

AMENDED MINUTES

REGIONAL AIR QUALITY COUNCIL

Thursday, April 22, 1999

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shirleen Tucker, *CHAIRMAN*
Dennis Arfmann, *Holme Roberts & Owen*
Theresa Donahue, *City & County of Denver*
Jane Norton, *Colo. Dept. Public Hlth & Env.*
Tom Norton, *Colo. Dept. of Transportation*
Don Parsons, *DRCOG*
Jim Scherer
Melanie Worley, *Douglas County*

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Sharon Votruba, *City of Thornton* (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Lloyd, RAQC; Misty Howell, RAQC; Jerry Dilley, RAQC; Michele Majuene, RAQC; Patrick Cummins, RAQC; Annmarie Jensen, RAQC; Alice Guthrie, City of Boulder; Carol Maclennan, Tri-County Health Department; Bob Brady, Coors Brewing/AQCC; Anju Chugh, U.S. EPA; Mark Komp, U.S. EPA; Jeff Houk, U.S. EPA; Tim Russ, U.S. EPA; Jerry Gallagher, APCD; Steve Arnold, APCD; Margie Perkins, APCD; Rick Barrett, APCD; David Yamada, City of Thornton; Clark Johnson, City of Arvada; Jim Ives, City of Aurora; Terrance Tschatschula; Casey Shpall, Colo. Attorney General's Office; Bill Myers, Sierra Club; Jack Rigg, BP Amoco; and Jan Rigg, Public Issues Management.

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Dennis Arfmann moved to accept the agenda and approve the minutes. Seconded by Melanie Worley. Motion passed without objection.

Public Comment

Bill Myers, Sierra Club, stated the Sierra Club would like to see the Council, with its new charter, move forward with its previous plans for balanced transportation programs and the ozone program.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Maintenance Plan

Ken Lloyd gave a brief overview of the CO Maintenance Plan, explaining the criteria for redesignation and the elements of the plan.

Patrick Cummins gave a detailed overview of the elements of the technical analysis. He explained that the state is required to do the same type of modeling that was done in the original CO State Implementation Plan (SIP). The key criteria for the technical analysis are timing, program flexibility and EPA approvability.

There was some discussion regarding Mobile 5 and Mobile 6 models. Mobile 6 will not be available until December, which does not fit into the RAQC's current time frame for preparing the maintenance plan. Patrick indicated that EPA may have an upgrade to Mobile 5, which would be useful.

Patrick indicated that strategy options need to be narrowed and focused by Council before the technical analysis is done. It was suggested that a subcommittee be formed to look at the strategy issues on Oxygenated Fuels and the Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program. RAQC and APCD staff will work with the technical analysis as the subcommittee moves forward. The subcommittee would sort through the issues then bring options to the Council for consideration.

Jane Norton indicated that her staff at the Air Pollution Control Division will need to receive recommendations and decisions on control measures by mid-June in order to perform necessary technical and economic analysis within the RAQC's time frame. She has committed her staff to meeting the goals of the Council so that a maintenance plan proposal can be presented to the Air Quality Control Commission in time for consideration this year.

Don Parsons moved Council create a subcommittee open to representatives of interested parties with special invitees as needed. Seconded by Melanie Worley. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Scherer volunteered to chair the subcommittee. It was recommended that the co-chair be a RAQC partner. Dennis Arfmann suggested Dennis Creamer, Conoco, to co-chair. The Council approved and Ken Lloyd will contact Mr. Creamer.

The following options for preparing the maintenance plan were laid out for Council's consideration: Option 1: Comparison to 2001 SIP Inventory; Option 2: Comparison to 1997 Attainment Case; or Option 3: Updated Modeling with Mobile 6.

The discussion reflected that Option 2 is not really an option since EPA would likely not approve the plan. Option 3 is outside of the time frame for developing the plan. When Mobile 6 becomes available, Council could submit a revised plan.

Don Parsons moved Council follow Option 1 with variations of Option 3 if the technology becomes available within the RAQC's time frame. Seconded by Dennis Arfmann. The motion passed unanimously.

Voluntary Ozone Program

Jerry Dilley gave an overview of the ozone subcommittee activities. He explained the voluntary ozone program is important to help keep the region below EPA's new 8-hour standard. A three year rolling average is used to determine attainment. Currently the region is close to violating

the standard. A non-attainment determination from EPA could pose a host of problems for the region.

Michele Majeune gave an overview of the ozone outreach campaign. She explained the different messages that would be used for each audience group. There will be ongoing messages throughout the summer as well as advisory calls for high summer air pollution episodes.

Public Comment

Terrance Tschatschula asked if Council had looked at the quantification of ethanol gasoline as a contributor to ozone. Steve Arnold, APCD, stated that ethanol gasoline is relatively small cause of the problem in the summer.

Terrance Tschatschula asked if the subcommittee had looked at vapor recovery nozzles as a means of reducing ozone precursors. Ken Lloyd indicated vapor recovery nozzles were reviewed previously and it was determined they were not a cost effective option. Also, new cars now have a canister on the gas tank to capture vapors so the need for the nozzle will become obsolete.

Don Parsons moved to approve the voluntary ozone program as outlined by staff. Seconded by Theresa Donahue. The motion passed unanimously.

Process for Involving RAQC Partners

Ken Lloyd distributed a plan for continuing involvement of public and private partners in the new RAQC structure. He explained the plan has similar ideas for each type of partner. Council agreed the it was important to have a variety of ways to include partners.

One-on-one communication is very important. Briefings with organizations will also be set up to discuss the RAQC's new structure and the goal of continued involvement.

Ken Lloyd indicated that later in the year, Council will need to set up meetings with individual City Councils and County Commissions to discuss maintaining financial support in 2000. A meeting with Arvada city council has been requested since they have requested a refund of their 1999 funding. Shirleen Tucker stated that if Council is aware of specific concerns or problems, they should bring them to Ken and measures will be taken to remedy concerns.

There was discussion regarding when funding requests should be made. Ken indicated that generally requests are made in May and June. The approach in the past has been to get staff to put RAQC funding in the proposed budget.

Dave Yamada, City of Thornton, endorsed the Council going to the communities. He also informed the Council that some local governments have gone to biennial budgets.

Ken Lloyd explained the current RAQC subcommittee structure. There was discussion on utilizing existing forums to gain input on RAQC work, instead of creating new subcommittees. These forums include: various DRCOG committees; Metro Mayors Caucus; CCI Urban District; CML Region III; CACI Air Quality Committee; Metro Denver Chamber Environmental Committee; Suburban chambers; and Trade associations. A special effort will need to be made to assemble representatives of environmental and citizen groups.

Other groups that could be utilized include Adams County Governments, Jefferson County Governments, local TV access and local health departments.

Don Parson indicated he would get the RAQC on the Metro Mayors Caucus agenda for a future meeting. Melanie Worley stated she would help with CCI.

Ken Lloyd said updates to these groups would be periodic.

Council will continue discussion on official participation on other groups' committees at the May 6 meeting. Ken will provide Council will a list of these committees.

There was discussion regarding the need for an Executive Committee. Ken Lloyd stated previously the Executive Committee was used to handle administrative issues such as approving contracts, reviewing budget issues, and reviewing staff. There may be a need for a group of 3-4 members to handle items efficiently. Council will need to decide what they want to do. It was determined that with a smaller board, there was not necessarily a need for an Executive Committee at this time. The position of a Vice-Chairman was discussed. Council will have further discussion on these topics at the May 6 meeting.

Review Status of Legislation of Interest

Anmarie Jensen indicated there have been no significant changes to the legislation the Council is following. A resolution to create an interim study on mobile source issues was introduced. Legislative Council did not vote to fund the study. It is unlikely the sponsor will find funding. House Bill 99-1297 is being heard in House Finance this afternoon. Council concluded the proposed amendments to the bill do not materially change the position of the Council.

Announcements

Ken Lloyd reminded Council that administrative and organizational issues would be discussed at the May 6 meeting. Jane Norton indicated she would be out of the state that day. Jim Scherer will be in Spain.

Jim Scherer announced that the I-70 Transit Group will be holding a public forum on April 26th at the Denver Public Library, Conference Room A from 5:30-7:30 p.m. He encouraged Council and audience members to attend.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.