

Clean Air Fund Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

May 31, 2012

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Since the chair was absent, John Kromka was appointed by the committee to be chairman for the meeting.
- II. Approve summary of the June 2, 2009 meeting: Ms. Neiswender moved and Mr. Bayman seconded approval. The Committee approved the summary without any changes.
- III. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
- IV. Staff Report: Mr. Villegas, Air Pollution Control Officer, stated that the county air quality was the cleanest on record, and noted that the EPA may consider a more stringent ozone standard in 2014.

V. Old Business:

The Clean Air Fund permanent endowment is approximately \$750,000. The Ventura County Community Foundation Endowment funds are professionally managed in a diversified portfolio, which is up about \$100,000 since 2009, despite having granted \$80,000 since then.

Available funds for projects is about \$200,000, which includes \$150,000 set aside for the Ventura County Fire Department Burn Building Training center, which was approved in 2001/2002 but never built. Mr. Villegas commented that he would speak with the new Fire Chief to see if the commitment to this funding could be released.

1. Elect Vice Chair: Since the current Vice Chair, Robert Poole, has moved out of area and left the committee. Ms. Neiswender was nominated to be Vice Chair by Mr. Bayman, and seconded by Mr. King, and elected unanimously.
2. Lawn Mower Trade-In Program Status Report: This program has ended, and since 2006, over 1,000 gasoline-powered mowers have been replaced with electric lawn mowers. All allocated funding has been spent. Several members expressed interest in bringing back the program if there is funding available.
3. Pesticide Demonstrations Project Status Report: This grant to study the impact of low permeable plastic tarps used on berry farms to reduce pesticide emissions has been completed. The program was a success and a number of county farmers have instituted this new technology.

VI. New Business:

1. Recommend Mr. Steve DeGeorge as Member of the Clean Air Fund Advisory Committee: Mr. DeGeorge is the Planning and Technology Director for the Ventura County Transportation Commission. Mr. DeGeorge was nominated to be the Transportation

Member of the Clean Air Fund Advisory Committee by Mr. Bayman, seconded by Mr. King, and approved unanimously.

2. Proposed Project: Low Rolling Resistance Tire Voucher Program:

Mr. Cowen provided the basic program to incentivize low rolling resistance aftermarket tires using \$50 vouchers for the purchase of four tires. The air quality impact of this program would be the reduction of emissions greenhouse gases and criteria pollutants (ozone precursors) from less fuel burned in light duty vehicles.

There was some concern that \$50 was not a sufficient incentive to get program participants. However, there is an additional payback from consumers of up to \$400 from fuel savings, which will be advertised as part of the voucher program. Another concern with this first of its kind demonstration program was the requirement for applicants to provide mileage data prior to and 6 months after participating in the program. It was felt that excessive APCD staff time would be needed to collect and analyze this data. Mr. Cowen explained that a simple one-page application would be collected and that applicants could provide post-program data via email, fax, or telephone. Mr. Bayman had a question regarding the environmental impacts from the manufacturing process to make these low rolling resistance tires. Mr. Cowen explained that that the reformulated tires use less carbon black and more silica and other different formulations to reduce rolling resistance, and that there are no special manufacturing issues related to these reformulations.

Many of the committee members were not aware of the current availability of low rolling resistance tires, and that advertising the program in the county would be a good way to promote another way for consumers to save energy and reduce greenhouse gases.

Mr. Montoya moved and Mr. Bayman seconded the motion to fund \$50,000 for this project. The committee unanimously approved recommending funding of this project by the Board.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m..

Prepared by:

Stan Cowen, Air Pollution Control District Staff

Date: June 4, 2012

Low Rolling Resistance Tire Voucher Program				
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Member	Attendance *	Moved	Second	Vote* *
Bayman	P		X	Y
King	P			Y
Kromka	P			Y
Montoya	P	X		Y
Neiswender	P			Y
Stubblefield	A			

Attendance - P(present),A(absent),E(excused)

APCD Staff:

Mike Villegas

Stan Cowen

Guests:

None

**Vote - Y(yes), N(no), A(abstain)