

MINUTES

REGIONAL AIR QUALITY COUNCIL

Thursday, June 7, 2007

RAQC MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Jim Scherer, *CHAIRMAN*
Randy Ahrens, *City & County of Broomfield*
Theresa Donahue, *Metro Denver Health & Wellness Commission*
George Gerstle, *Colo. Dept. of Transportation (alternate)*
Doug Lempke, *Colo. Dept. Public Health & Environment (alternate)*
Sue Sandstom, *City of Aurora*
Dave Sladek, *The Clayton Group*
Melanie Worley, *Douglas County/DRCOG*

RAQC MEMBERS/ALTERNATES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Dennis Arfmann, *Hogan and Hartson*
Jim Martin, *Colo. Dept. Public Health & Environment*
Russell George, *Colo. Dept. of Transportation*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Lloyd, RAQC; Misty Howell, RAQC; Sara O'Keefe, RAQC; Sarah Anderson, RAQC; Sarah Sullivan, RAQC; Steve McCannon, RAQC; Jerry Dilley, RAQC; Margy Christiansen, RAQC; Kurt VanPortfliet, Instrument Sales; Mike Weadley, McCoy Sales; Bill Haas, FWHA; and Pat McGraw, APCD.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Jim Scherer. A quorum was present at 3:10 p.m.

Informational Items

Chairman

None.

Executive Director

Ken Lloyd stated it was his understanding that the Governors Office is considering a RAQC Executive Order and it is expected to be signed by June 30, 2007. He also indicated there are likely to be new appointments to the Board at that time.

Ken thanked the Board for their work. Dave Sladek informed Council that he has asked to not be reappointed to the RAQC Board since his is not doing much work in the Denver area at this time.

Committees

None.

Public Comment and Discussion

None.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Theresa Donahue moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Doug Lempke. Motion passed unanimously.

Theresa Donahue moved to approve the March 1 and May 3 minutes. Seconded by Dave Sladek. Motion passed with one abstention (Melanie Worley).

Administrative Items

Approval to contract for research & analysis of summer ozone program

Sara O'Keefe gave Council background information regarding the RFP process for hiring a consultant to conduct a post-campaign survey and analysis. Staff recommended that the Board authorize entering into a contract with **Howell Research Group** to conduct research and analysis for the ozone education and outreach program.

Melanie Worley moved to authorize staff to enter into the contract with Howell Research Group. Seconded by Randy Ahrens. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval to contract for diesel retrofit equipment for local government fleet pilot program

Steve McCannon reviewed the RFP process for hiring vendor(s) to provide diesel retrofit equipment for the government fleet retrofit program. Three companies responded to the RFP, one was deemed non-responsive for noncompliance with the RFP requirements. The RAQC developed a Program Advisory Team (PAT) to review the RFP responses. The PAT consisted of representatives from FWHA, EPA Region 8, CDHPE, CDOT, City and County of Denver, City of Lakewood, City of Littleton, Aurora Public Schools and the RAQC staff.

Steve pointed out that both remaining responses scored similarly in all categories. The PAT recommends awards to both vendors. RAQC staff supports the recommendation and asks Council to authorize entering into contracts with both Instrument Sales and Service and McCoy Sales. Steve stated that staff will need to work with vendors and participating fleets on the details of the award. Currently, it is anticipated that 50 percent (+/- 10 percent) of the available funds will be awarded to each vendor in the first year. The award in the second year will be negotiated based on vendor performance and program needs.

Ken Lloyd indicated that the concerns and confusion expressed over this RFP at the May meeting were handled during the pre-bid meeting with the prospective respondents.

Theresa Donahue moved to authorize staff to enter into the contracts with Instrument Sales and Service and McCoy Sales. Seconded by Melanie Worley. Motion passed unanimously.

Analysis of PM-2.5 Episode

Pat McGraw, APCD, presented a technical perspective of the February PM 2.5 event. He explained that a stagnant air mass hung over the metro area for several days which led to elevated PM 2.5 levels. This type of event has only happened twice in the past nine years.

He reviewed the types of monitors that are part of the CDPHE network. Pat stated that nitrates and sulfates were the primary PM 2.5 components during this event. He indicated that the real-time monitors always have higher readings than the filter based monitors because of how the monitors function.

Pat also showed the Council a variety of charts which illustrated the results of the Commerce City speciated FRM results from the February episode.

Overview of PM-2.5 Control Measures

Jerry Dilley gave Council an overview of the PM 2.5 control measures currently in place through state-only plans, State Implementation Plans, local voluntary plans and federal requirements.

Ken Lloyd asked the Board for direction. The Board agreed staff should continue with the voluntary efforts and watch the power plant permitting as it pertains to the metro area.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.