

# Meeting Summary



## DECEMBER 1, 2004

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Larry R. Allen  
Air Pollution Control Officer

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ROLL CALL  
CLOSED SESSION  
CONSENT AGENDA  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
APCO'S REPORT  
BOARD BUSINESS  
BOARD MEMBER ITEMS  
ADJOURNMENT

#### 9:00 A.M. ROLL CALL

##### *Present*

John Ewan, *Chair*  
Harry Ovitt, *Vice Chair*  
Katcho Achadjian  
Shirley Bianchi  
Joe Costello  
David Ekbohm  
James Heggarty  
Tom O'Malley  
Mary Ann Reiss

##### *Absent*

Bill Peirce  
Peg Pinard  
Mike Ryan

#### CLOSED SESSION

- A-1 Performance evaluation of Air Pollution Control Officer and approval of employment contract.
- A-2 Conference with District Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9.)

#### REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- B-1 Report from closed session by District Counsel

*Ray Biering reported on the completion of the APCO's evaluation and that the Board has authorized the Chair to extend Larry Allen's contract to December 1, 2006, with a 7% salary increase beginning in July 2005, and an additional five days vacation per year.*

*Ray Beiring also noted that there was discussion in the closed session regarding potential litigation, but no final action was taken*

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- C-1 Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2004 Meeting

- C-2 District Financial Report: With 32% of the fiscal year elapsed the District has expended 30% of its appropriations and accrued 27% of anticipated revenue. This is a routine status report to the Board – Contact: Paul Allen (RECEIVE AND FILE)
- C-3 Request for Approval to Participate in the Seventh Year (FY 04/05) of the Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program - Contact: Andy Mutziger (RECOMMEND APPROVAL AND INSTRUCT CHAIR TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION)

*Dave Ekblom asked to discuss item C-3 – he questioned the application process for the Carl Moyer funds and wanted to know if there have been any requests for the new funds yet. Aeron Arlin Genet noted that contacts have been made, but the RFP has not yet been released and there have been no agreements made with any potential applicants.*

*All Consent Agenda Items unanimously approved.*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

*None*

#### **APCO'S REPORT**

- Status report on attainment planning efforts for particulate matter  
*Larry Allen noted that the ARB will be adopting PM control measures by January 2005 and the Districts are scheduled to adopt PM control measures and an implementation schedule by July 2005. The APCD has formed a PM team to develop the PM Plan and are currently evaluating plans from other Districts and are selecting measures appropriate for SLO County. The team will be conducting meetings with stakeholders and working with affected agencies. APCD will hold a public meeting in February 2005 to provide background information on the PM Plan; a draft of potential control strategies and schedule for review and comment is scheduled for March 2005; a public workshop to review draft PM control strategies and proposed implementation schedule will be held in April 2005; APCD will report to the Board at the May 2005 meeting and submit draft control strategies and implementation schedule; Draft PM Plan will be released in June 2005; proposed PM Plan will be brought to the board for adoption in July 2005*
  
- Update on recent legislation allowing \$2 increase in DMV fees  
*A proposal may be brought to the Board at the January or March 2005 meeting regarding AB 923 which allows Districts to request DMV to begin collecting an additional \$2 in vehicle registration fees which could be used for Moyer-type grant projects to reduce diesel emissions*
  
- Relaxation of vapor recovery control requirements for gas stations  
*ARB approved the Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR) Program in 2000 with an April 1, 2005 deadline requirement for station upgrades. The regulations were recently revised to provide an exemption for existing gasoline dispensing facilities in districts that are in attainment with the state ozone standard. New stations and stations undergoing major modifications are still required to install Phase I EVR. Staff have sent notices to all affected facilities of the relaxed requirement.*

## BOARD BUSINESS

- D-1 Update on progress in implementing the APCD Strategic Action Plan – Contact: Larry Allen (RECEIVE AND FILE)

*Larry Allen provided an update on the Strategic Action Plan that was originally adopted by the Board in January 2004. Progress has been made, but some strategies have had to be deferred or changed due to budget constraints, the loss of the Public Information Officer position earlier this year, and the fact that another staff position has remained unfilled. Many streamlining strategies have also been implemented. Mr. O'Malley noted that outreach efforts are very important and he encouraged staff to keep as much of this program as possible.*

- D-2 Presentation of draft strategies in Long-Range Fiscal Plan to ensure future adequate fiscal resources to meet mission and mandates of District. – Contact: Larry Allen (REVIEW AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF)

*Larry Allen reviewed draft strategies for a proposed Long Range Fiscal Plan being developed by a team formed at the District to find ways to ensure future fiscal stability. A challenge is to find ways to assure that enough staff will continue to be available to deal with the many mandates and programs that are required. Larry reviewed several proposals for fiscal savings and for revenue enhancements: Contract for County Counsel services; defer filling a retiring receptionist position; develop cost recovery mechanism for CEQA review on large projects; increase fees for some permitted sources; permit fees for open burning and agricultural burning; use of additional existing DMV fees for district operations; 50¢ per capita fee on all jurisdictions. Board members discussed the different strategies, with several commenting that cost recovery for staff work was important; all agreed that the per capita fee would not likely be approved. The Board agreed that the Plan would be implemented over several years, with each proposed strategy individually reviewed and approved by the Board as they are brought forward for implementation. The Board recommended that the Plan include funding to maintain current staff levels, as well as restoring in Fiscal Year 2006/2007 the staff position that was cut this year. The Board asked that a draft plan be brought back to a future Board meeting for review and approval.*

- D-3 Discussion of potential informational workshop in Nipomo on fire hazard abatement and alternatives to backyard burning. Report on South County green waste outreach and education efforts. – Contact: Karen Brooks (CONSIDER ISSUES AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF)

*Karen Brooks reviewed the tentative plans for a workshop proposed to be held on January 8, 2005 at the Dana Elementary School to provide education on burning alternatives. Karen has been in contact with all affected agencies and will notify all area residents and concerned citizens. John Ewan noted that the workshop was well planned and the Board directed the staff to conduct the workshop as proposed.*

## BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

*None*

**ADJOURN – 11:30 a.m.**