

MINUTES
REGIONAL AIR QUALITY COUNCIL

Thursday, August 24, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Scherer, *CHAIRMAN*
Theresa Donahue, *City & County of Denver*
Don Parsons, *City of Northglenn / DRCOG*
Dave Sladek, *The Clayton Group*
Sharon Votruba, *City of Thornton*
Melanie Worley, , *Douglas County*

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Dennis Arfmann, *Holme Roberts & Owen*
Jane Norton, *Colo. Dept. Public Health & Environment*
Tom Norton, *Colo. Dept. of Transportation*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Lloyd, RAQC; Misty Howell, RAQC; Annmarie Jensen, RAQC; Shirleen Tucker, APCD; Rick Barrett, APCD; Jim Ives, City of Aurora; Bob Brady, AQCC; Dr. Jerry Gallagher, J. Gallagher Associates; Doug Benevento, CDPHE; Kerri Fielder, EPA; Nancy Reubert, Envirotest Systems; George Gerstle, CDOT; and Rich Mauro, DRCOG.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Scherer at 3:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

Don Parsons moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Theresa Donahue. Motion passed without objection.

Approval of the Minutes

Since there was not a quorum at the August 3, 2000 meeting the minutes should be considered a meeting summary and therefore do not require approval.

Don Parsons moved to approve the July 6, 2000 minutes. Seconded by Melanie Worley. Motion passed without objection.

Informational Items

Chairman:

Jim Scherer stated that he would be in town for the September and October meetings. However, he will be out of the country for the November meeting and possibly for the December meeting.

Executive Director:

Ken Lloyd informed Council that Jerry Dilley would be out of the office for four to six weeks because he had back surgery.

Members:

No Reports.

Committees:

No Reports.

Public Comment

None.

Review and Approval of “Options to Reform the Current Inspection/Maintenance Program” Report

Ken Lloyd reviewed the various versions of the report presented for Council’s consideration. He explained that the redline version dated August 17, 2000 incorporated Dennis Arfmann’s comments from the August 3 meeting. Further, the August 24 redline version was mostly format changes suggested by Jane Norton and her staff.

Theresa Donahue congratulated Melanie Worley, staff and subcommittee participants for their work. Theresa had prepared some written comments to the August 17 redline version. Council reviewed Theresa’s comments.

The discussion included:

- Adding language to show that the RAQC recognizes that no state has utilized a high emitter program to the degree recommended in the report and to stress the importance of phasing and gradual transition as essential aspects of the recommendation.
- Adding the year 2006 to language to reinforce that the results indicated are not immediate.

- Deleting language regarding “without creating a welfare program” on page 2 since the language is political and beyond the scope of the RAQC’s charter.
- Changing “IM240 test” in several places to “current program”, because the current language seems to relate all shortcomings of the program to the IM240 test, which is not accurate.
- Changing the word “justify” to “evaluate” on page 8 and elsewhere in the report to move away from predetermining results.
- Inquiring whether RAQC evaluated the benefit of eliminating collector status exemptions for the high emitter program. Rick Barrett indicated the cut points would be set appropriately for these types of vehicles so only gross emitters would be included. This program is also a good way to collect data on all types of automobiles.
- Combining the information on a low income program so that it does not appear under both repairs & high emitter programs. Ken indicated the subcommittee felt this should be included not only under the repair section, but also as an important component of the high emitter program. This also shows positive incentives. Council agreed to keep the information under both sections.

Council agreed to incorporate most of Theresa’s suggested changes.

Ken Lloyd then reviewed the differences between the August 17 and August 24 redline versions of the report. He stated the recommendations have been numbered in the executive summary and each section in the body of the report is cross referenced to the executive summary. CDPHE staff suggested that the section “Evaluating eliminating the oxygenated gasoline requirement when improved mobile source emissions models are available” be included to the executive summary. It has been added. On page 20, a section was added to include information to show that the RAQC recommendations reflect consideration of the State Auditor’s report “1999 Audit of the Colorado AIR Program”.

Ken indicated that he and Rick Barrett, after discussions with Don Stedman, revised the language under the section “Appropriately Integrated On-Board Diagnostics II” to more accurately reflect the results of the EPA study.

Theresa Donahue moved to incorporate the discussed changes into the report. Seconded by Don Parsons. Motion passed without objection.

Ken Lloyd reviewed the Summary of Recommendations matrix that was created at Jane Norton’s request. The matrix outlines the recommendations, which of the Governor’s evaluation criteria was achieved, the implementing authority, cost increase/savings and whether legislation is needed. He suggested the matrix be included as an appendix to the report.

Don Parsons moved to approve the report as changed with the appendix. Seconded by Sharon Votruba. The motion passed without objection.

Doug Benevento indicated that Jane Norton asked that the record reflect that she was going to abstain from the vote because the recommendations include matters involving contracts and future contracts that might be construed as a pre-decision from CDPHE.

Council reviewed and approved the draft letter to the Governor.

Communication Strategy for Transmitting the Report

Ken Lloyd reviewed the next steps for transmitting the report. Council agreed the report transmittal date would be August 30, 2000. Ken will work with the Governor's staff on the method of releasing the report. Jim Scherer asked Council to hold August 30 in case the Governor wants a briefing or a press conference.

Council further discussed the next steps for implementing the recommendations. It was decided to leave the level of the RAQC's involvement to the Governor. After Ken has had discussions with the Governor's staff, he will update Council.

Sharon Votruba moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Don Parsons. Motion passed without objection.

Ken reminded Council the September 7th meeting will be in Westminster.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.