

VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 26, 2008  
MINUTES

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

I. Director's Report

Mike Villegas, Air Pollution Control Officer, stated that staff had sent a comment letter to the U.S. EPA regarding their Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Category 3 Marine Engines. These are the engines which power large ocean going cargo ships. These ships account for approximately 15 percent of the total nitrogen oxide emissions in Ventura County and this percentage is projected to grow to 41 percent in 2018.

Mr. Villegas noted that the new Air Quality Management Plan for the existing federal eight-hour is behind schedule due to delays in obtaining the modeling results from CARB and getting final vehicle emissions budgets from the South Coast Association of Governments. The Plan should be presented to our Board on May 11, 2008.

II. Call to Order

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

III. Roll Call

Present

Scott Blough	Steven Kane
Stephen Garfield	Karl Krause
Michael Kuhn	Keith Moore
Marilyn Miravete-Smith	Michael Moore
Ron Peterson	Duane Vander Pluym
Greg Patterson	Gayle Washburn

Absent

Manuel Ceja (excused)	Hugh McTernan (excused)
Sara Head (excused)	Stan Greene (excused)
Aaron Hanson	Hector Irigoyen (excused)
Ryan Kinsella (excused)	

Staff

Mike Villegas	Don Price
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Public

No Public Attendees

IV. Minutes

The minutes of the January 29, 2008, meeting were approved as drafted.

V. Committee Comment

Committee member Miravete-Smith asked about emissions from ocean-going vessels at the Port of Hueneme. Mike Villegas, APCO, responded that the majority of emission from ocean-going vessels comes from vessels in the offshore shipping lanes headed to and from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. CARB will be proposing regulations that would require shorepower for marine vessels transporting bananas while docked at the Port of Hueneme.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VII. Old Business

There was no old business

VIII. New Business

A. Proposed Amendments to Rule 42, Permit Fees

Don Price, of District staff, gave an overview of proposed changes to Rule 42. The changes are as follows:

- Increase renewal fees 8.0 percent effective July 1, 2008. For sources paying the minimum fee, this is an annual increase of \$38.00.

Mr. Price discussed the District's authority to adopt permit fees and unfunded mandates. Revenue, expenditures, staffing, and current fund balance projections were also discussed.

Committee member Keith Moore stated that he felt that staff should first prepare a study to make sure all applicable sources were permitted prior to increasing fees. Mr. Villegas stated that this was effort is done pursuant the District's Air Quality Management Plan.

It was moved (Keith Moore), and seconded (Miravete-Smith), to request staff to review sources not regulated by the District to determine if they can be regulated and generate revenue. The motion failed with a vote of two yes, ten no.

Committee member Keith Moore stated he was concerned that as emissions were further reduced the District's revenue would be reduced. Committee member Michael Moore suggested the District consider equipment bases fees, fees based on actual District costs, or a hybrid approach. Committee member Krause stated that a fee based on actual cost would place a hardship on many small businesses. Mike Villegas stated that state legislation prohibits a fee increase of more than 15 percent on any permit holder during any one year. This would make a switch to an equipment based fee system quite difficult. Mike Villegas added that over the past several years permitted emissions had been stable and they were not expected to decrease significantly in the future.

Committee member Vander Pluym asked what the fiscal effect of one of the power plants shutting down would be. Mike Villegas stated that he would need to get back to him with the dollar amount.

The Committee discussed whether or not it was appropriate for the Committee to be making a recommendation on a fee increase when they do not have oversight on the District's budget.

It was moved (Peterson), and seconded (Patterson), to recommend adoption of amended Rule 42 to the Air Pollution Control Board. The motion failed with a vote of four yes, five no, and three abstentions.

B. Proposed Amendments to Rule 74.12, Surface Coating of Metal Part and Products

Don Price, of District staff, gave an overview of proposed changes to Rule 74.12. The changes are as follows:

- Implement the use of low-emission cleanup solvents for surface preparation, spray gun cleaning and general purpose cleanup. ROC content will be limited to no more than 25 grams per liter (g/l).
- Revise the ROC limit for general air-dry one-component coatings from 2.8 pounds per gallon to 2.3 pounds per gallon. Also, create a new multi-component coating category with an ROC limit 2.8 pounds per gallon. Specify that high-gloss category is two-component only.
- Eliminate the special category for lab furniture coatings.
- Update the capture efficiency determination in Subsection E.4 and update the definition and identification method for HVLP spray equipment.

The effective date for these revisions is 90 days from the date of adoption by the Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board.

Mr. Price stated that, of 53 metal surface coating operations in the county, 18 use non-complying solvent and 20 use non-complying coatings. On this basis, the estimated solvent ROC reduction will be 4.24 tons per year and the estimated coating ROC reduction will be 2.40 tons per year. Cost effectiveness is no more than \$6,470 per ton of ROC reduced and \$15,441 per ton of ROC reduced respectively.

Committee member Michael Moore asked about the depletion of non-complying inventory; staff stated that 90 days should be enough time to accomplish the transition to complying compounds. Mr. Price responded that he believed 90 days would be adequate and that metal coating operations will be notified of the rule change by mail in a Compliance Advisory. Committee member Kane noted a typo-graphical error in Subsection B.2.e. Staff responded that this would be corrected.

It was moved (Vander Pluym), and seconded (Peterson), to recommend adoption amended Rule 74.12, with the noted correction, to the Air Pollution Control Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 p.m.

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