

MINUTES

REGIONAL AIR QUALITY COUNCIL

Thursday, November 1, 2007

RAQC MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Andy Spielman, Chairman, *Hogan and Hartson, LLP*
Brad Beckham, *Colorado Department of Transportation (alternate)*
Theresa Donahue, *Metro Denver Health & Wellness Commission*
Mark Johnson, *Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment*
Ben Manvel, *City of Fort Collins*
Jim Martin, *Colorado Department Public Health and Environment*
Jana Milford, *University of Colorado at Boulder*
Nathan Rabinovich, *National Jewish Medical and Research Center*

RAQC MEMBERS/ALTERNATES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Russell George, *Colo. Dept. of Transportation*
Joan Ringel, *Citizen Member*
Nancy Severson, *Denver Department of Environmental Health*
Melanie Worley, *Douglas County/DRCOG*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Lloyd, RAQC; Misty Howell, RAQC; Sara O'Keefe, RAQC; Sarah Sullivan, RAQC; Steve McCannon, RAQC; Jerry Dilley, RAQC; Paul Tourangeau, APCD; David Heller, DRCOG; Doug Lempke, AQCC; Rick Griffith; Renee Allen, ESP; Pam Milmoie, Boulder County Public Health; Nathan Wheldon, Golder Associates; Kevin Lynch, Environmental Defense; Jim Brandon, ESP; Abby Gaffney, Davis Graham & Stubbs; Korby Bracken, Anadarko; John Clouse, Wind River Environmental; Heather Strand, Hogan & Hartson; Lisa Silver, APCD; Jim Schrack, City of Aurora; Rebecca Cales, Transportation Solutions; Calvin Youngberg, City of Longmont; and Gary Collins, .

The meeting was called to order at 3:02p.m. by Chairman Andy Spielman. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Theresa Donahue moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Brad Beckham. Motion passed unanimously.

Ben Manvel moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Theresa Donahue. Motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items

Chairman

None.

Executive Director

None.

Committees

None.

Members

Jim Martin announced that Governor Ritter is holding a press conference to announce his Climate Action Plan on Monday at 2 pm at Coors Field. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Workplan for Ozone Photochemical Modeling

Jerry Dilley gave Council an overview of the funding and schedule for the photochemical modeling. Ken Lloyd indicated the required funding for modeling has been secured. Staff is working to finalize the contract with CDPHE.

There was discussion regarding why the 2020 modeling is not detailed in the protocol. Ken Lloyd indicated there is a short detail in the workplan and the same protocol will be used. He stated that there will be additional opportunities to review the 2020 modeling process.

There was discussion on how the sensitivity modeling could affect the modeling results. Jerry Dilley stated the main affect would be on the strategy application. Ken Lloyd said that a weight of evidence can be used to correct model variances.

Theresa Donahue moved to approve the workplan. Seconded by Jana Milford. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff will move forward with the contractor.

Update on Stakeholder Involvement Meetings

Sara O'Keefe gave an update on the Ozone Stakeholder meetings and presented the schedule for upcoming meetings. Andy Spielman encouraged Board members to attend the meetings.

There were inquiries about how to get items included on the stakeholder meeting agendas. Sara O'Keefe indicated there are several options which include sending an email to Sara O'Keefe or Jerry Dilley, using the on-line form or providing suggestions at the stakeholder meetings.

Discussion of Potential Ozone Control Strategies for the 2008 Ozone Season

Ken Lloyd presented short-term strategy options for implementation for the 2008 ozone season. The outlined strategies address the Governor's directive to propose measures to reduce ozone in the 2008 season. As directed by the Board, staff worked with APCD staff to develop a list of potential strategies for Board discussion and consideration. The focus was on the strategies that could be implemented and be sufficiently effective for the 2008 season. The potential strategies were broken into the following categories: currently planned voluntary, regulatory, legislative and future.

Additional strategies beyond those listed will be considered during the stakeholder process over the next few months.

There was discussion on the need to start some "future" strategies now for implementation in 2009. Ken Lloyd reiterated that this is the beginning of the process and strategy discussion will continue at the stakeholder meetings as well as Board meetings.

The Council asked staff to recommend strategies, assuming funds were available to implement them. Staff would recommend vehicle scrappage, lawn mower exchange and green landscaping. These would be the most effective in the short-term for the 2008 season.

Pam Milmoie, Boulder County Health, presented strategies options developed by a Coalition of Colorado's Local Governments and Environmental Groups (Coalition). The Coalition includes members from Boulder County Health, Denver Environmental Health, City of Fort Collins, Jefferson County Environmental Health, Environmental Defense and Rocky Mountain Clean Air Action. Ms. Milmoie stated the coalition members are participating in the ozone stakeholder process and are aware of the AQCC process for regulatory changes. The list included regulatory strategies recommended for immediate adoption and voluntary measure that the Coalition thought could be implemented by the 2008 ozone season.

There was discussion on each item of the Coalition's recommendation. Kevin Lynch, Environmental Defense, clarified the employee trip reduction program should provide incentives to employees not employers. As part of the discussion on the Model Idling Law recommendation, it was noted that Denver currently has an idling law which is enforced on a complaint-only basis.

Rick Griffith, attorney who represents ethanol interests, provided the Council with a white paper entitled, *Using the California RFG Predictive Model to Estimate the Emissions and Ozone Changes from Using 10 Percent Ethanol Blends in Denver*, ERAS Incorporated, October 2007 and a copy of a presentation titled, *CA Predictive Model for E10 in Denver*. Mr. Griffith stated the information provided shows that ethanol has a net zero affect on ozone.

Jana Milford moved for staff to continue detailed discussions with the Coalition on issues of feasibility and implementation of their proposed strategies. Staff should also provide additional detail regarding the underlying assumptions and cost effectiveness of RAQC/APCD proposed strategies. Seconded by Nathan Rabinovich. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Items

Approval of contract to provide Alternative Power Units for diesel trucks for an EPA-funded pilot project

Ken Lloyd indicated a memo regarding the selection of a vendor for the Alternative Power Units (APUs) was included in the members' packets. He reviewed the details.

Theresa Donahue moved to approve the selection of CT Power as the vendor for the project. Seconded by Mark Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Vice Chair

Council agreed for the Chair to designate a Vice Chair on an as-needed basis.

Adjournment

Andy Spielman recommended the following items for inclusion on the December agenda:

- Ozone stakeholder meeting update
- Discussion of ozone measures
- Approve 2008 work plan and budget

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.