




air pollution control district  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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## Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Aeron Arlin Genet, Air Pollution Control Officer 

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SUBJECT: Minutes of the December 2019 and August 2020 South Central Coast BCC Meetings

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### RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the attached minutes from the December 11, 2019 and August 26, 2020 meetings of the South Central Coast Basinwide Control Council (BCC).

### 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 typically 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, Director Paula Perotte was appointed by your Board to represent Santa Barbara County on this Council in 2020.

The attached minutes summarize the December 11, 2019 and August 26, 2020 South Central Coast Basinwide Control Council meetings. We provide such minutes to your Board after their approval. Both sets of meeting minutes were approved by the BCC at their December 3, 2020 meeting.

### ATTACHMENT:

- A. December 11, 2019 BCC Meeting Minutes
- B. August 26, 2020 BCC Meeting Minutes

Aeron Arlin Genet, Air Pollution Control Officer

## ATTACHMENT A

December 11, 2019 BCC Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2020

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District  
Board of Directors

260 San Antonio Road, Suite A  
Santa Barbara, California 93110

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# **SOUTH CENTRAL COAST BASINWIDE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COUNCIL**

Santa Barbara County APCD, 260 N. San Antonio Rd. Suite A, Santa Barbara, CA, 93110

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## **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Gary Willey, APCO**  
San Luis Obispo County APCD

**Laki Tisopulos, APCO**  
Ventura County APCD

**Aeron Arlin Genet, APCO**  
Santa Barbara County APCD

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**John Hamon, *Chair***  
Councilmember, City of Paso Robles  
San Luis Obispo County

**Lynn Edmonds**  
Councilmember, City of Fillmore  
Ventura County

**Paula Perotte, *Vice-Chair***  
Mayor, City of Goleta  
Santa Barbara County

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

December 11, 2019

Meeting Commenced at 10:03 a.m.

### **Present**

Council Members: John Hamon and Lynn Edmonds

Staff: Dora Drexler for Gary Willey, Laki Tisopulos, and Aeron Arlin Genet

### **1. Approval of Minutes of the July 24, 2019 Meeting**

A motion was made by Ms. Edmonds, seconded by Mr. Hamon that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Hamon, Edmonds.  
Noes: 0 - None.  
Abstain: 0 - None.  
Absent: 1 - Perotte

### **2. Public Comment Period**

Received public comment.

### **3. Oceano Dunes SVRA Abatement Order Action and Result (Drexler)**

Ms. Dora Drexler provides the Council with an overview of the actions taken by the SLOAPCD and the SLOAPCD Hearing Board to achieve an amendment to the Stipulated Order of Abatement #17-01. Ms. Drexler provides a summary of the main points of the amendment intended to mitigate the dust reduction efforts at the Oceano Dunes.

### **4. PSPS Events and Emergency Gen Set Impacts (Tisopulos)**

Dr. Laki Tisopulos provides the Council with information related to Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events and emergency genset impacts to mitigate the loss of power. Dr. Tisopulos provides background information on why PSPS practices have been implemented to reduce the risk of wildfire and how the public response is encouraging the additional need and use of backup generators for service continuity in the event of a PSPS event. Many of the backup generators being used, which are exempt from permit conditions when a PSPS event is initiated, are Tier 0 or Tier 1 technologies which are 200-600 times more polluting than the cleaner technology available.

Portable generators are popular for residential use and must be certified to California standards to be legally sold in California. Because of this, California is experiencing a shortage in supply of legal portable generators. In response, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) distributed an advisory to the retailers allowing them some ability to sell non-CARB certified generators, as long as they are EPA-Certified engines. However, despite these efforts, PSPS events have significant undesirable AQ impacts. While CARB remains committed to work with local districts to assess these impacts, a more wholistic, smarter statewide strategy is needed to minimize the need for PSPS events and propel districts toward cleaner backup power alternatives.

### **5. District Regulation of Cannabis (Arlin Genet)**

Ms. Aeron Arlin Genet provides the Council with an overview on cannabis permitting in Santa Barbara County, and reports Santa Barbara is leading the charge on cannabis cultivation in the state with over 800 state provisional cultivation licenses issued. The cultivation of cannabis is considered growing an agricultural operation, which are exempt from permitting requirements (unless they exceed Part 70 threshold), and therefore the air districts do not have jurisdiction to address odors emanating from cannabis grows.

However, once the product is harvested and prepared for manufacturing, a District permit is required. All plant growth produces biogenic VOCs and cannabis cultivation and manufacturing releases terpenes (odors). Volatile manufacturing releases solvent emissions which are quantified using mass balance and can be controlled by catalytic/thermal oxidizers, condensers or carbon absorbers.

Sant Barbara County APCD outlines clear procedures for handling revenue received from cannabis manufacturing permitting to ensure there is no conflict with federal funding received.

### **6. Other Business/Confirm Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

### **7. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

## ATTACHMENT B

August 26, 2020 BCC Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2020

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Santa Barbara County APCD

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Lynn Compton**  
District 4 Supervisor  
San Luis Obispo County

**Lynn Edmonds**  
Councilmember, City of Fillmore  
Ventura County

**Paula Perotte**  
Mayor, City of Goleta  
Santa Barbara County

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

August 26, 2020

Meeting Commenced at 10:03 a.m. virtually via Zoom Webinar  
Video can be reviewed here: <https://youtu.be/jaUd4qJGZHs>

### **Present**

Council Members: Lynn Compton, Paula Perotte and Lynn Edmonds  
Staff: Gary Willey, Laki Tisopulos, and Aeron Arlin Genet

### **1. Election of Chair**

A motion was made by Ms. Perotte, seconded by Ms. Compton, that Ms. Lynn Edmonds be appointed as Chair, and Ms. Lynn Compton as Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Perotte, Edmonds and Compton.  
Noes: 0 - None.  
Abstain: 0 - None.  
Absent: 0 - None.

### **2. Approval of Minutes of the December 11, 2019 Meeting**

Approval of the December 11, 2019 Minutes was deferred to the next scheduled meeting to allow members that did not attend the meeting to review the minutes.

**The floor is opened to public comment, with no response.**

**3. Public Comment Period**

This is the time set for public comments on items not on the agenda. **Chairperson Lynn Edmonds** opens the floor to public comment, with no response.

**4. Refinery Fence Line Monitoring (AB 1674)**

**SLOCAPCD's Refinery Fence Line Monitoring Proposal**

Mr. Gary Willey reports on regulations put in place to require refineries to form a fence line monitoring system. The refinery under the SLOCAPCD jurisdiction, Phillips 66, is operating their fence line monitoring system under an MOU rather than a District Rule. Mr. Willey reports Phillips 66 will be ceasing operation in 2023. Mr. Willey responds to Council Member questions and comments.

**SBCAPCD's Rule 364**

Ms. Aeron Arlin Genet provides the Council with a presentation on SBAPCD's Rule 364: Refinery Fence Line and Community Air Monitoring. Like San Luis Obispo County, Santa Barbara County also has only one refinery within its jurisdiction - an asphalt batch plant, west of Santa Maria, also fell within the requirements of AB 1647, requiring fence line monitoring. The District must operate a community monitor to measure the same refinery-related pollutants.

**Chairperson Edmonds opens the floor to public comment, with no response.**

**5. Vessel Speed Reduction Program Update (Tisopulos)**

Dr. Laki Tisopulos provides the Council with information on the Vessel Speed Reduction Program implemented in 2014. This is a voluntary program that encourages vessels to reduce their speed from 14-18 knots to 10 knots for two benefits – to protect wildlife (whales) and to reduce air emissions. Just last year in the Santa Barbara Channel (including Ventura County), it is estimated that NOX emissions had been reduced by 540 tons, in addition to large reductions in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, Oxides of Sulfur (SOX) emissions and Diesel Particulates (DP). In July, USEPA has granted Ventura County APCD additional funding to support this program and it is possible that the California Air Resources Board may be providing additional resources.

**Chairperson Edmonds opens the floor to public comment, with no response.**

**6. Oceano Dunes SVRA Update (Willey)**

Mr. Gary Willey provides the Council with an update on the emission reduction progress made at the Oceano Dunes SVRA. The dunes have been closed in response to COVID-19 and the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) doesn't anticipate any measurable reductions as a result of the closure. The SAG will be looking at their recommendations for the mitigation plans for 2021 and submitted to the APCO 's review. The APCD Hearing Board is scheduled to meet on October 23, 2020.

**Chairperson Edmonds opens the floor to public comment, with no response.**

**7. Landscape Electrification Programs:**

**Electrification Experimentation with the City of Ojai (Tisopulos)**

Dr. Laki Tisopulos provides the Council with information on a program that the City of Ojai created to replace gas-powered landscaping equipment with all electric equipment over the course of 2 years. 80 tons of criteria pollutants and GHG emissions were reduced during the course of this experiment, and the equipment operators don't inhale fumes while using the equipment. The Lake Casitas community, as well as the Santa Paula community, is looking at participating.

**Landscape Equipment Electrification Fund (LEEF) Program (Arlin Genet)**

SBCAPCD has had a lot of interest to eliminate leaf blowers in general, but specifically those that are gas-powered. Statewide, small off-road engines (SORE) have not decreased in emission impacts to the extent as lower emissions vehicles, contributing to smog formation, health impacts to equipment operators as well as neighborhood impacts. SBCAPCD has secured \$100,000 of funding for a program to incentivize electrification of landscape equipment. The LEEF Pilot project was launched in March 2020, with landscape businesses, public/private schools and public agencies eligible to participate. The Pilot project was a huge success with the District receiving \$164,021 in applications from 14 businesses, 3 public agencies and 12 schools countywide. There has been a ton of interest to expand this program with a high level of satisfaction with the electric equipment. Ms. Arlin Genet responds to Council member comments and questions.

**Chairperson Edmonds opens the floor to public comment, with no response.**

**8. Other Business/Confirm Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, 2020.

**9. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:18 a.m.