
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST BASINWIDE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL

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MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2022

Meeting Commenced at 10:00 a.m.

Present Council

Members:

Lynn Edmonds, Jimmy Paulding, Paula Perotte.

Staff:

Gary Willey, Dr. Laki Tisopulos, Aeron Arlin Genet, and Andy Mutizger.

1. Approval of Minutes of June 30, 2021

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.

2. Election of Chairman & Vice Chair for Next Year

It was moved by Ms. Perotte, seconded by Mr. Paulding and voted to elect Lynn Edmonds as Chair for 2022. The motions carried the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Edmonds, Paulding, Perotte.

Noes: 0 - None.

Abstain: 0 - None.

Absent: 0 - None.

It was moved by Mr. Paulding, seconded by Ms. Edmonds, and voted to elect Paula Perotte as Vice Chair for 2022. The motions carried 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. **Adopt the updated Basinwide Control Council By-Laws** (Saldana)

It was moved by Mr. Paulding, seconded by Ms. Perotte to approved the updated Basinwide Control Council By-Laws. The motion carried the following vote:

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

5. **Congresswoman Brownley's recent visit and discussions at the VCAPCD.** (Tisopulos)

Item Received.

Dr. Tisopulos informed the council that in August of 2021 Ventura APCD hosted a discussion by Congresswoman Julia Brownley and EPA Administrator, Michael Regan, on "The Nexus of Air Quality and Agriculture." Several farmworker advocacy groups were invited to participate and it was a very proud day for the APCD. Dr. Tisopulos discussed his communication with Mr. Regan on how to help local Air Districts as well as the state of California as a whole.

6. **Carbonizer and Air Curtain Burner Benefits and Permitting Issues** (Andy Mutizger)

Item Received.

Mr. Mutizger of San Luis Obispo APCD presented the council with information on burning techniques that sequester carbon that could be used to offset CEQA greenhouse gas emissions. Mr. Mutizger's presentation focused on the rationale for industrial scale clean burning devices, comparisons and contrasts of Air Curtain Incinerators (ACI) and Carbonizers, ACI and Carbonizer permitting, and smaller scale burn options that are in progress including emission reduction test protocol.

7. **Discussion on the Carl Moyer Program Reauthorization.** (Arlin Genet)

Item Received.

Ms. Arlin Genet gave a briefing on the Carl Moyer program and the AB 923 DMV funds. She discussed the challenge before CAPCOA as both programs have a sunset date of January 1, 2024. With support in the Assembly, efforts are being made to extend these programs.

8. Ocean Dunes Dust Mitigation Efforts

(Willey)

Item Received.

Mr. Willey presented a timeline of the Oceano Dunes dust mitigation efforts from 2003 to current. His presentation noted: studies that lead to the discovery of exceedances, rule adoption, lawsuits filed, initiated mitigation, notice of violation issued, halting of the rule implementation, and involvement of the Hearing Board. Mr. Willey also included restoration approaches, but also noted that there is a current restraining order prohibiting proposed mitigation. Hearing pending.

9. Wildfire Smoke Preparation

- a. VCAPCD's Recently Deployed Wildfire Smoke Text Alert System for Farmworkers and Smoke Preparation Update (Tisopulos)

Item Received.

Dr. Tisopulos updated the council on their wildfire smoke text alert system for farmworkers. With wildfire smoke becoming increasingly hazardous, farmworkers are at high risk to the dangerous effects of smoke. Ventura partnered with various agencies, including Cal-OSHA, to develop a free, bilingual, text alert system. Dr. Tisopulos, gave a brief description on how the text system works, what would trigger a text message alert, and what information is dispersed. Additionally, working with the Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project, an audio text was also developed to cater to farmworkers who speak Mixteco.

- b. SBCAPCD's Smoke Preparation Update (Arlin Genet)

Item Received.

Ms. Arlin Genet informed the council on actions taken in preparation for wildfire smoke events. Santa Barbara County APCD continues to work with Santa Barbara County Public Health to distribute messaging should be provided to the public in the event of wildfire smoke. Ms. Arlin Genet noted that the number one goal is to get people inside, and into their "Clean Air Rooms." Santa Barbara County APCD has also created a splash page on their website for when wildfire smoke is present that include quick access to current air quality, a resource guide, text and email alert subscription system, and links to social media outlets including Twitter, Instagram, and NextDoor. Information is provided in English and Spanish and currently, animated infographics are in the works. Ms. Arlin Genet also highlighted the success of the Clear Air Rooms pilot program.

10. Other Business/Confirm Next Meeting Dates and Format

Following the guidelines of the approved By-Laws, the following dates were chosen for future meeting dates in quarter 2, 3, and 4 of calendar year 2022 and quarter 1 of year 2023:

Quarter 2 of Year 2022 – June 23, 2022 at 10:00 am

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

Quarter 4 of Year 2022 – December 8, 2022 at 10:00 am (Special Meeting)

Quarter 1 of Year 2023 – March 23, 2023 at 10:00 am.

11. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:58 a.m.