

SACRAMENTO VALLEY

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair								Vice-Chair
Butte	Colusa	Feather River	Glenn	Placer	Sacramento	Shasta	Tehama	Yolo-Solano

March 18, 2010 MINUTES

1. A Regular Meeting was called to order by the Chairman Jim Wagoner (Butte County AQMD) at 10:06 a.m., at the Yuba County Government Center, Marysville CA.

PRESENT: Jim Wagoner, Butte County AQMD
Mark Black, Glenn County APCD
Alan Abbs, Tehama County APCD
Ross Bell, Shasta County AQMD
David Valler, Feather River AQMD
T.J. Gomez, Colusa County APCD rep.
Susan Engstrom, Sac-Metro AQMD rep.
Dar Mims, CARB
Les Fife, Fife Environmental
Amy Gwinnup, Secretary-Treasurer

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wagoner states that on the January 21, 2010 the call in location and the primary location are switched and the Chair of the meeting is listed as Alan Abbs and not himself.

MOTION: It is moved by Mr. Valler (Feather River), seconded by Mr. Bell (Shasta) to approve the January 21, 2010 Regular Session Minutes as corrected. Motion carried: all yes.

3. Additional Agenda Items/Public Comment

Ms. Gwinnup states she has received a BCC action item from US Bank and wishes to apprise the TAC of this document as an additional agenda item.

Chairman Wagoner opens the period of public comment and hearing none closes same.

4. Monthly reports.

CAPCOA – Mr. Abbs (Tehama) gives a report on developments and issues as they relate to the CAPCOA board. Brief discussion is held.

CARB - Mr. Wagoner states that Mr. King (CARB) distributed his report via e-mail.

Mr. Mims also updates the TAC on various issues as they relate to the California Air Resources Board.

QEEPS – No report.

5. Financial Status Report

Ms. Gwinnup (Secretary-Treasurer) briefly summarizes the financial status report for the month of March 2010. She distributes a corrected copy of the Financial Status report stating that the office expense category did not reflect the final amount year to date.

MOTION: It is moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Abbs to accept the corrected Financial Status Report for March 2010. Motion carried: all yes.

6. Payment of monthly invoices

Mr. Wagoner states he has reviewed and signed off on the monthly invoices for the months of January, February, and March. He states that the January invoices were approved, but were not signed off because the Secretary-Treasurer was attending at the call in location. He states that the February invoices were authorized via e-mail due to the cancellation of the February TAC meeting.

7. Consider request from the BCC to review process for changing burn day determinations.

Mr. Wagoner states that this item came to light after Butte County AQMD began to question whether a change in burn day status could happen in different parts of the county on a case by case basis depending on air quality in different areas. He states that he has reviewed the plan and it does allow for a change in designation based on elevation which would provide what Butte was seeking.

Mr. Fife states the plan does allow adjustments to elevation based on 500 ft increments.

Discussion is held regarding updates to specific zones within a district, existing burn plan language, and flexibility allowed by the Smoke Management Plan.

After discussion, Mr. Fife states that he would like to recommend to the BCC at their next meeting that there will be no changes to the Burn Plan for 2010. He states at the June meeting he will ask the BCC to issue a letter to CARB to this affect which will provide specific clarification flexibility allowed within the current Smoke Management Plan to allow acreage updates based on improved air quality, including changing a no-burn day decision to a burn day for a district or a specific zone within a district, on a case-by-case basis, subject to CARB approval.

MOTION: It is moved by Mr. Black (Glenn), seconded by Mr. Valler (Feather River) that based on the current Smoke Management Plan there will be no changes to the Smoke Management Plan for 2010 as adequate flexibility is allowed under the current plan for satisfactory burn day designations, including acreage updates based on improved air quality, and place this matter on the next BCC agenda. Motion carried: all yes.

8. Report on new state Refrigerant Management Regulation.

Mr. Valler (Feather River) gives a brief history on the Refrigerant Management Regulation Program. He expressed concerns that the recent CARB fact sheet does not indicate that CARB is an enforcing agency, only that the local air district may enforce the regulation. He summarizes each districts impact and related fees stating specifically that there is no source of money for reimbursement for this program. He states there will be a substantial effort required to establish this program and CARB is stating that districts will be required to enforce this program. He states he wanted to make other districts aware of this issue.

Mr. Abbs states that Tehama will not enforce until CARB has a signed Agreement in place to follow.

Discussion is held.

Mr. Abbs suggest forwarding this issue to the small rural districts to research and consider.

9. Report on draft FY 2010-2011 BCC budget.

Ms. Gwinnup states that the budget is very preliminary as we have not gathered all the permit data from districts yet. She states that upon receipt of that information a more precise budget can be developed. She states there may be a savings within the budget if the audit cycles could be adjusted.

Discussion is held with the consensus that districts are to submit permit data to Ms. Gwinnup to utilize in the budget process and bring the budget back at the April TAC meeting.

10. Consider Brown Act Reimbursement claim.

Mr. Wagoner states there was a recent court decision which may allow for agencies required to comply with the Brown Act to receive reimbursement from the State for this mandated function. He states he would like to work with the Secretary-Treasurer to prepare a claim and submit it to the state for reimbursement.

MOTION: It is moved by Ms. Engstrom (Sac-Metro), seconded by Mr. Black (Glenn) to recommend to the BCC to approve Brown Act Reimbursement Claim to the State Controller's Office for the TAC and BCC at their April meeting. Motion carried: all yes.

11. Consider establishing new Sacramento Valley Air Basin Fiscal/HR managers committee.

Mr. Wagoner states there has been interest at the district level to get the fiscal and human resource members together locally than is allowed by CAPCOA. He requests input from the TAC on this matter.

Mr. Valler questions what their purpose would be.

Mr. Wagoner states primarily to share information at the district level, but there would be no direct benefit to the TAC or BCC.

Mr. Black suggests each representative go back and talk to their district staff and bring this item back at the next TAC meeting.

Chairman Wagoner so directs.

12. Set next BCC meeting and agenda.

Ms. Gwinnup states she has received a letter from US Bank states the California State Treasurer's Office is requiring governmental clients to collateralize their public funds deposits in compliance with the Government Code. She states she will place on the next BCC agenda the required documents for approval by the BCC.

13. Set next BCC meeting date and agenda

The next BCC meeting will be held on April 2, 2010 and hosted by the Glenn County APCD.

14. Set next TAC meeting date and agenda

The next TAC meeting will be held on April 15, 2010 at the Yolo-Solano AQMD.

15. Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

*Backup documentation can be viewed at www.airquality.org/SVBCC.

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