

VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 24, 2012  
MINUTES

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

I. Director's Report

Dan Searcy, APCD Compliance Manager, reported that preliminary data indicates that 2011 was the cleanest year on record for the county. That included seven days over the 2008 ozone standard of 75 ppb and three days over the 1997 standard of 84 ppb.

II. Call to Order

Chairman Vander Pluym called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 p.m.

III. Roll Call

Present

Robert Cole

Keith Moore

Raymond Garcia

David Morse

Todd Gernheuser

Richard Nick

Sara Head

Ron Peterson

Michael Kuhn

Alice Sterling

Kim Lim

Duane Vander Pluym

Tom Lucas

Steven Wolfson

Absent

Rick Cook (excused)

Hugh McTernan (excused)

Brandon Millan (excused)

Staff

Dan Searcy

Don Price

Public

None

IV. Minutes

Committee Member Wolfson offered two corrections to the minutes from the April 26, 2011 meeting: the date is incorrect and the fourth bullet sentence on page 3 is incomplete. The minutes were approved with these corrections.

V. Committee Comment

Committee Member Moore requested a presentation on state law AB32. Don Price stated that staff will take it under advisement.

Committee Member Cole requested a discussion of greenhouse gas information provided by a website that analyzes the work of the IPCC. The site indicates that the IPCC has underestimated some impacts. The site is <[www.global-warming-forecasts.com](http://www.global-warming-forecasts.com)>. Don Price stated that staff will take it under advisement.

Committee Member Morse asked Mr. Searcy if there is a correlation between rainfall and pollutants in any given year. Mr. Searcy stated that increased rain could mean lower temperatures, which could in turn reduce ozone formation. Committee Member Vander Pluym noted that rain has more impact on particulate pollution than ozone pollution.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VII. Election of Officers

The annual election of officers was held. Committee Member Cole was elected chair and Committee Member Head was reelected vice-chair by unanimous voice vote. Committee Member Cole took over the meeting as chair.

VIII. New Business

A. Proposed Repeal of Rule 37, Project XL

Don Price, of District Staff, presented the proposal for the repeal of Rule 37, *Project XL*. The rule is specific to Imation, which manufactured magnetic tape products at a facility in Camarillo. Project XL is an EPA program for the development of innovative approaches to environmental issues. Imation's tape manufacturing process involved applying different coatings for different products. The Project XL agreement allowed the company to switch coatings more easily than when subject to the requirements of the District Permit to Operate. After rejecting a "Covenant" for implementation of Project XL, EPA approved a "Final Project Agreement" in 1999. Rule 37 was adopted on September 8, 1999, with final implementation on February 1, 2000. Imation Camarillo no longer exists. The Title V permit was rendered inactive in 2009 and the 150 tons of ROC retired.

Committee Member Lucas asked if the facility could be reactivated. Mr. Price state that the buildings no longer contain any coating equipment and other business' occupy the

facility. The committee discussed the procedure for a business shutdown involving the District.

It was moved (Vander Pluym) and seconded (Peterson) to recommend the repeal of Rule 37, as proposed by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Proposed Repeal of Rule 67, Vacuum Producing Devices

Mr. Price presented the proposal for the repeal of Rule 67, *Vacuum Producing Devices*. Adopted in 1972, the rule is simple and does not specifically define terms like "hot well" and "accumulator." However, these terms seem to be related to refineries. Rule 67 requires an ROC reduction of 90 percent. Rule 74.8, *Refinery Vacuum Producing Systems, Wastewater Separators and Process Turnarounds*, also regulates vacuum devices and requires all ROC to be burned. Rule 67 is recommended for repeal because there are no refineries in Ventura County and, if necessary, Rule 74.8 would more effectively regulate any future refinery vacuum devices.

It was moved (Gernheuser) and seconded (Morse) to recommend the repeal of Rule 67, as proposed by staff. The motion passed with 13 yes votes and one abstention.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Price mentioned that the next meeting is planned for March 27, 2012, and is expected to involve amendments to two small boiler rules. In addition, Conflict of Interest statements will be distributed in February by email; anyone needing a hard copy is welcome to contact the District.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:12 p.m.

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