

MINUTES

REGIONAL AIR QUALITY COUNCIL

Thursday, February 3, 2000

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Scherer (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Lloyd, RAQC; Misty Howell, RAQC; Gerald Dilley, RAQC; Laura Hagg Neslon, RAQC; Annmarie Jensen, RAQC; Rick Barrett, APCD; Doug Benevento, CDPHE; Bob Farmer; Doug Lempke, AQCC; Jim Ives, City of Aurora; Stan Dempsey, Colorado Petroleum Association; Mike Silverstein, APCD; Bob Lowdermilk, AQCC; George Gerstle, CDOT; Anju Fritz, EPA-Regon 8; and Margy Christiansen.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

Don Parson moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Melanie Worley. Motion passed without objection.

Approval of the Minutes

Corrections to the minutes included:

- Page 2, 1st ¶ under Report from AQCC, second sentence should read: "Each month, AQCC staff will brief the Council on current and upcoming activities."
- Add the meeting location on the first page of minutes, when meeting is held around the region.

Dennis Arfmann moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Don Parson. Motion passed without objection. Sharon Votruba abstained.

Informational Items

Chairman:

Shirleen Tucker announced that she would be resigning as the RAQC Chairman. She has accepted a position as Director of the Mobile Sources Program with the Colorado Department of Health & Environment.

Executive Director:

No Report.

Members:

Don Parsons announced he is once again working as a contractor with KN Energy, now Kinder Morgan.

Don indicated that the Transit Alliance has put together a brief presentation on the value of transit as it relates to economic development and air quality. If Council is interested, he can ask the Transit Alliance staff to make a presentation. Don will work with Ken Lloyd to set up the presentation at a future meeting.

Committees:

No reports.

Report from Air Quality Control Commission

Doug Lempke, Technical Secretary for the AQCC, reviewed the information discussed by the Commissioners at their January 10, 2000 meeting, which included the Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan. Mr. Lempke distributed copies of the final CO Maintenance Plan to Council. The Commissioners also expressed interest in Governor Owens' letter to Shirleen Tucker regarding Council's next tasks.

Mr. Lempke then gave an overview of upcoming issues that the Commissioners will consider. The Commission will also be discussing direction for the annual report on the I/M program to the legislature.

Public Comment

None.

Governor Owens' Assignment to Study Options for the Inspection/Maintenance Program

Shirleen Tucker stated she received a letter from Governor Owens thanking the Council for completing the Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan. In his letter, Governor Owens gave the RAQC a new assignment to study and develop additional options to reform the current I/M program. Ken Lloyd and APCD staff have been working on a time line for completing this task.

Ken Lloyd gave Council an overview of what would need to be done in order to complete Governor Owens' assignment by the September 2000 deadline. He suggested that Council create a Mobile Sources Subcommittee to narrow the potential options and assist the Council with this task. He reminded Council that the September report is not a SIP revision. Ken outlined the schedule.

Council agreed a subcommittee should be formed. Melanie Worley volunteered to chair the subcommittee.

Rick Barrett, APCD staff, reviewed an action plan for evaluation of further strategy reductions. The APCD will need to conduct a design margin evaluation process and a strategy development process to model potential strategy options. He explained that the two processes need to happen concurrently in order to assemble the strategy/option packages, which will be included in the September report to Governor Owens, the Air Quality Control Commission and the Legislature.

Rick indicated that APCD is proposing to approach the strategy evaluation process by using the strengths from available models. He reminded Council that the process as reported to Governor Owens would not be in a form to present to EPA for approval. The SIP process would be the next step.

Council discussed various model options.

Theresa Donahue moved to make the goal of not negatively impacting other pollutants part of the process. Seconded by Sharon Votruba. Motion passed without objection.

Don Parons moved to follow the process outlined by staff. Seconded by Jane Norton. Motion passed without objection.

The first meeting of the Mobile Sources Subcommittee is set for Friday, February 18, 2000, 8:30 - 11:00 p.m. This will be an all comers subcommittee.

Discussion of Legislation of Interest

Annmarie Jensen reviewed the legislation of interest with Council. Annmarie indicated that Council needs to determine if they wanted to take position on bills or just monitor them.

Council discussed whether or not to take positions on bills. The majority of Council preferred not to lobby but to provide input. Other Council members expressed the importance keeping an open mind as issues arise.

Dennis Arfmann moved that the RAQC continue to monitor bills, provide technical assistance on the SIP review bill and actively be involved with the CO SIP bill. Seconded by Jane Norton. Motion passed without objection.

Approval of New Lease Amendments for Office Space

Don Parsons moved to approve the new lease amendments for office space. Seconded by Jane Norton. Motion passed without objection.

Ken Lloyd updated the Council on the search for an Air Quality Planner to replace Patrick Cummins. Job announcements have been sent out and has been posted on the RAQC website as well as a few others. Once resumes are received a review panel will be set up.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.