

MINUTES

REGIONAL AIR QUALITY COUNCIL

Thursday, February 6, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Scherer, *CHAIRMAN*
Theresa Donahue, *Citizen Member*
Dave Sladek, *The Clayton Group*
Melanie Worley, *Douglas County/DRCOG*

ALTERNATES IN ATTENDANCE:

Doug Lempke, *Colo. Dept. Public Health & Environment*
George Gerstle, *Colo. Dept. of Transportation*

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Randy Ahrens, *City & County of Broomfield*
Dennis Arfmann, *Holme Roberts & Owen*
Doug Benevento, *Colo. Dept. Public Health & Environment*
Tom Norton, *Colo. Dept. of Transportation*
Ed Tauer, *City of Aurora*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Lloyd, RAQC; Misty Howell, RAQC; Gerald Dilley, RAQC; Sara O'Keefe, RAQC; Steve McCannon, RAQC; Margie Christiansen; Bob Lowdermilk, AQCC; Mike Silverstein, APCD; Tim Russ, EPA; Shirleen Tucker, APCD; Kerry Feidler, EPA; Shiela Burns, APCD; and Jeff May, DRCOG.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Scherer at 3:20 p.m. A quorum was not present.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Postponed until quorum present.

Ken Lloyd indicated there were two items that need to be added to the agenda: revisions to the by-laws and contracting aspects of the EAC.

Informational Items

Chairman

None.

Executive Director

None.

Committees

None.

Members

None.

Election of Vice Chair

Ken Lloyd stated that Melanie Worley was interested in continuing as the Vice Chair.

No action taken, quorum not present.

Revisions to By-Laws

Ken Lloyd explained to the Council that changes were made to the by-laws to make them consistent with the RAQC's new executive order signed by the Governor on December 31, 2002. The changes include increasing the quorum requirement to seven and allowing the executive directors for CDPHE and CDOT to designate alternates.

According to the by-laws the Council must wait until their next meeting to take action.

Public Comment and Discussion

None.

Authorization to Contract for Ozone Modeling

Sheila Burns, APCD, explained that the Air Pollution Control Division has been working to develop a plan for the dispersion modeling required for the Early Action Compact (EAC). She indicated that funding for the modeling will be coming from CDPHE, DRCOG and CDOT. She explained there is a need to

bring on a contractor to do the modeling. There are 10 national teams that already do this kind of work. To help expedite the process and stay on the EAC schedule, she asked the Council to authorize RAQC staff to contract for the technical work.

Council discussed what would be involved in the contracting. No action taken, quorum not present.

2003 Meeting Schedule and Locations

Ken Lloyd discussed the 2003 meeting schedule. The board decided to continue to meet every other month but to discontinue holding meetings at locations around the metro area. Instead they will schedule individual meetings with area city councils and board of county commissioners.

Legislative Update

Ken Lloyd reviewed the status of legislation of interest. House Bills 03-1016, removing the requirement for an emissions test upon sale of a vehicle, and 03-1053, concerning emissions testing for diesel vehicles, both passed in House Transportation and Energy Committee with amendments and were referred to House Appropriations. House Bill 03-1076, exempting portions of southwest Douglas County from the emission program, failed in committee. Senate Bill 03-121, concerning the preparation of a cost benefit analysis of rules proposed to determine the impact on the state's economy, has been referred to Senate Business Affairs and Labor Committee.

Revised Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan Emission Budget

Jerry Dilley gave Council an overview of revisions needed for the CO maintenance plan emissions budget based on data from the MOBILE6 model. He explained the budgets need to be revised to avoid conformity problems. The interagency group believes that the revisions can be submitted in 2003 using an expedited process. Pre-approval from the Legislature will be sought to expedite the submittal to EPA. EPA approval is needed in early 2004.

Jerry reviewed tables 1.4, Emissions Inventories, 1.10, Available Safety Margin in 2006 -2012. and 1.11, Available Safety Margin in 2013 and beyond. Council had discussion on the allocation of the safety margin.

Theresa Donahue expressed concern with the significant increase in the safety margin in year 2013 and beyond.

George Gerstle, CDOT and Jeff May, DRCOG, indicated that the large safety margin will help keep the area in conformity for transportation due to future transportation uncertainties.

Ken Lloyd explained the approach the interagency group selected was to allocate as much margin as possible to keep the flexibility.

The current schedule requires that the RAQC approve the proposed emission SIP revision and submit it to the AQCC by February 2003. The AQCC will hold a public hearing in June 2003. Then the Governor can submit the SIP revisions to EPA in July 2003 if the legislative pre-approval is granted.

Ken indicated it will be joint effort with the RAQC, CDPHE, DRCOG and CDOT to get pre-approval.

No action taken, quorum not present.

Roundtable Discussion

Discussion postponed until April meeting.

The Council decided to schedule a meeting on Monday, December 10 at 4 pm to take action on the agenda items needing a quorum. Members will be able to attend the meeting via conference call. The agenda for this meeting will include approval of by-laws, election of vice chair, decision on CO maintenance plan budgets, and authorization to contract for ozone dispersion modeling.

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