quality.

Based on presentations received over the past year, the Committee is developing resolution language focusing on climate change and regional air pollution, multi-scale and multi-

pollutant modeling, the implications of renewable energy and energy conservation as well as public health.

Mr. Kurucz reported that the Committee considered a recommendation for the Air District to hire a Climate Change Officer.

Mr. Kurucz concluded his report.

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Bedsworth apologized for not being able to attend the Executive Committee meeting that was held in May, but thanked Harold Brazil for stepping in on her behalf. Chair Bedsworth continued, stating that the Committee will continue its efforts to have Dr. Iton as a speaker at an upcoming meeting.

6. Committee member Comment/Other Business:

There were none.

7. Time and Place of Next Meeting: 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109.

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

/s/ Vanessa Johnson
Executive Secretary