
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST BASINWIDE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL

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MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2022

Meeting Commenced at 10:00 a.m.

Present Council

Members:

Lynn Edmonds, Jimmy Paulding, Paula Perotte.

Staff:

Ali Ghasemi, Aeron Arlin Genet, and Dora Drexler.

1. Consider the Circumstances of the COVID-19 State of Emergency

- a. Consider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency;
- b. Consider whether state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing;
- c. Find that the legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency, and that state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and
- d. Direct staff to continue to notice and hold hearings as remote hearings consistent with Government Code §54953(e)(3).

A motion was made by BCC member Paulding, seconded by BCC member Perotte, that the council has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency, that State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, and directed staff to continue to notice and hold hearings as remote hearings consistent with Government Code § 54953(e)(3). The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Edmonds, Paulding, Perotte.

Noes: 0 - None.

Abstain: 0 - None.

Absent: 0 - None.

2. Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2022.

A motion was made by Ms. Perotte, seconded by Mr. Paulding that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Edmonds, Paulding, Perotte.
Noes: 0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent: 0 - None.

3. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

4. Introductions

All South County Basinwide Control Council members, Air Pollution Control Officers, and Districts staff introduced themselves.

5. San Luis Obispo County's Prescribed Burning Program. (Drexler)

Item Received.

Dora Drexler gave a presentation on San Luis Obispo APCD's Smoke Management Program and activities related to prescribed burning. Ms. Drexler gave a background description of their program, their planning, coordinating process, and strategies with CAL FIRE, public noticing, coordinating efforts of their public information officer, and how much burning has been done through their program throughout the years. Noted that there has been interest in prescribed burns from the State and they have been working closely with the California Air Pollutions Officers Association.

6. Diversity Inclusion Efforts Update. (Ghasemi and Arlin Genet)

Item Received.

Ali Ghasemi informed the council that Ventura APCD's Diversity Inclusion efforts has included mandatory all-staff trainings and classes. They are also following Ventura County hiring efforts. Since taking on the Air Pollution Control Officer position at Ventura APCD, he has become aware that Ventura APCD currently has no independent Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion effort separate from Ventura County.

Aeron Arlin Genet gave a presentation on the Santa Barbara County APCD's IDEAA Committee (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Awareness, and Accountability Committee) and their initial efforts. Their committee was formed one year ago and they are currently in their "Normalize" phase. The IDEAA Committee has been partnering with universities, other air Districts, and outside partners to bring these conversations forward. Ms. Arlin Genet also showcased some of their recent activities including: Newsworthy Now Thursdays, Cesar Chavez Foundation speaker, and Coffee with a Black Guy.

7. 2022 Legislative Session Air Quality Efforts Including State Budget Update.

(Arlin Genet)

Item Received.

Aeron Arlin Genet walked the council through some of the highlights of the California Air Pollutions Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) legislative sessions. Highlights included budget discussions, Carl Moyer program reauthorization efforts, Community Air Protection Program, concerns with AB 2550, and legislation regarding penalties (AB 2910 and AB 1897) and how those could impact facilities within the county.

8. Automation Efforts Update.

Items Received.

a. Laserfiche Forms. (Drexler)

Dora Drexler gave the council a brief presentation on the SLO APCD's Laserfiche Forms. Laserfiche is their electronic program that manages and files their documents. All division have adopted Laserfiche processes and Ms. Drexler explained and showed the council how Laserfiche facilitates permit application processes and how each division interacts with the system.

b. Electronic Form Submission and Streamline Efforts Including Launch of AdobeSign. (Arlin Genet)

Aeron Arlin Genet informed the council of the SBC APCD's electronic and streamlining efforts. Ms. Arlin Genet particularly focused on the District's efforts with streamlining application submittals through AdobeSign. The goal was to create an online form for a source to fill out, sign, and submit online and have the information automatically integrate with the District's database program. After a year and a half, this process has been successfully implemented. Currently, the District is only using this process for Breakdowns, and working to expand its application to other processes. Ms. Arlin Genet demonstrated where sources can find this online form and what information is required of them.

9. Other Business/Confirm Next Meeting Dates and Format

Following the guidelines of the BCC By-Laws, the following regular meeting date was selected at the first regular meeting of 2022:

- Quarter 3 of Year 2022 – September 22, 2022 at 10:00 am

10. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.