

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AIR QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE
Port of Los Angeles
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, California

Minutes
September 5, 2007

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE / PCAC

Richard Havenick, Chair
David Beeman, Voting Member
Janet Gunter, Alternate Member
Chuck Hart, Voting Member
Jody James, Alternate Member
Pat Nave, Voting Member
Kathleen Woodfield, Alternate Member

PORT STAFF

Lena Maun DeSantis

CONSULTANTS

Professor Ed Avol
David Howekamp
Lauren Dunlap

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

Gwen Butterfield
Ed Eckerle
Edward Kim
Sharon Rubulcava
Todd Sterling
Nestor Taura

- A. Call To Order: 4:40PM.
- B. Sign In/Introductions
- C. Agenda Approved
- D. The Minutes of the April 4, 2007, May 2, 2007, June 6, 2007 and July 9, 2007 Subcommittee meetings were approved. Approval of the August 1, 2007 meeting minutes was postponed until October.
- E. Public Comment:
Todd Sterling announced that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) would be releasing the staff report and the proposed regulations to reduce emissions of (PM) and (NOx) from the use of diesel engines on commercial harbor craft operated within Regulated California Waters, on Friday, September 7, 2007. There will be a 45 day public comment period. It is expected to go to the Board either October 25th, or 26th, 2007.
- Dave Beeman reported that the ARB had recently completed two audits of local air district implementation of the Carl Moyer Program, standards obtainment program and that results of the audit can be obtained on the California Air Resources Board website.
- F. POLA Updates: There were no updates other than discussion on the AQMIP RFP and the TraPac EIR.

- G. Finalization of Comments for Berth 136-147 (TraPac) EIS/EIR
The initial discussion resulted in the following opening statement for the Air Quality Subcommittee comment letter.

“We appreciate the opportunity to submit comments regarding the Subject Project Environmental impacts and hereby state our opposition to the Proposed Project due to the current unhealthful conditions in the affected community identified as a Federal non-attainment area for Air Quality, and due to the failures listed in the sections SUMMARY COMMENTS and SPECIFIC COMMENTS, below....

Discussion points were:

- The Subcommittee concluded that the EIR fails to implement the OGV measures applicable to Low Sulfur Fuel in the CAAP
- Project does not mitigate negative impacts on air quality thoroughly enough
- A project cannot grow green when we are so far out of attainment, and when the project can not reduce negative impacts to an insignificant level

Lena Maun DeSantis participated in a discussion on the Port’s intentions for implementing the CAAP. Project specific measures are evaluated to determine technical and financial feasibility, which is a huge consideration under CEQA. The Subcommittee concluded the TraPac EIR is not compliant with the CAAP.

On Friday, September 14, 2007, the South Coast Air Quality Management District will hold a teleconference meeting that some of the Air Quality Subcommittee members will dial into. After that meeting, if necessary, the Subcommittee has agreed to hold a special working group meeting at 4:30PM at Liberty Hill Plaza to discuss revisions to their comment letter. Mr. Havenick will notify Ms. Babcock-Doherty if a meeting is warranted.

The Subcommittee discussed additional amendments to their draft comments, in preparation for PCAC input and or approval. In addition to taking these comments to the PCAC, the Subcommittee agreed that the comment letter would be forwarded to the Army Corp. of Engineers and to the Port, independent of PCAC.

- H. Request for Proposal for Upcoming PAQMIP Cycle and Harbor Craft
Lena Maun DeSantis, from Environmental Management, provided a copy of the Draft RFP for the 2007-2008 Port Air Quality Mitigation Incentive Program (PAQMIP).

Lauren Dunlap reviewed the RFP with the Subcommittee. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has reviewed the Draft. They will hold a conference call on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 to work on any final comments. After the TAC meeting the RFP will be e-mailed to the Subcommittee for their review. A final copy should come before the Subcommittee in October, with a release date, to the public, shortly thereafter.

The Subcommittee has consistently been interested in targeting more projects related to R&D, new technology, harbor craft, and tug boats. They expressed their desire to fund projects that wouldn't be picked up through ARB regulations or the CAAP.

In modifying the RFP, Richard Havenick stated that it was important that the RFP remain consistent with the original intent of the China Shipping Settlement. Janet Gunter stated that attention to harbor craft would benefit the local area and that it fulfills the intent of the settlement, in that it addresses impacts on the immediate area. She also specified that the committee should fund the projects that are least likely to be funded elsewhere.

Lauren Dunlap informed the Subcommittee that she and Ray Gorski have been contracted by the Ports of LA and Long Beach to help the Ports administer and try new technologies under the TAC program.

- I. Discussion of Baseline for Health Risk Standard with Potential Action
Item I was not discussed and was deferred to a future meeting.
- J. Discussion of Need/Method for Adjustments to Affected Baselines Applicable to Impacts From PierPass July 05 Implementation with Potential Action
Item J was not discussed and was deferred to a future meeting.
- K. Discussion of Staff Response to Motion AQ-014 Regarding Application of Overriding Considerations (recommendation to deny; “conflicts with Board’s discretionary authority under CEQA”) with Potential Action
Item K was not discussed and was deferred to a future meeting.
- L. Items for Future Meetings (e.g., Worker Exposure Study, Questions Regarding Relationship Between CAAP, Growth, and EIR Projects, Future Big Reductions Opportunities, OGV3 and OGV4 Regulatory Efforts)
- M. Adjournment: 6:30PM

Signature on File _____

Richard Havenick, Chair
Air Quality Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant