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**Minutes
of
The Santa Barbara County
Air Pollution Control District
Community Advisory Council**

September 23, 2009

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

II. Roll Call

There was a quorum in attendance. Ten members were present, and one member arrived after public comments.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve March 25, 2009 minutes.

Farina/Allen

Motion Passed: 10:0:0

IV. Public Comment

There was a discussion regarding the mailing of agenda packets. It was decided that packets would continue to be mailed, and in addition, a link to the PDF file would be e-mailed to the members.

Ramzi Chaabane asked about the deadline for completion of the Ethics Training course. Mr. Dressler stated that the deadline for this year is December 31, 2009 and the course is available on-line.

V. Organization of Agenda and Declaration of Interests.

There were no changes to the order of the agenda. Members gave their Declarations of Interests which are listed on the attached Voting Statistics sheet.

VI. APCO Report

Terry Dressler reported that greenhouse gas (GHG) and climate change policies are primarily being implemented at the state level. The three areas in which the districts are currently involved are land-fill gas emissions, refrigeration rules, and CEQA thresholds for GHG. He said that three districts are moving forward and all the thresholds are different. Mr. Dressler said that GHG thresholds will be developed and brought to the CAC after Bay Area AQMD, San Joaquin Valley APCD, and South Coast AQMD establish their thresholds. He also said that one staff member will be trained as a GHG verifier, but not a lead GHG verifier.

Mr. Dressler reported on ARB's portable engine rule which will make tier zero engines over 50 horsepower obsolete after December 31, 2009. Due to poor economic times and tight credit, this rule could be problematic for businesses which rely on a single engine. He said that the ARB may take a rule revision to its Board to extend the deadline.

Mr. Dressler stated that emission reduction credits (ERCs) had recently been issued to two agricultural businesses in Santa Barbara County; i.e., Bolthouse Farms and Rancho Guadalupe. He said that in order for these agricultural sources to receive ERCs they have been required to obtain permits, and the APCD Board made the necessary findings for requiring such permits at the August board Hearing. Agricultural sources are now eligible to receive ERCs as long as they get a permit and meet the five criteria necessary to receive ERCs.

VII. New Business

- A. Discuss and consider request for steering recommendations on key issues relative to proposed amended Rule 321 – Solvent Cleaning Machines and Solvent Cleaning, Rule 102 – Definitions, and Rule 202 – Exemptions from Rule 201.

Ron Tan of the APCD stated that the District was seeking advice from the CAC regarding two key aspects of the Rule 321 project. He then introduced Doug Grapple of the APCD's rulemaking section who made a presentation regarding the following questions:

- 1) Should the District make Rule 321 applicable to solvents containing a toxic air contaminant (TAC) in excess of two percent?
- 2) Should the Rule 202 exemption text and the Rule 321 "general solvent use" limit indicate 25 or 50 grams of reactive organic compounds (ROCs) per liter?

Mr. Grapple stated that including TAC in the definition of solvents in the rule revision would make it consistent with the finding in the 1991 Environmental Impact Report for the Santa Barbara County Air Quality Attainment Plan, and more importantly, the District's mission to protect public health. The main reason for including TAC in the definition of solvents is to avoid the unintended consequence of source switching from a reactive organic compound to a TAC.

Mr. Grapple said that the 25 gram per liter provision is recommended by the ARB and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In addition, it would be consistent with the requirement to adopt all feasible measures and would avoid the need to bring Rule 321 back in the near future to lower the limit.

After a lengthy discussion, the following motions were made:

- 2) Keep the general solvent use limit at 50 grams per liter.

Wright/Deacon

Motion Passed: 8:3:0

No: Allen, Farina, Gilliland

- 1) Do not include toxic air contaminant (TAC) in the rule.

Banigan/Wright

Motion Passed: 7:4:0

No: Allen, Chaabane, Farina, Kephart

Mr. Dressler stated that he would report the CAC recommendations to the Board, but he could not support the recommendation on the TAC issue.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
 Voting Statistics
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	VII-A Interests	VII-A-1 Vote	VII-A-2 Vote
Bruce Allen	None	No	No
Tom Banigan	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ramzi Chaabane	Yes	No	Yes
Marc Chytilo	Absent	Absent	Absent
John Deacon	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mervyn Devine	None	Yes	Yes
Cliff Dugger	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fran Farina	None	No	No
John Gilliland	Yes	Yes	No
Bea Kephart	None	No	Yes
Bob Kober	Absent	Absent	Absent
Tahir Masood	Absent	Absent	Absent
Lee Moldaver	Absent	Absent	Absent
Bill Peitzke	Absent	Absent	Absent
John Robinson	Absent	Absent	Absent
Bill Shelor	Absent	Absent	Absent
Patrice Surmeier	Absent	Absent	Absent
Gary Winters	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kevin Wright	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vote:		7:4:0	8:3:0