VENTURA COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 19, 2017 MINUTES

Chair Sara Head convened the meeting at approximately 7:31 p.m.

I. <u>Director's Report</u>

Mike Villegas, Air Pollution Control Officer, reported that the District has been working hard on the voluntary Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR) Program. Congressman Lowenthal introduced a bill that would have NOAA create a VSR off Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. It is cosponsored by Representatives Carbajal, Brownley and Khanna. We are pushing hard to gain some Republican support. Our Board supports the bill, along with Santa Barbara District. The Ventura County Board of Supervisors approved a letter of support today. The California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) will be issuing their letter and the Port of Hueneme Oxnard Harbor District will be going to their board on Monday.

We have been able to cut about 25 tons per year of NOx with the existing incentive program. The shipping lines are saying more would participate if there is a more formal recognition program, similar to Dolphin Safe Tuna. The bill is named the Blue Whales and Blue Skies Act because the reduced speeds should also reduce the incidence of lethal ship strikes on whales. Smog season coincides with blue whale season in the Channel.

This is the third year of the local voluntary VSR. This year, the Bay Area joined as well, but the current legislation only covers the Santa Barbara Channel region.

II. <u>Call to Order</u>

Chair Sara Head called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 p.m.

III. Roll Call

Present

Joan Burns Thomas Lucas
Randy Chapman Hugh McTernan
Ron Fazzolare Paul Meehan
Sara Head Richard Nick
Kim Lim Steven Wolfson

Absent

Michael Hughes (excused)

Martin Hernandez (excused) Keith Moore (excused)
Randy Johnson Alice Sterling (excused)

Staff

Mike Villegas

Chuck Thomas

Alan Ballard

Tyler Harris

Public

Representing

None

IV. Minutes

Since this is a study session meeting with no action items, the minutes were not brought to the committee.

V. Committee Comment

There were no Committee comments.

VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VII. Old Business

The Old Business was the status of VW Settlement Funds, which was discussed by Mr. Villegas in his Director's Report.

VIII. New Business

A. Introduction of New Advisory Committee Members

Mr. Villegas introduced the new Advisory Committee members:

Randy Chapman – City of Camarillo

Steve Colome - City of Ojai

Ron Fazzolare – Supervisor Foy (District 4)

Michael Hughes – Supervisor Parks (District 2)

B. Study Session on the 2016 Ventura County Air Quality Management Plan

Mr. Villegas gave an overview of the 2016 Ventura County Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) using the same PowerPoint presentation as he used for the Air Pollution Control Board item on February 14, 2017 when they approved the AQMP. The slides are attached and serve as the summary of this study session.

C. Study Session on Reauthorization of the California Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade (C&T) Program – AB 398 and AB 617

Mr. Villegas gave an overview of this subject based on the following outline:

- Stationary Sources
 - Mandatory GHG reporting §38530
 - o Permitted emission of ≥ 250 tpy of a nonattainment pollutant
 - o Elevated prioritization score §44360
- Sources must report criteria and toxic emissions to CARB, possible 3rd party verification
- By 1/1/2019 nonattainment districts shall adopt a schedule for BARCT for industrial sources subject to C&T §38562
- Prior to adopting the BARCT schedule the district shall hold a public meeting to discuss air quality and public health benefits to the community and cost effectiveness
- The legislation seems to provide for the use of emission reduction credits (ERCs) in lieu of the BARCT requirements
- The implementation of alternative emission reduction projects is also allowed if the source shows that the actual cost of complying with BARCT exceeds the district's costeffectiveness estimate
- The bill increases maximum penalty amounts and as of 1/1/2018 these maximum penalties are to be increased by the CPI
- "Disadvantaged Community" §39711
- By 10/1/2018, CARB shall work with the state scientific review panel on air toxics and the districts, OEHHA, EJ groups and the regulated community to develop a community monitoring plan for criteria and toxic pollutants; based on this plan CARB shall select locations to deploy community monitoring systems
- By 7/1/2019 districts shall deploy community monitoring systems in these locations and districts will have the authority to require sources to deploy fence-line monitoring systems (the bill mentions real-time monitoring)
- By 1/1/2020 and every year thereafter CARB shall select additional locations for community monitoring, as appropriate, and districts will have one year to deploy additional community monitoring systems
- This monitoring data shall be provided to CARB and be published on the CARB website
- By 10/1/2018 CARB shall prepare (with the districts, scientific review panel on air toxics, OEHHA, EJ groups and the regulated community) a statewide strategy to reduce criteria and toxic pollutants to communities affected by high cumulative exposure – this will be updated every five years
- This strategy will include:
 - o Identification of communities with high cumulative exposure
 - A methodology for assessing and identifying contributing sources for these communities
 - O An assessment of whether a district should update a §44391 (hot spots risk reduction plan) risk reduction plan for any source

- o And, an assessment of available emission reduction measures
- Within one year of CARB's strategy, a district with a location identified in CARB's strategy shall adopt a community emission reduction plan, which could include both stationary and mobile source control measures. Districts shall use a public process working with the public, community groups and local governments. Districts shall also prepare annual reports on these community plans

XI. Adjournment

Having no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m.

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