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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Terry Dressler, Air Pollution Control Officer

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the attached draft minutes from the October 17, 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 draft minutes summarize the October 2007 South Central Coast Basinwide Control Council meeting. We provide such minutes to your Board on a regular basis.

**SOUTH CENTRAL COAST BASINWIDE
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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, **Chair**

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MINUTES

October 17, 2007

Present:

Council Members: Eric Onnen, Santa Barbara County
Christine Mulholland, 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 10:05 a.m. Those present introduced themselves. Christine Mulholland, Vice-Mayor of the City of San Luis Obispo, attended in the absence of James Patterson.

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Mulholland/Onnen

Mike Morgan was elected chair for the meeting. Elections will be held at the next meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2007

Onnen/Mulholland

Receive and file.

3. Update on Agricultural Engine ATCM Implementation

Terry Dressler gave an update on the agricultural engine air toxic control measure (ATCM) implementation which was adopted by the California Air Resources Board on November 16, 2006. He said it is the first time in the history of California that agricultural diesel engines will be regulated and these new requirements will take effect October 18, 2007. Air districts are required by State law to implement and enforce the ATCM. All three District Boards of this BCC have adopted registration rules and have included provisions within those rules for registration reciprocity between districts if the registration fees are the same. Fee rules of \$200 per year were approved by San Luis Obispo County APCD on July 25 and Ventura County APCD on September 11. Santa Barbara County APCD will hold its second hearing on its fee rule on October 18 at which time the Board will decide to either adopt a fee rule that would allow for reciprocity or direct staff to propose an alternative fee rule. Council members were all in agreement that reciprocity is a very important element of this rule.

4. Update on Clearwater LNG Deepwater Port Proposal

Mike Villegas reported that a previously proposed project by BHP seems to be dead, but Clearwater LLC – NorthernStar Natural Gas is proposing to convert Platform Grace, which is currently owned by Venoco, into a LNG port. He said the facility would be located approximately 12.6 miles from the City of Oxnard. The platform would be modified to accommodate the LNG degasification equipment and two moorings would be added near the platform. The proposed port would have a capacity of approximately 1.2 billion cubic feet per day. The emissions profile should be substantially lower than the former BHP project due to the use of ambient air vaporizers resulting in approximately 15 tons per year total NOx. The natural gas would be delivered via a sub-sea pipeline and would make landfall near the Mandalay power plant. The new pipeline would then be tied into the existing natural gas distribution system. It still needs to be determined whether the project will fall under the OCS Lands Act or Deepwater Port Act. After the LNG port is in place, Venoco plans to remove all of its oil and gas equipment and the port would be a 100% LNG facility.

5. San Luis Obispo Energy Conference for Elected and Appointed Officials

Larry Allen reported on the Central Coast Regional Energy Planning Conference organized by the Strategic Energy Alliance for Change (SEACHange). He said the purpose of the SEACHange consortium, which was formed 1 ½ years ago, is to promote energy awareness, conservation, clean energy renewal, green building, alternative energy, and smart growth. The conference was held on August 23-24, 2007 with 125 attendees including all five San Luis Obispo County supervisors, elected city officials, senior planning staff, other senior municipal staff and civic and institutional leaders.

6. Ventura County Pesticide Issues

Mike Villegas said that the 1994 Ozone State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Ventura County had a commitment by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to reduce pesticide use by 20% from the 1990 baseline. The DPR was late in implementing the regulation and was consequently ordered by the court to reduce reactive organic compound emissions. The court order required emission reductions greater than can be achieved with low-emission application methods alone requiring an additional 1.3 tons per day of fumigant reductions to meet the target in the 1994 Ozone SIP. DPR estimated that to achieve this reduction 5,800 to 7,500 acres may have to forego fumigation which would impact high value crops such as strawberries.

Mr. Villegas reported that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) revised the 1994 Ozone SIP to substitute 1.3 tons per day of ROC emission reductions from California's on-going motor vehicle control program for a portion of these reductions committed to for pesticides in the 1994 Ozone SIP for Ventura County. The 1.3 tons per day substitution will be for calendar year 2008

only, and will be decreased in each succeeding year until 2012 when it becomes zero. The rationale for the phased-down approach is to allow DPR additional time to identify pesticide reformulations and lower-emission application methods; ultimately enabling Ventura County to achieve the federal eight-hour ozone standard prior to 2013.

7. District Role (or lack thereof) in AB 32 Implementation

Larry Allen reviewed the timeline for the implementation of AB 32 stating that the Governor's executive order calls for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to be reduced to 2000 levels by 2010, 1990 levels to be achieved by 2020, and by 2050 emissions will be reduced 80% below 1990 levels. He said early action measures are to be adopted by January 1, 2008. All identified sources will be subject to mandatory reporting of GHG emissions by January 1, 2009; and all regulations are proposed to be in place by 2011. The legislation gave CARB sole responsibility to implement these measures within a very aggressive timeframe. Mr. Allen said that it was important that districts be involved in the process since much of the necessary data is already collected by the districts. South Coast AQMD has spent considerable staff time to demonstrate to CARB how districts can supply the mandatory reporting data, but CARB requires the GHG data to be consistent with international protocols. As a result, CARB is going forward in December with draft legislation using the international model which uses third-party verifiers. The districts believe that their data would be more accurate, but have not been successful in convincing CARB that the districts should be the collectors and verifiers of the data. CARB has indicated that the districts' role may be in the enforcement of AB 32.

8. Other Business/Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2008.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.