
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST BASINWIDE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL

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MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2023

Meeting Commenced at 10:00 a.m.

Present Council

Members:

Liz Campos, Dawn Ortiz-Legg.

Staff:

Ali Ghasemi, Aeron Arlin Genet, Gary Willey, Karl Tupper and Alex Economou.

1. Election of a Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2023.

A motion was made by BCC member Campos, seconded by BCC member Ortiz-Legg, to nominate BCC member Ortiz-Legg as the BCC Chair for calendar year 2023.

Ayes: 2 - Campos, Ortiz-Legg

Noes: 0 - None.

Abstain: 0 - None.

Absent: 1 - Perotte.

A motion was made by BCC member Ortiz-Legg, seconded by BCC member Campos to nominate BCC member Ortiz-Legg as the BCC Vice-Chair for calendar year 2023.

Ayes: 2 - Campos, Ortiz-Legg

Noes: 0 - None.

Abstain: 0 - None.

Absent: 1 - Perotte.

2. Approval of Minutes of the September 22, 2022 Regular Meeting and Minutes of the October 20, 2022 and November 18, 2022 Special Meetings.

A motion was made by member Campos, seconded by member Ortiz-Legg that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Campos, Ortiz-Legg
Noes: 0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent: 1 - Perotte.

3. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

4. Oceano Dunes Dust Mitigation Update. (Tupper)

Item Received.

Karl Tupper provided an update on mitigation efforts currently underway at the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA). His presentation briefly explains the history of particulate matter (PM10) measurements taken at the Oceano Dunes SVRA and the SLO County APCD's involvement in mitigating those impacts, including the implementation of Rule 1001. Mr. Tupper provided some images of the revegetation and wind fencing, both dust mitigation techniques used to reduce PM10 emissions.

Mr. Tupper also explains the terms of the original Stipulated Order of Abatement ordered by the San Luis Obispo County Hearing Board in 2018, and its amendments to it, more specifically the most recent amendment, adopted in October of 2022.

5. Simi Valley RNG Project. (Ghasemi)
(Ghasemi)

Item Received.

Ali Ghasemi provided an overview of the RNG project at the Simi Valley Landfill located at 2801 Madera Road, Simi Valley. This landfill has been in operation since 1970 and currently has two 165 MMBTU/Hr flares with a capacity of 5,500 SCFM each. The project initially involved the landfill combusting their collected landfill gas in lean-burn engines to produce electricity. Now, the landfill has converted to making renewable natural gas from the low-grade landfill gas and injecting it into Southern California Gas Company's pipelines, replacing petroleum natural gas that is burned in homes and businesses.

6. Update on Ocean Going Vessels. (Arlin Genet/Economou)

Item Received.

Alex Economou provided the council with an update on the Vessel Speed Reduction Program & Ocean Going Vessels. The Santa Barbara channel is a heavily trafficked shipping corridor with ocean vessels being outside of the District's regulatory control. District staff have been advocating for federal and international emission control since 1994. The Blue Whales and Blue Skies Program implemented as a pilot program in 2014 asks shipping companies to voluntarily slow down to 10 knots or less to significantly reduce emissions, reduce the risk of fatal ship strikes on whales and reduce ocean noise. Program incentives are available for containerships, auto carriers, bulk and general cargo companies.

For calendar year 2022, \$200,000 in funding was budgeted and many of the award recipients declined the financial awards. In 2023, this program is expanding into the Monterey and San Luis Obispo County regions.

Mr. Economou briefly discussed the impact of cruise ship visits, which anchor about 1 mile offshore.

7. Transformation of the Central Coast: Industrial Business Losses over the last 30 years.
(Willey)

Item Received.

Gary Willey provided a brief history of industrial business losses specifically in San Luis Obispo County, beginning with the Morro Bay Power Plant closure 2014, followed by the Phillips 66 Santa Maria facility closure in 2023. Guadalupe Oil Field, West America Resource Oil Field, Avenal Marine Terminal, Texaco Marine Terminal, Chevron Marine Terminal, US Navy Marine Terminal, PG&E Marine Terminal, SLO Tank Farm are all emissions sources no longer operating and in turn no longer a revenue source. With these sources removed, nearly two-thirds of the emission impacts in SLO County cannot be addressed as they are federally preemptive, making adequate cost recovery difficult to achieve.

8. Other Business/Confirm Next Meeting Dates and Format

A motion was made by BCC member Ortiz-Legg, seconded by BCC member Campos to set the next regular meeting for June 29, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Ayes: 2 - Campos, Ortiz-Legg
Noes: 0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent: 1 - Perotte.

9. Adjourn

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