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Mayor, City of Goleta
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2025

Meeting Commenced at 10:00 a.m.

Present Council

Members: Kate Secrest, Pedro Chavez

Staff: Aeron Arlin Genet, Karl Tupper, Ali Ghasemi, Patricia Atkins, and Anna Costello
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2. Election of SCC/BCC Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2025.

A motion was made by BCC member Secrest, seconded by BCC member Chavez, to elect BCC member Secrest for calendar year 2025. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 2 - Secrest, Chavez.
Noes: 0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent: 0 - Perotte.

A motion was made by BCC member Secrest, seconded by BCC member Chavez, to nominate BCC member Chavez as the BCC Vice Chair for calendar year 2025. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 2 - Secrest, Chavez.
Noes: 0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent: 0 - Perotte.

3. Proposed SCC/BCC Schedule for Calendar Year 2025.

A motion was made by BCC member Secrest, seconded by BCC member Chavez, to approve the SCC/BCC meeting schedule as proposed for calendar year 2025. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 2 - Secrest, Chavez.
Noes: 0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent: 0 - Perotte.

4. Approval of Minutes of the November 11, 2024 Special Meeting.

A motion was made by BCC member Chavez, seconded by BCC member Secrest that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 2 - Secrest, Chavez.
Noes: 0 - None.
Abstain: 0 - None.
Absent: 0 - Perotte.

5. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

6. Update on PCBTF Permitting and Rule Making. (Tupper)

Item received.

Karl Tupper provided the council with an update on Parachlorobenzotrifluoride (PCBTF) Permitting and Rule Making. Highlights included: discussion regarding motor vehicle coatings, the potential emissions, toxicity, or carcinogenicity from these types of operations, permit requirements under Rule 423 for all automotive coating operations, requirements for these operations to be done in a spray booth (with exceptions for very small jobs), the requirement for high volume low pressure sprayers, the limits on the concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) within the coatings themselves, and the rules and permits that prohibit certain toxic compounds that used to be prevalent in coating (hexavalent chromium, cadmium, and trichloroethane), the removal of VOCS by automotive coating manufacturers, the subsequent replacement of VOCS with parachlorobenzotrifluoride (a compound classified as a carcinogen), discussion of the intention to copy South Coast Air Quality Management District's Rule 1151 regarding motor vehicle coatings and the temporary raise in VOC limits, adding a PCBTF limit if needed to reduce risk.

7. Update on Asbestos Program Outreach. (Atkins)

Item received.

Patricia Atkins discussed the recent outreach for SLOCAPCD's asbestos program. Highlights included: background history on the Asbestos National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), the requirement of an asbestos survey conducted by a Certified Asbestos Consultant before renovation, tenant improvement, or demolition, exemptions to the requirement for asbestos surveys, project notification requirements, goals and takeaways for the NESHAP program, the updated guides for asbestos compliance for renovations and demolitions, asbestos outreach event scheduled for August in conjunction with Central Coast Builder's Exchange and the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health Agency, and the asbestos outreach event scheduled for September in conjunction with the Home Builders Association. Aeron Arlin Genet mentioned that Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District (SBCAPCD) is also in the process of updating their asbestos rule and advised of their intention to reach out to San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (SLOCAPCD) for guidance. Ali Ghasemi inquired about SLOCAPCD's handling of challenges with pushback from the city agencies. Ms. Atkins mentioned that the pushback was coming from contractors and building owners, and Ali mentioned that the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) was experiencing difficulties with the cities not communicating requirements clearly and business owners/contractors are frustrated with the subsequent delays of the issuance of their building occupancy permits. Mr. Ghasemi also discussed the need to streamline the approval process, and Ms. Atkins agreed that SLOCAPCD needs to streamline their process as well.

8. Update on CARB and SLOAPCD Joint Landfill Inspections. (Tupper)

Item received.

Karl Tupper discussed the unannounced joint landfill inspections that they recently completed with the California Air Resources Board (CARB), at their request, in order to properly train and gain experience for CARB staff. Highlights included: CARB's focus on surface emission monitoring, background on the methane emissions that come from landfills, the calibration of toxic vapor analyzer equipment, and the outcome of the unannounced facility inspections. Ali Ghasemi inquired about the surface emission limits and what they were being measured against, and Anna Costello Duran responded that the requirement for defining an exceedance is 500 parts per million of methane or greater. Mr. Ghasemi mentioned that VCAPCD changed their rule to reduce the exceedance to 500 parts per million and Ms. Costello Duran responded that SLOCAPCD is in alignment with the landfill mapping regulation and they did not require a local rule change as they were already following the most stringent levels.

9. SBCAPCD's Permitted Facilities Map. (Arlin Genet)

Item received.

Aeron Arlin Genet discussed SBCAPCD's Permitted Facilities Map and functionality. Highlights included: the launch of the permitted facilities map, history of the original Permitted Facilities map and its limitations, new improvements to the Permitted Facilities map, the hiring of Monarch Weather as a consultant to help with map developments and improvements to the application, facility type filters for ease of searching, proximity filters to display all facilities within a specified distance, facility information that can include up to ten years of emissions inventory data, the availability of documents for each facility, such as active permits, associated applications, annual reports, inspection reports, and notices of violation, the mobile compatibility of the new application, easy identification of monitoring stations, self-serve Public Records Act requests, staff benefits of the new application, and the news release that was issued in June. Ms. Arlin Genet then played a 3-minute video prepared by an SBCAPCD intern. Karl

Tupper mentioned that SLOCAPCD would like to have this type of information available on their website as well, and he inquired about claims of confidential business information and how SBCAPCD handles them. Ms. Arlin Genet mentioned that SBCAPCD follows the policy that they already have in place for handling confidential information. Mr. Tupper also asked if SBCAPCD spent a lot of time and effort going through the back end to clean up the data and Ms. Arlin Genet mentioned that they invested a lot of time eight years ago to clean up the data, so it was already ready to go by the time the application was launched. Vice Chair Kate Secrest asked if this new application has reduced the actual number of requests that SBCAPCD receives, and Ms. Arlin Genet mentioned that they have not seen a reduction in public records requests, but that it has reduced the amount of time that staff spends responding to them. She also stated that the application was recently launched in June and that the numbers were not robust enough to show a trend change in actual numbers of public records requests. SBCAPCD is also working with their web designer on analytics to see how often the map is used.

10. Legislative Update. (Arlin Genet)

Item received.

Aeron Arlin Genet discussed recent legislative updates. Highlights included: an update on what the California Air Pollution Control Officers' Association (CAPCOA) has been doing for the Districts as it relates to the legislature, budget challenges with the deficit that the state is facing, Legislative Analyst Office's forecast of a budget deficit of ten to twenty billion until 2028 and 2029, budget adoption that took place on June 30th, but remained silent on a few important grants, such as AB617 (the Community Air Protection Program), the FARMER grant program for agricultural projects, and the Woodsmoke Reduction Program. Discussion associated with cap-and-trade reauthorization is expected to occur later this legislative session, and AB617 and FARMER might be brought back in to the conversation at that time. CAPCOA is currently tracking over 160 bills and has a lobbyist to assist them. CAPCOA is opposing eight bills, supporting five bills, and sponsoring one bill, AB471, which was authored by Assembly Member Gregg Hart from Santa Barbara County and co-authored by Senator John Laird. The goal of the bill is to provide single county air district board member compensation. AB2522 was approved last year for the Unified Air Districts and single-county air districts, such as SBCAPCD, SLOCAPCD, and VCAPCD, were included in that bill. This is an effort to bring the districts to the table to grant them the authority to consider compensation when doing work on behalf of the APCD. Implementation of this bill is not automatic, and it would require discussion and approval in an open forum with each of the APCD Boards for the three Districts.

11. Air Quality Impacts from Wildfires. (Ghasemi)

Item received.

Ali Ghasemi discussed the regional and climate impacts associated with wildfires. Highlights included: major concerns about the Mountain (Ventura County, November 2024) and Los Angeles Fires (Palisades, Eaton, Hurst, and Sunset, January 2025), an overview of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG), regional impact of Ventura and LA fires (air quality degradation, toxic emissions, health risks, threats to species, economic losses, and challenges in evacuation, insurance, and rebuilding), climate impact, solutions and responses (controlled burns, forest thinning, reforestation, carbon farming, and cutting fossil fuel emissions), the roles that APCD plays during wildfires (forecast outlook fire weather, stay up-to-date with the National Weather Service forecast outlooks and public messaging, heightened awareness

during Santa Ana wind events, and identifying Red Flag or PDS conditions), and VCAPCD Air Quality Alerts for wildfire smoke.

12. Other Business/Confirm Next Meeting Date.

Per the meeting schedule, which was approved on July 24, 2025, the next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:36 a.m.