

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

June 13, 2007

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

II. Roll Call

There was a quorum in attendance. Eleven members were present and one joined the meeting later.

All CAC members present introduced themselves for the benefit of the new members: Tahir Masood, appointed by City of Santa Maria Mayor Larry Lavagnino and Bill Shelor, appointed by City of Goleta Councilmember Eric Onnen.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve March 14, 2007 minutes.

Moldaver/Wright

Motion Passed: 11:0:1

Abstain: Shelor

IV. Public Comment

Linda Beard, CAC Secretary, stated that as a follow-up to a suggestion at the March 14, 2007 meeting, a matrix listing areas of community interest, professional background, and technical experience identified in the CAC Charter was being circulated among the members. She asked the members to indicate their individual areas of expertise, and when the matrix was complete, a copy would be available.

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 the Air Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for stationary diesel engines greater than 50 horsepower was revised November 16, 2006 to include agricultural engines for the first time and the air pollution control districts are expected to register these engines and enforce the ATCM. He said there are probably only two agricultural sources in Santa Barbara County that will require permits and new source review and an unknown number that will need to be registered. Mr. Dressler said that Ventura County, San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County APCDs were

working together to adopt similar rules and implement a registration program with reciprocity among the three districts. He stated that several outreach meetings with the agricultural community were scheduled and the APCD Board had been briefed on the agricultural ATCM. He said that a public workshop on the proposed rule would be held on July 11, 2007 in conjunction with the CAC meeting.

Mr. Dressler reported that the greenhouse gas emission legislation – climate change protection (AB 32) did not define any roll for local air districts. He said planning directors were concerned about the effect of the bill on the CEQA threshold for greenhouse gases. He said that it's possible every jurisdiction could have its own threshold, but CAPCOA was putting together a committee to try to come up with a consistent policy throughout the state related to this legislation.

Mr. Dressler announced that in 2006 Santa Barbara County attained the state 1-hour ozone standard, which indicates that we are continuing to move forward to reach our goals, but we are still in violation of the state 8-hour and PM standards. He also reported that on June 20, 2007 EPA plans to issue a proposal for a new 8-hour ozone standard.

Mr. Dressler reported that the District recently issued an Authority to Construct (ATC) to the Celite Corporation which will result in the following emission reductions: 3 tons of nitrogen oxides, 200 tons of sulfur oxides, and 20 tons of particulate matter. The significant reductions will be achieved due to replacement of old equipment with new best available control technology (BACT) equipment and offsetting of emissions. It was asked if Celite would be banking any emission reduction credits (ERCs), and Mr. Dressler responded that they would.

Mr. Dressler reported that the first hearing on the FY 2007/2008 budget had taken place; the APCD Board did not have any questions on it, and there were no public comments. He said that there was a \$220,000 deficit, down from \$500,000, which would be offset with previous accumulated savings. The District is working to reduce the deficit further in the future and has foregone filling 3 vacant positions.

Mr. Dressler reported that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) passed a rule intending to reduce greenhouse gases from motor vehicles, but needed a waiver from the EPA which in turn responded that it does not have authority to grant the waiver. The Supreme Court ruled that EPA does have the authority to grant the waiver. He said that other states are now interested in implementing California vehicle emission standards in regard to greenhouse gases.

VII. New Business

- A. Discuss and consider recommending to the APCD Board the inclusion of a "Land Use Strategies" chapter in the 2007 Clean Air Plan.

Dr. Ron Tan, of the APCD opened the discussion with a review of the previous attempt to include a land use chapter in the 2004 Clean Air Plan. He said that the CAC had supported it, and the APCD Board rejected it and suggested that the planning directors in the county be contacted regarding the inclusion of a land use chapter in the 2007 Clean Air Plan. The overall response from the planning directors was lukewarm. After a lengthy discussion, the CAC was in favor of including a land use strategies chapter in the 2007 Plan and made the following motions:

Lee Moldaver moved to endorse the inclusion of the "Land Use Strategies" chapter and recommend Board adoption. Jayne Brechwald seconded the motion and Marc Chytilo made

a friendly amendment to re-name the chapter “Voluntary Land Use Strategies”. Mr. Moldaver and Ms. Brechwald concurred.

Mr. Chytilo made a motion to add “Promoting a comprehensive countywide public transportation system” to the list of concepts included in paragraph 1.1 “Land Use, Transportation, and Air Quality Linkage”. Jim Hickling seconded the motion. This motion was voted on first.

Chytilo/Hickling

(VII-A-2) Motion Passed: 11:0:1

Abstain: Wright

The first motion was then voted on.

Moldaver/Brechwald

(VII-A-1) Motion Passed: 11:0:1

Abstain: Wright

B. Recommend APCD Board adoption of the 2007 Clean Air Plan.

Dr. Tan reviewed the schedule for the 2007 Clean Air Plan. He said that the draft Plan would be presented to the APCD Board on June 21, and it would be on the August 16, 2007 Board agenda for adoption. Dr. Tan also reviewed the changes to the Plan that were recommended by the CAC and listed written comments received. Mike Powers, of SBCAG, responded to some questions regarding the HOV lanes and EMFAC models. After a brief discussion, a motion was made to recommend APCD Board adoption of the 2007 Clean Air Plan.

Moldaver/Chaabane

Motion Passed: 12:0:0

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.