

MINUTES

REGIONAL AIR QUALITY COUNCIL

Thursday, July 7, 2005

RAQC MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Jim Scherer, *CHAIRMAN*
Dennis Arfmann, *Hogan and Hartson*
Theresa Donahue, *TheAdams Group*
George Gerstle, *Colo. Dept. of Transportation*
Doug Lempke, *Colo. Dept. Public Health & Environment*
Sue Sandstom, *City of Aurora*
Dave Sladek, *TheClayton Group*
Melanie Worley, *Douglas County/DRCOG*

RAQC MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Randy Ahrens, *City & County of Broomfield*
Doug Benevento, *Colo. Dept. Public Health & Environment*
Tom Norton, *Colo. Dept. of Transportation*

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ken Lloyd, RAQC; Misty Howell, RAQC; Gerald Dilley, RAQC; Sara O'Keefe, RAQC; Sarah Schmitz, RAQC; Sarah Sullivan, RAQC; Steve McCannon, RAQC; Margy Christiansen, RAQC; Lisa Silva, APCD; Shirleen Tucker, APCD; Barbara MacRae, APCD; Patty Stulp, Ethanol Management Company; Rick Griffith; Kip Shore, Nexidia; and Stan Dempsey, Colorado Petroleum Association.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by Chairman Jim Scherer. A quorum was present at 3:20 p.m.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Dennis Arfmann moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Doug Lempke. Motion passed without objection.

Theresa Donahue moved to approve the February, April and May minutes. Seconded by Dennis Arfmann. Motion passed without objection.

Informational Items

Chairman

None.

Executive Director

Ken Lloyd stated he and Jim Scherer have participated in Channel 8 interviews with the Mayors of Lakewood and Greenwood Village.

He also informed Council that Sara O'Keefe will be going to Czechoslovakia for the month of July as part of her Masters program. Sarah Schmitz will be coordinating the ozone program in her absence.

Committees

None.

Members

None.

Public Comment and Discussion

None.

Ozone Campaign Update

Sara O'Keefe gave Council a program update. The media outreach has been successful. Channel 7 is posting articles to their online weather page, Fox31 has recorded scripts for messaging and 9News has put together a story on Mow Down Pollution. Sara distributed a list of other media coverage through June 30.

Sara stated the web site, which launched June 1, had 1,700 new visitors in June. The AirWaves Radio scholarship contest winners recorded their PSAs at KBCO studio and the PSAs will be aired June 6 through July 15, 170 times.

The Clean Air Crew has performed at two events and has eight events schedules during July and August. They performed at the Bike to Work Day event and staff handing our bike reflectors and tire gauges.

As of July 7, 53 mowers and/or trimmers and 17 gas cans were recycled during the Mow Down Pollution event and 200 gas can were distributed. Black and Decker has agreed to leave the discounted equipment in the store until they are sold out. Final numbers for the event are not available yet. Sara explained that Pull N Save in Aurora has agreed to collect and recycle the equipment. The metal will be sent to Andersons to be shredded.

Sara announced that four municipalities have been awarded funding through the sub-grant program for ozone outreach. Boulder will do gas cap testing and a contest to encourage alternative transportation. Denver will be conducting gas cap testing, an employee web survey and focus groups, and a lunchtime ozone event with a keynote speaker. Federal Heights will be

developing bilingual outreach brochures, conduct staff trainings and include ozone outreach at public events. Thornton will produce 17 bus shelter ads, run a PSA in Inside Thornton magazine, channel 8 postings, and flyers throughout municipal buildings.

Sara further stated that the kits were delivered to the participating municipalities for Fleet Gas Cap Testing Program. Many participants have found and replaced faulty caps.

Sara said the development of the post-campaign phone survey instrument will begin in July and the consultant will begin fielding as early as August 15.

Sara also updated Council on the status of the Ozone Advisory Program. Ken Lloyd stated that currently the 4th max values are fairly low.

Discussion of Potential Revisions to Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan

Ken Lloyd gave Council an overview of the CO Maintenance Plan revisions. He explained, based on the data from Mobile6, there is an opportunity to remove the following control measures from the plan: Regulation 13, oxygenated gasoline; Regulation 11, I/M program; and Regulation 4, wood burning. He stated the staff recommendation is to remove Regulation 13 and Regulation 11, but to keep Regulation 4 in the plan because removal would impact the mobile sources budget. He outlined the agenda for the presentation of information on the CO Maintenance Plan. Ken also reviewed the schedule for getting the CO Maintenance Plan submitted to EPA by July 2006.

Barbara MacRae, APCD, reviewed the modeling analysis of control strategy options. She stated the ambient carbon monoxide levels have dropped dramatically over the past ten years, current ambient levels are at or below half the CO NAAQS, and mobile source related CO strategies are not as effective as in the past.

Jerry Dilley, RAQC, presented an overview of the mobile source emissions budget and how the information was calculated. The emissions budget analysis compared the inventory numbers with the various control scenarios. There was discussion how much safety margin should be included in the emissions budget. George Gerstle indicated that for purposes of DRCOG's conformity testing, a larger margin is better.

Patty Stulp from Ethanol Management Company gave a brief statement about the oxyfuels program history and then introduced Rick Griffith who presented information in support of keeping the oxyfuels program in the SIP.

Kip Shore, Nexidia, presented information on a study that was done by his company for the ethanol industry, which supports the information presented by Rick Griffith.

Stan Dempsey, Colorado Petroleum Association, encouraged the Council to remove Regulation 13 from the SIP and suggested that the AQCC be asked to repeal the regulation. He indicated the industry wants to have flexibility for consumers and refiners.

The Council discussed the reasons to remove and/or keep the each regulation in the SIP.

The direction from Council to staff was to remove Regulations 11 and 13 from the SIP, and to keep Regulation 4 since its removal would have an effect on the mobile sources emissions budget. The consensus of the Council was to use 1690 for the MS emissions budget.

Council also decided to have further discussion of whether to recommend repealing Regulation 13 at its September meeting.

Discussion of Revised Modeling Analysis for PM-10 Maintenance Plan

Tabled until the August 4 meeting.

Audit of 2004 Financial Statements

Doug Lempke moved to accept the audit. Seconded by Melanie Worley. Motion passed without objection.

The Council discussed the draw down of the cash reserve and the office space lease. The lease is due to expire December 31, 2005. Ken Lloyd indicated that once the status of the Executive Order, which also expires December 31, 2005, is known, he will more than likely renew the lease at the current location.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 4, 2005.