

VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 26, 2019  
MINUTES

Vice-Chair Paul Meehan convened the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m.

I. Director's Report

Mike Villegas, Air Pollution Control Officer, welcomed the newly appointed Mr. Andy Sobel representing the City of Santa Paula and Mr. Donald Bird representing the City of Moorpark to the Advisory Committee. There are new members of the APCD Board as well with the addition of Supervisor Hubert, Council Member Richard Rollins representing the City of Port Hueneme, Council Member Lynn Edmonds representing the City of Fillmore and Council Member Ryan Blatz representing the City of Ojai.

Mr. Villegas updated the Committee on incentives programs to date. On December 11, the District approved funding incentives programs allocating over \$4.4 million in grants for diesel engines. This will reduce NOx emissions by over 40 tons, and ROC emissions by 4.2 tons per year. In addition to the Carl Moyer program, District received funding from the state for the FARMER program, which is dedicated towards agricultural engines, and the Community Air Protection Program which is dedicated to reducing diesel engine emissions in disadvantaged and low-income communities. The FARMER program spent 73% of received funds in low-income and disadvantaged communities while the Community Air Protection Program spent 94% of funds in low-income and disadvantaged communities. This exceeded the state's target goal for both programs. Oxnard is in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile for asthma prevalence in the country which has been linked to diesel particulate, this encourages funding programs which reduce diesel emissions in this community. The APCD will be accepting requests for proposals for the upcoming year sometime in April.

Moving forward we are looking into assisting in the replacement of two diesel locomotive train engines that operate on the Ventura County Railway, which were built in 1976 and 1980. These engines are effectively Tier 0 diesel engines and run through the south Oxnard Community. Replacing these engines would be very effective at reducing diesel particulate in that community.

Mr. Villegas summarized progress being made in reaching state and national ozone standards, with the City of Ojai meeting the 2015 design value standard of 70 ppb, while the City of Simi Valley is currently at 78 ppb. Staff expects Simi Valley to obtain the 2008 ozone standard of 75 ppb by the target date of 2021 or requesting an extension to reach the target by 2022.

II. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Paul Meehan called the meeting to order at approximately 7:48 p.m.

III. Roll Call

Present

Joan Burns

Thomas Lucas

Randy Chapman

Andy Sobel

Edward Carloni

Hugh McTernan

Ronald Fazzolare

Kim Lim

Donald Bird

Alice Sterling

Paul Meehan

Absent

Michael Hughes (Excused)

Nick Richard (Excused)

Keith Moore (Excused)

Steve Colome (Excused)

Mark Andrizzi (Excused)

Jay Berger

Mark Andrizzi (Excused)

Sara Head (Excused)

Staff

Mike Villegas

Ali Ghasemi

Danny McQuillan

Public

None

Representing

IV. Minutes

Mr. McTernan moved to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2018 Advisory Committee Meeting. Ms. Burns seconded the motion. The Committee voted 9 yes, 0 no, with Mr. Lucas and Ms. Sterling abstaining.

V. Committee Comment

There were no Committee comments.

VI. Public Comment

There were no public members present.

VII. Officer Elections

Mr. Villegas shared that the current Committee Chair, Sara Head, although unable to make tonight's meeting, was willing to serve again in either capacity. Ms. Burns moved to elect Sara Head as Chair and it was seconded by Mr. McTernan. The Committee voted unanimously to reelect Ms. Head as Chair.

Paul Meehan, current Vice-Chair, shared he would be willing to serve as Vice-Chair again. Mr. McTernan motioned to elect Paul Meehan as Vice-Chair which was seconded by Ms. Burns. The Committee voted unanimously to reelect Mr. Meehan as Vice-Chair.

VIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

IX. New Business

Proposed Amendments to Rule 2 Definitions

Mr. McQuillan provided an overview of the proposal to amend Rule 2 and a brief PowerPoint presentation (see attached slides). This proposal is based on aligning VCAPCD's with neighboring districts and EPA's definition of exempt organic compounds. The proposal adds 9 compounds to the District's definition, which provides permitted sources with alternatives to ozone forming ROCs, provides CAS Registry numbers to all compounds on the Exempt Organic Compound list, and remove Table 1 from Rule 2. Industry had commented on the proposed changes, encouraging what the VCAPCD was doing providing a thorough analysis prior to exemption, to avoid industry from investing in new mixtures only to have the new formulas exceed emissions limits if a compound in this mixture is retroactively removed from the Exempt Organic Compound list.

There was discussion about revising compounds on this list, which Mr. Villegas stated we are constantly reconsidering the removal of compounds from our Exempt Organic Compounds list if new science illuminates previously unknown health risks.

Mr. Villegas expanded on the removal of Table 1, in response to a Supreme Court decision limiting our District from regulating greenhouse gas emissions. This table serves no purpose in our rules anymore and contains outdated information.

There was discussion about the purpose of adding compounds of this list, which resulted in clarifying that the compounds on this list will not count towards ROC limits permitted by VCAPCD and will be providing sources with more alternatives that are less harmful to the environment and the health of citizens.

The proposal to amend Rule 2 was moved by Mr. McTernan and seconded by Mr. Lucas. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend the proposal to the Board for adoption.

#### Proposed Amendments to Rule 42 Permit Fees

Mr. Ghasemi provided an overview of the proposal to amend Rule 42 and a brief PowerPoint presentation (see attached slides). Mr. Ghasemi explained how District has reduced expenses to continue to keep permitting costs low. The proposed changes would increase permit renewal fees in Rule 42 (Section H) by 3.5 percent, effective July 1, 2019, which is below the CPI of 3.85 percent. This would increase the minimum annual renewal fee for most sources by \$21. Proposed changes would increase the Districts revenue by approximately \$72,000.

There was discussion about pension funding with the VCAPCD, which we are currently at 88% funded. There was discussion about whether employees also contribute to Social Security, which Mr. Villegas confirmed staff does. There was discussion about any comments we have received from the public or industry, which Mr. Villegas confirmed we have received no comment. There was discussion about automation of any services provided by the VCAPCD, which Mr. Villegas confirmed we have made progress in automating part of our monitoring division and are working towards automating a portion of our data collection from permitted sources. There was discussion about cost saving by cooperation with SBAPCD, which Mr. Villegas confirmed the District is coordinating with SLOAPCD, and SBAPCD to share resources and reduce costs. There was discussion about how permit fees were calculated, which Mr. Ghasemi explained is related to emissions of criteria pollutants, the more pollution emitted the higher a permit fee is paid. There was discussion about expectations for longevity of federal grants, which Mr. Villegas confirmed we don't expect to see a reduction in federal funding anytime soon.

The proposal to amend Rule 42 was moved by Ms. Burns and seconded by Mr. Carloni. The Committee approved the proposed amendments with nine votes in favor and Mr. Fazzolare and Mr. Lucas voting against. There were no abstentions.

#### X. Adjournment

Having no further business, the Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:28 p.m.

Prepared by:

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Attachment 1: Rule 2 Proposal PowerPoint Slides  
Attachment 2: Rule 42 Proposal PowerPoint Slides

## Advisory Committee – Attendance & Voting Record

**Date: February 26, 2019**

Member	Attendance *	Approve August 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes			Elect Sara Head for Chair		
		Moved	Second	Vote**	Moved	Second	Vote**
Michael Hughes	E			-			-
Joan Burns	P		X	Y	X		Y
Nick Richard	E			-			-
Jay Berger	A			-			-
Ronald Fazzolare	P			Y			Y
Thomas Lucas	P			A			Y
Kim Lim	P			Y			Y
Keith Moore	E			-			-
Randy Chapman	P			Y			Y
Donald Bird	P			Y			Y
Mark Andrizzi	E			-			-
Andy Sobel	P			Y			Y
Alice Sterling	P			A			Y
Edward Carloni	P			Y			Y
Paul Meehan	P			Y			Y
Steve Colome	E			-			-
Sara Head	E			-			-
Hugh McTernan	P	X		Y		X	Y

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Michael Hughes	E			-			
Joan Burns	P		X	Y			
Nick Richard	E			-			
Jay Berger	A			-			
Ronald Fazzolare	P			Y			
Thomas Lucas	P			Y			
Kim Lim	P			Y			
Keith Moore	E			-			
Randy Chapman	P			Y			
Donald Bird	P			Y			
Mark Andrizzi	E			-			
Andy Sobel	P			Y			
Alice Sterling	P			Y			
Edward Carloni	P			Y			
Paul Meehan	P			Y			
Steve Colome	E			-			
Sara Head	E			-			
Hugh McTernan	P	X		Y			

Ventura County Air Pollution Control District

**Date: February 26, 2019**

Member	Attendance *	Rule 2 Revisions			Rule 42 Revisions		
		Moved	Second	Vote**	Moved	Second	Vote**
Michael Hughes	E			-			-
Joan Burns	P			Y	X		Y
Nick Richard	E			-			-
Jay Berger	A			-			-
Ronald Fazzolare	P			Y			N
Thomas Lucas	P		X	Y			N
Kim Lim	P			Y			Y
Keith Moore	E			-			-
Randy Chapman	P			Y			Y
Donald Bird	P			Y			Y
Mark Andrizzi	E			-			-
Andy Sobel	P			Y			Y
Alice Sterling	P			Y			Y
Edward Carloni	P			Y		X	Y
Paul Meehan	P			Y			Y
Steve Colome	E			-			-
Sara Head	E			-			-
Hugh McTernan	P	X		Y			Y