

VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 24, 2007
MINUTES

Chairman Kuhn convened the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

I. Director's Report

APCO Mike Villegas let the Committee know that the Air Pollution Control Board (APCB) had approved the FY 2007-2008 Budget, and the District was on much better financial footing than the previous fiscal year.

The District has implemented our first public outreach effort on climate change – an eight page color supplement in the Ventura County Star. Staff also briefed the County Board of Supervisors on District efforts related to climate change.

The District is scheduled to present a new Air Quality Management Plan to the APCB in October, 2007. This plan will outline the strategies needed to attain the current federal 8-hour ozone air quality standard.

II. Call to Order

Chairman Kuhn called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

III. Roll Call

Present

Marilyn Miravete-Smith
Duane Vander Pluym
Stan Greene
Ryan Kinsella
Gayle Washburn
Karl Krause
Ron Peterson

Manuel Ceja
Michael Kuhn
Sara Head
Hugh McTernan
Stephen Garfield
Greg Patterson

Absent

Martin Mogul (excused)
Hector Irigoyen (excused)
Aaron Hanson

Keith Moore (excused)
Scott Blough (excused)

Staff

Don Price
Kerby Zozula

Mike Villegas

Public

Rob Roy	Ventura County Agricultural Association
Cris Perez	Newhall Land
Emilio Cervantes, Jr.	Newhall land
Pablo Garcia	Pacific Service
Tim Cohen	Rancho Tehescal
Matt Cole	West Coast Environmental and Engineering

IV. Minutes

The minutes of the February 27, 2007, meeting were approved as submitted.

V. Chairman's Report

Chairman Kuhn noted a "Committee Comment" item should be included on the agenda.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VII. Old Business

There was no old business.

VIII. New Business

A. Proposed New Rules 250 and 48:

Staff member Don Price gave a presentation on proposed new Rule 250, Registration of Agricultural Engines, and Rule 48, Agricultural Engine Registration Fees. The purpose of the new rules is to implement the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) amended Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Stationary Compression Engines. This amended ATCM applies to agricultural pump engines and requires registration and the payment of fees.

Rule 250 implements the registration requirements of the ATCM and requires registration of these engines by March 1, 2008, or 90 days after installation, whichever is later. Staff has worked with the Santa Barbara County APCD and the San Luis Obispo County APCD to develop consistent rules throughout the South Central Coast Air Basin. Staff is

also developing a single set of registration forms in the three Districts to aid in implementation.

Rule 48 would assess an annual fee of \$200 per engine to defray the District's cost in implementing this new program. This proposed fee is substantially less than the cost of permitting the engines.

Mike Villegas, of District staff, noted that the District had funds available to assist the agricultural community with the cost of complying with the ATCM. On June 26, 2007, the Air Pollution Control Board approved nearly \$400,000 in funding to replace 33 agricultural engines with complying engines.

Committee member McTernan asked what the average horsepower of the engines was. Staff replied approximately 150 horsepower.

Committee member Washburn asked about the cost-effectiveness of the regulation. Staff replied they did not have cost-effectiveness estimates on CARB's ATCM. The Committee and staff discussed the fact the District would be implementing a state program (the ATCM) in this case.

Committee member Krause requested that staff consider adding a definition of "portable engine" to draft Rule 250. Staff responded that a definition would be considered.

Tim Cohen expressed concern with the proposed \$200 fee. Staff responded that this was needed to defray the District's cost in implementing this new program and was consistent with the fee in both Santa Barbara County and San Luis Obispo County.

Rob Roy asked if the proposed definition of "agricultural operation" was broad enough to include horticultural operations. Staff replied that was the intent of the definition, but they would take a closer look at the issue. There was also a discussion on engine reporting requirements and the management of engine locations.

Committee member Greene made a motion to recommend adoption of proposed new Rules 250 and 48, and directing staff to revisit the definitions of "portable engine" and "agricultural operation." Committee member Head seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

B. Discussion of an Advisory Committee member's proposal to form a subcommittee to explore ideas to restructure the APCD's finances:

The Committee and staff discussed the Air Pollution Control Board Standing Committee's role in developing and reviewing the District's budget. It was noted that the Board's Standing Committee was not supportive of an expansion of the Advisory Committee's role into budgetary matters.

Committee member Garfield made a motion to dispose of the concept of forming a subcommittee related to the District's budget. Committee member McTernan seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.

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