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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Terry Dressler, Air Pollution Control Officer

SUBJECT: Minutes of the June 2007 South Central Coast BCC Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the attached minutes from the June 7, 2007 meeting of the South Central Coast Basinwide Control Council.

DISCUSSION:

The Health and Safety Code (Section 40900) requires that each air basin, which is comprised of two or more air pollution control districts, establish a basinwide air pollution control council. This council is intended to promote coordination of air pollution control efforts throughout the air basin. The council receives reports on rule development and planning efforts, the anticipated effect of state and federal actions, and other issues of interest.

The South Central Coast BCC meets quarterly and consists of one Board Member, appointed by the Air Pollution Control Board, from each of the following Districts: San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County, and Ventura County. As you may recall, Eric Onnen was appointed by your Board at the January 18, 2007 meeting to represent Santa Barbara County on this Council.

The attached minutes summarize the June 2007 Central Coast Basinwide Control Council meeting. We provide such minutes to your Board on a regular basis.

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Eric Onnen
Council Member, City of Goleta

James Patterson
Supervisor, San Luis Obispo County

Mike Morgan
Council Member, City of Camarillo

MINUTES

June 7, 2007

Present:

Council Members: Eric Onnen, Santa Barbara County
James Patterson, San Luis Obispo County
Mike Morgan, Ventura County

Staff Terry Dressler, Santa Barbara County
Larry Allen, San Luis Obispo County
Mike Villegas, Ventura County
Linda Beard, Santa Barbara County

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2006

Patterson/Onnen

Receive and file.

2. Agricultural Engine ATCM Implementation

Terry Dressler gave an update on the Air Resources Board's (ARB) state-wide diesel risk reduction plan. He said that the goal was to reduce emissions of diesel particulate matter by 85% by 2020. Part of the plan is to revise the stationary diesel engine air toxic control measures (ATCM) to include agricultural engines, which had traditionally been exempt. The ATCM was adopted November 16, 2006 which requires the districts to implement the program within 120 days after the Office of Administrative Law review, which should be complete by late summer or early fall. It applies to diesel engines greater than 50 horsepower but does not apply to mobile equipment, wind machines, stand-by electrical generators, and remotely located engines. The ATCM requires that all existing agricultural engines > 50 horsepower be either permitted or registered with the districts by March 1, 2008; new engines within 90 days of

installation. All the engines not exempt from the regulation's emission limits must be replaced on a schedule based on the engine's size and age.

Santa Barbara County APCD staff is in the process of identifying all of the engines and conducting public outreach to the agricultural community to seek input to develop this new program with an appropriate fee and to inform them of the requirements and availability of grant funding for early compliance. In addition, the staffs of the Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura APCDs have met to coordinate the implementation of consistent rules with provisions for reciprocity of registrations between the districts. So far, San Luis Obispo County APCD's Board adopted registration and fee rules on May 16, Ventura County APCD held a workshop with good attendance and plans to present rules to its Board in September, and Santa Barbara County APCD will forward proposed rules consistent with the rules in San Luis Obispo and Ventura counties to its Board on August 16. Mr. Dressler said his goal is to have a fully operational registration program in place within 90 days after the ATCM becomes final.

A discussion regarding portable vs. stationary engines followed with Mr. Dressler stating that there is confusion with this issue because each has its own ATCM. He said that ARB is trying to resolve this problem and the APCDs are in favor of a single standard. Larry Allen said that two standards are impractical to control and inspect. Another consideration is electric engines which are not possible in remote areas without electrical service, but are the best way to go since electric engines would not be subject to the ATCM program.

3. Clearwater Port LNG Facility

Mike Villegas reported on a proposed project for a liquefied natural (LNG) gas deep water port 12.6 miles offshore with two moorings adjacent to Platform Grace. He said a new 36-inch pipeline would come ashore at the Mandalay Power Plant in Oxnard and tie into the existing SoCal Gas network. The port facility would comply with new source review by using state-of-the-art equipment and providing offsets. It will be as large as the Cabrillo Port with a capacity of 1.2 billion cubic feet per day. The source of the LNG has not been determined. Platform Grace would no longer produce oil or gas so the proposed facility is likely to be permitted under the federal Deepwater Port Act. If permitted under the Deepwater Port Act, EPA would be the permitting agency.

4. State Pesticide Regulations

Mike Villegas discussed the wide-spread use of methyl bromide as a fumigant for strawberry crops and its affect on Ventura County's Clean Air Plans. He said that the increased use of methyl bromide has resulted in emissions exceeding the ROC projections in Ventura's 1994 Plan, and a lawsuit has been filed to enforce the pesticide control measures. The Department of Pesticide Regulation is considering a cap on the use of methyl bromide, and a suitable replacement has not yet been found. If a cap is applied to the use of fumigants, up to one third of Ventura County's strawberry acreage may need to come out of production. The California Air Resources Board is considering an amendment to our 1994 Air Quality Management Plan to address this issue.

5. Other Business/Confirm Next Meeting Date

- Agricultural Source Permits – Larry Allen reported that the first permit as a result of SB 700 was issued in April to Grimmway Farms, a source shared with Santa Barbara County APCD. The other large agricultural source requiring a permit is Bolthouse Farms. He said that there had been a number of complaints from the Cuyama school district regarding dust from the farm fields. The two companies disagreed that dust mitigation should be a part of their permits. Mr. Allen said that Grimmway agreed to

several dust mitigation procedures and entered into an MOA with the District, but Bolthouse disagreed so San Luis Obispo APCD will be including those conditions in Bolthouse's permit. He said that APCDs have authority to include these conditions under the nuisance provision of the Health and Safety Code. Mr. Dressler added that you can have non-till days if a district is not in attainment. Mr. Patterson said that he felt this is a health issue and suggested that Environmental Health be contacted. Mr. Allen will report back on the outcome of this issue.

- Energy Conservation at Monitoring Stations – Larry Allen reported on modifications that the air monitoring technicians made to reduce energy use at San Luis Obispo's air monitoring stations. They re-designed the sample inlet to eliminate the purge pump; automatically shut off the calibration system when not in use, and built a small super insulated room for the most temperature-sensitive equipment. The result was almost a 50% reduction in power usage. He said the EPA was interested in this project, and it will be presented at the AW&M conference.
- Implementation of AB32 (Greenhouse Gases Bill) - Larry Allen gave an update on statewide issues of concern to the districts. He said the ARB is planning on hiring 136 new employees to implement AB32 with DMV funds. DMV funding is the same source districts rely on for subvention funds. He is concerned that this could lead to over-subscription of DMV funds and loss of subvention revenue to districts. CAPCOA is working on finding funding sources outside of DMV funds. CAPCOA also feels that the districts' staff is the logical choice to implement AB 32 since they already are in place with enforcement capabilities and have emissions inventories of all the sources in their districts. Hiring 136 new staff for the ARB seems unnecessary. In order to have long-term funding to support the additional staff, the ARB could possibly increase their fees which would negatively affect any fee increases for local districts. Mr. Patterson suggested that individual APCD Boards write to the Legislature regarding the budget impact of ARB staff increases and especially bring attention to the fact that the districts already have staff to implement AB 32. Mr. Morgan suggested that CSAC and the League of Cities may also be enlisted to lobby in favor of district implementation of AB 32.
- The next meeting was scheduled for September 19 and that election of officers would be included on the agenda.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.