Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board
FROM: Aeron Arlin Genet, Air Pollution Control Officer
CONTACT: Sara Hunt, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk (805-961-8853)
SUBJECT: Minutes of the August 2018 South Central Coast BCC Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the attached minutes from the August 22, 2018 meeting of the South Central Coast Basinwide Control Council (BCC).

DISCUSSION:

The Health and Safety Code (Section 40900) requires that each air basin, which is comprised of two or more air pollution control districts, establish a basinwide air pollution control council. This council is intended to promote coordination of air pollution control efforts throughout the air basin. The council receives reports on rule development and planning efforts, the anticipated effect of state and federal actions, and other issues of interest.

The South Central Coast BCC meets quarterly and consists of one Board Member, appointed by the Air Pollution Control Board, from each of the following Districts: San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County and Ventura County. As you may recall, Al Clark was appointed by your Board to represent Santa Barbara County on this Council in 2018.

The attached minutes summarize the August 22, 2018 South Central Coast Basinwide Control Council meeting. We provide such minutes to your Board after their approval.

ATTACHMENT:

A. August 22, 2018 BCC Meeting Minutes
MEETING MINUTES  
August 22, 2018  
Meeting Commenced at 10:06 a.m.

Present

Council Members:   Al Clark and Mike Morgan  
Staff:               Mike Villegas and Molly Pearson for Aeron Arlin Genet

1. Approval of Minutes of May 24, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Morgan that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:  2 - Morgan, Clark.
Noes:  0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent:  1 - Harmon.

2. Public Comment Period

None.
3. **AB 617 Implementation in Ventura County**  
(Mike Villegas)

Mike Villegas stated that AB 617 is a collaborative process with the District, CARB (California Air Resources Board) and community representatives. The District held its first public workshop on April 19, 2018 in the city of Ventura and the second on June 20, 2018 in the city of Oxnard. The selection criteria and initial communities for consideration was submitted to CARB on April 27, 2018. At the July 31, 2018 Board meeting, the first year community recommendation was approved and then submitted to CARB. The selection criteria included CalEnviroScreen 3.0 mapping tool, toxics “hot spot” program information, emission inventory (criteria pollutants), U.S. EPA EJScreen mapping tool and community input.

The next steps will be to refine with better data in future years and form a community steering committee with members from APCD, community groups, advocacy groups, industry and business representatives, community members, Ventura County Public Health Agency, the Agricultural Commissioner, and land use agencies. By January 2019, we are mandated to prepare a “Best Available Retrofit Control Technology” rule review schedule. We will also be implementing incentive programs to achieve emission reductions in disadvantaged/burdened communities.

4. **SBCAPCD 2018 Clean Air Grant Program**  
(Molly Pearson)

Molly Pearson provided information on the funding sources for programs and incentives, which include the Carl Moyer program; DMV fees (old car buy back, school bus); AB 617 Community Air Protection; NOx Remediation Measure; EV charging infrastructure; Vessel Speed Reduction; and the new program for this year, Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER). Other grant/incentive programs are wood smoke reduction, and Care For Our Earth mini-grants to teachers. The call for projects will be first-come-first served, will have an updated web page to access the information, and an extensive outreach is being conducted to distribute the funds.

Project types that may be funded include tractors, school/transit buses, trash trucks, tractor-trailers, emergency vehicles, construction equipment, ag engines, ag utility terrain vehicles, and marine vessels. Incentives can be used by residents, such as the wood smoke reduction program and old car buy back. Grants are geared towards businesses, agriculture, teachers and schools.

5. **SLOCPCD 2018 Clean Air Grant Program**  
(Gary Willey)

Gary Willey was not present.

6. **Ventura County Nonattainment Classification for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS**  
(Mike Villegas)

On October 1, 2015 a more stringent standard was promulgated by the U.S. EPA. The new 2015, federal ozone standard is set at 70 parts per billion (ppb) averaged over eight hours. The old 2008 federal ozone standard was 75 ppb averaged over eight hours. The EPA issued a final rule
on June 4th that will designate Ventura County as nonattainment with a classification of “serious” effective August 3, 2018. Our next Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) will be due in either August 2021 or 2022. We will also be required to make a submittal in August 2020 demonstrating we are implementing reasonably available control technology (RACT).

The ozone standard is based on the EPA’s design value, which is the average of the four highest ozone readings in a year and averaged over three years. We need to achieve a design value of no more than 70 ppb by no later than August 2027. While we know emissions are being driven down, if we continue to see more summer heat waves, it could slow our progress in attaining these standards. The EPA’s “serious” designation for Ventura County was a pragmatic and realistic decision, that will reduce administrative for our District.

7. **Other Business/Confirm Next Meeting Date**

   No other business was discussed. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

8. **Adjourn**

   Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:39 a.m.