

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 3, 2017

AGENDA NO. 18

REPORT: Administrative Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Administrative Committee met on Friday, January 13, 2017. The Committee discussed various issues detailed in the Committee report. The next Administrative Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:  
Receive and file.

Dr. William A. Burke, Chair  
Administrative Committee

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**Attendance:** Attending the January 13, 2017 meeting were Committee Vice Chair Ben Benoit and Committee Member Judith Mitchell at SCAQMD headquarters, and Committee Chair Dr. William A. Burke and Committee Member Dr. Clark E. Parker, Sr. via videoconference.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Board Members' Concerns:** None to report.
2. **Chairman's Report of Approved Travel:** As noted on the travel report, Dr. Clark E. Parker, Sr. met with State Legislators regarding the AQMP in Sacramento, December 5, 2016. Councilmember Mitchell will be attending the CARB Board meeting in Sacramento, February 15-17, 2017. In addition, Councilmember Joe Buscaino will attend the National League of Cities, Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee as related to air quality, March 11-16, 2017.

3. **Approval of Compensation for Board Member Assistant(s)/Consultant(s):** Executive Officer Wayne Nastri reported that Supervisor Sheila Kuehl has selected Diane Moss as her Board Consultant. Board Consultant to Supervisor Janice Rutherford, Andrew Silva's contract was modified from an hourly rate to a monthly stipend.

Moved by Benoit; seconded by Mitchell, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Dr. Parker, Dr. Burke  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

4. **Report of Approved Out-of-Country Travel:** None to report.
5. **Status Report on Major Ongoing and Upcoming Projects for Information Management:** Deputy Executive Officer/Chief Administrative Officer Michael O'Kelly reported that this reporting format resulted from a request from a prior Administrative Committee meeting to provide a more comprehensive report to include which Information Management projects are previously approved, underway, and proposed projects. The previous Information Management report was prepared twice annually, but the report will now be more comprehensive for consideration by the Administrative Committee on a monthly basis. Dr. Parker commented that the new format will help to keep the Administrative Committee members more informed on the Information Management projects. (No motion required.)
6. **Report of RFPs Scheduled for Release in February:** Mr. O'Kelly reported that this item is to request an RFP for Workers' Compensation Claims Third-Party Administration. Money spent is approximately \$18,000 to \$25,000 annually. The highest-ranked proposer will come back to the Administrative Committee for contract approval in approximately two months.

Moved by Mitchell; seconded by Benoit, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Dr. Parker, Dr. Burke  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

7. **Amend Contract for Consultant Services for SCAQMD Environmental Justice Outreach and Initiatives:** Deputy Executive Officer/Legislative, Public Affairs & Media Derrick Alatorre reported that this item is to amend the contract for consultant services with Lee Andrews Group, Inc., for their effective performance conducted for the environmental justice partnership, outreach and

initiatives for an additional year. The present contract has an option for up to two one-year extensions, with this being the first contract extension. Councilmember Mitchell and Dr. Lyou attended the recent environmental justice event and commented at the last Board meeting on how well attended and successful the event was.

Moved by Parker; seconded by Benoit, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Mitchell, Dr. Parker, Dr. Burke  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

8. **Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the November 18, 2016 Meeting:** Mr. Alatorre advised that this is a written report.
9. **Review February 3, 2017 Governing Board Agenda:** Mr. Nastri reported that the Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2016 AQMP will be heard in February for Board consideration.
10. **Other Business:** None to report.
11. **Public Comment:** Mr. Harvey Eder commented that the AQMP should not be heard at February's Board meeting, alleging the socioeconomic documents are not ready. Mr. Eder further commented that the recently released comments, on January 3, 2017, are inadequate since they do not evaluate solar. Mr. Nastri responded that the draft CEQA and Socioeconomic documents have been released and all statutory and regulatory requirements have been met; Dr. Philip Fine, Deputy Executive Officer/Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources, added that staff are currently working on a final release. Mr. Nastri noted that a number of issues are being addressed, including solar. Dr. Burke commented that it may be wise to expand solar energy in the Plan as to how it could be utilized in the future. Dr. Parker inquired if Mr. Eder has seen the most recent draft. Mr. Eder responded he has seen the December 2, 2016 draft. Mayor Pro Tem Ben Benoit asked how many paper copies have been produced and given to the public. Dr. Fine responded that copies are kept at the Public Information Center and are replenished when they run out.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

### **Attachment**

Local Government & Small Business Assistance Advisory Group Minutes for the November 18, 2016 Meeting



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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ben Benoit, Council Member, City of Wildomar and LGSBA Chairman  
Felipe Aguirre  
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates  
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California/All Metals  
John DeWitt, JE DeWitt, Inc.  
Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance  
Rita Loof, RadTech International  
Cynthia Moran, Council Member, City of Chino Hills  
David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation District

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Todd Campbell, Clean Fuels  
LaVaughn Daniel, DancoEN  
Maria Elena Kennedy, Kennedy Communications

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mark Abramowitz, Board Member Assistant (*Lyou*)  
Ruth Ann Taylor-Berger, Board Member Assistant (*Benoit*)  
Andrew Silva, Board Member Consultant (*Rutherford*)  
Mark Taylor, Board Member Consultant (*Rutherford*)

### **SCAQMD STAFF:**

Derrick J. Alatorre, DEO/Public Advisor  
Philip Crabbe, Community Relations Manager  
Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel  
Elaine-Joy Hills, AQ Inspector II  
Aaron Katzenstein, Sr. Enforcement Manager  
Lori Langrell, Secretary

### **Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks**

Council Member Ben Benoit called the meeting to order at 12:19 p.m.

### **Agenda Item #2 – Approval of October 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Benoit called for approval of the October 14, 2016 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Agenda Item #3 – Review of Follow Up/Action Items**

Mr. Derrick Alatorre advised the only action item from the October 14, 2016 meeting was a follow-up question by John DeWitt regarding the impact AQMP will have on any permit delays, and at this time there do not appear to be any. Mr. DeWitt requested if that changes, the group be advised.

### **Agenda Item #4 – Update on Governor’s Final Action on 2015/16 Legislation**

Mr. Philip Crabbe presented an update on the Governor’s final action on bills of interest to SCAQMD.

Mr. Paul Avila asked on the Garcia bill, AB 2153, if the deposit is an ongoing charge. Mr. Crabbe indicated that it is a requirement for battery dealers to accept used batteries, and not collect a fee if you bring in a battery to recycle. Mr. Avila further asked about where the money collected goes. Mr. Alatorre commented that DTSC has been given money for the cleanup of the area surrounding Exide Technologies, with the goal to have the costs recouped from polluters. Mr. Felipe Aguirre further commented that some of the money is also to fund locating and cleaning up ghost smelters, which are located in Los Angeles County, around the southeast area near Exide.

Mr. Avila asked if this is a one shot program, or ongoing. Mr. Crabbe indicated that there are two separate bills, one that provides funds to DTSC for cleanup and seeks to recover funds from polluters, and the second bill is the Lead Acid Battery Act regarding battery recycling that prevents a fee and requires a deposit for a used battery.

### **Agenda Item #5 – Update on Greenhouse Gas-related Activities**

Dr. Aaron Katzenstein presented an update on activities in support of greenhouse gas reductions.

Mr. Avila asked what is a small hydro. Dr. Katzenstein indicated it is a renewable resource.

Mr. LaMarr asked what is the source of large and small hydro, besides Big Creek. Dr. Katzenstein indicated he would have to look at the complete list, but for example, imported power from Hoover Dam. It’s whatever is coming in to California.

Mr. DeWitt asked how are the results going to be measured. Dr. Katzenstein replied we work with the gas company to see what the baseline is for efficiency assumptions, use their gas forecast.

Mr. David Rothbart inquired if there is an analysis that is economy related, as CARB has a different way of looking at things, does anyone look more critically. Dr. Katzenstein indicated yes, you will see a downturn, CARB has some analysis where they have shown the gross product is turning away from relations between us and CARB.

Mr. Avila asked what is black carbon, and if there are four levels of carbon that increases. Dr. Katzenstein replied black carbon is essentially soot, which is a very stubborn compound that is hard to analyze. Mr. Avila further inquired if there are different levels of black carbon. Dr. Katzenstein replied there is ground, elemental and black carbon, and there is no distinction between them.

Mr. LaMarr asked if there is a new refinery measure, thus the elimination of RECLAIM. Dr. Katzenstein indicated he’s not sure, but it’s an efficient measure.

Mr. Avila asked if the group can have a presentation on cap and trade, what it involves, and what it does for California.

Mr. Rothbart asked where things are with the international agreement, is it an enforceable agreement, do a lot of countries want something enforceable. Dr. Katzenstein indicated it is not enforceable, and not a lot of pollution is reduced.

**Agenda Item #6 - Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities**

No comments.

**Agenda Item #8 - Other Business**

Ms. Loof suggested that the group be provided an update on the BACT guidelines. Mr. Rothbart echoed Rita's comments. Mr. Alatorre indicated he will check into it for a possible January presentation.

*Action Item: Agendize a presentation on BACT guidelines.*

Mr. LaMarr asked if anyone is aware if World Bank ties emission reduction targets to their lending projects to countries that want to borrow. Chair Benoit indicated he did not know, but will try to find an answer for the next meeting.

*Action Item: Seek an answer to the question "does World Bank tie emission reduction targets to their lending projects to countries that want to borrow money?"*

Mr. Aguirre asked if an update on the TBAC assessment, going before the Board in December, can be presented in January. Chair Benoit indicated that the matter will not be going forward in December, but probably in about 90 days.

Mr. Alatorre announced our December meeting will be held in Chino at Centro Basco restaurant, and we have invited former LGSBA Chair Dennis Yates to join us. Details will be forthcoming.

**Agenda Item #9 - Public Comment**

Mr. Harvey Eder announced that he left copies of a newspaper article on solar electricity on the table for the LGSBA members.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.