

# MINUTES

## REGIONAL AIR QUALITY COUNCIL

Thursday, February 7, 2008

### **RAQC MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

Andy Spielman, Chairman, *Hogan and Hartson, LLP*  
Brad Beckham, *Colorado. Department of Transportation (alternate for George Russell)*  
Theresa Donahue, *Metro Denver Health & Wellness Commission*  
Mark Johnson, *Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment*  
Doug Lempke, *Colorado. Department Public Health and Environment (alternate for Jim Martin)*  
Ben Marvel, *City of Fort Collins*  
Jana Milford, *University of Colorado at Boulder*  
Joan Ringel, *Citizen Member*  
Nancy Severson, *Denver Department of Environmental Health*

### **RAQC MEMBERS/ALTERNATES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Nathan Rabinovich, *National Jewish Medical and Research Center*  
Melanie Worley, *Douglas County/DRCOG*

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ken Lloyd, RAQC; Misty Howell, RAQC; Sara O'Keefe, RAQC; Steve McCannon, RAQC; Jerry Dilley, RAQC; Kate Riegle, RAQC; Trevor Noel, RAQC; Margy Christensen, RAQC; Rebecca Cales, Transportation Solutions; Zac Graves, CDOT; Abby Gaffney, Davis, Graham & Stubbs; Jim Brandon, ESP; Darby Doll, JohnstonWells Public Relations; and Anne Wolf, U.S. Postal Service.

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The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm by Chairman Andy Spielman. A quorum was present.

### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

**Mark Johnson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Brad Beckham.** Doug Lempke asked that a SIP development update be included as a standing agenda item. **The motion to approve the agenda and include a SIP development update passed unanimously.**

**Theresa Donahue moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jana Milford.** It was noted that the minutes should reflect that Joan Ringel called the January meeting to order. **The motion to approve the minutes with the correction passed unanimously.**

### **Informational Items**

#### *Chairman*

Andy Spielman thanked Sara O'Keefe and Ken Lloyd for their work on the 2008 Regional Commute Options/Air Quality Conference. Speakers included Governor Ritter, Mayor Hickenlooper, Andy Spielman, and Nathan Rabinovich. There were over a hundred attendees at the conference.

### *Executive Director*

Ken Lloyd introduced new staff members. Kate Riegle, Program Coordinator, will be working with Steve McCannon on Repair Your Air and diesel programs. Trevor Noel, Communication Coordinator, will be working on the ozone program and communications.

Ken distributed a draft joint agenda for the meeting in March with the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) for discussion. Council discussed the agenda. It was suggested that the meeting should be held from 4:00-6:30 pm to allow additional time for public comment. Ben Manvel agreed to ask the NFRMPO if the time change was acceptable.

As requested by the Council, Ken provided an update on the ozone SIP.

- RAQC staff met with the APCD, the Department of Revenue and the Old Car Council to discuss collector plate issues. During the meeting it was determined that the County Clerks need to be included in the discussions. Staff is working on an option paper.
- Work regarding oil and gas measures:
  - Staff has sent letters to the major oil and gas companies asking them to commit to voluntary measures during the summer.
  - IPAMS information will be available in February.
  - CDPHE staff is working on issue papers with options for consideration.
- Modeling update:
  - The meteorological modeling is complete. The contractor should have the 2006 base case initial runs complete by late February or early March. The 2010 base case should be complete by mid-April.
  - A second modeling meeting is schedule for early March.
- The APCD is working on VOC options paper and preparing working papers for Council review. A stakeholder meeting is schedule for mid-March.
- Staff has met with the Colorado Petroleum Association to discuss fuel issues. The Association is conducting a third-party consultant study to look at the cost and supply impacts of various options. The study will be complete in early April.
- A travel reduction stakeholder meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-March.

The Regional Haze SIP process is working concurrently with the Ozone SIP process and will provide information on NO<sub>x</sub> sources through its NO<sub>x</sub> sources control options.

There was discussion regarding the SIP process and the AQCC schedule. Doug Lempke confirmed that the RAQC's process is on schedule with the AQCC process. He also stated that the proposal needs to address both the federal standard and the Governor's direction to reduce or eliminate values above the current standard of 0.80 ppm.

There was discussion on how the IPAMS inventories are being updated. Mike Silverstein stated the Independent Petroleum Association Mountain States, through an effort sponsored by the Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP), is assessing gaps in the emissions inventory that have been noted by the APCD. The protocol was developed by the APCD and the association has committed to make annual updates. The WRAP will be discussing and reviewing the data. The Oil and Gas Commission will be reviewing the data in its H.B.1341 regulatory process. The IPAMS report will be posted on ozoneaware.org as soon as RAQC staff receives it.

## *Committees*

Ken Lloyd informed Council that a North Front Range Ozone Stakeholder meeting is scheduled in Fort Collins on Monday, February 11.

## *Members*

Brad Beckham stated that CDOT is currently in a MOA process with the APCD to create an action plan to offset unregulated pollutants. Ozone reductions are included as part of this process and CDOT has committed \$100,000 for a vehicle scrappage program. He will provide more information to Council as the details are worked out.

## **Public Comment**

None.

## **2008 Work Program and Budget**

Ken Lloyd provided an overview of the 2008 work program and budget. He explained the historical funding sources and how funding allocations were developed. Since 2005 the majority of the RAQC's funding has been from Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality and other grant programs.

Ken announced that DRCOG has tentatively approved two RAQC projects in the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Over the next four years the Ozone Outreach program is programmed to receive \$2,076,000 and the New Energy Fleets Collaborative project is programmed to receive \$4,169,000. The DRCOG Board is scheduled to review and approve the funding for these projects in March. Ken distributed a revised 2008 proposed operating budget that reflected changes based on the new CMAQ funds. Council discussed the details of the budget.

Council decided to hear the presentation on the Ozone Awareness program before making any final decisions on the budget.

## **2008 Ozone Outreach and Awareness Program**

Sara O'Keefe presented an overview of the 2005-07 campaign. She explained how research was used to provide baseline knowledge about ozone. The program targeted a broad audience through a comprehensive program. She highlighted a few of the outcomes from the post campaign research.

Sara outlined the program goals for 2008 and beyond. She also provided the funding sources and proposed budget for the 2008 program. The work plan for the 2008 program includes community relations, online communications, business outreach and partnership. Sara explained the details of the program.

Council suggested looking for program partners through the Denver Chamber's Economic Development group, CDPHE's environmental leadership program, and Denver National Convention planning committees. Doug Lempke and Nancy Severson offered to provide some contact information. It was also suggested that staff contact City Councils with information

because many Councilmembers have newsletters that go directly to their constituents.

Brad Beckham informed Council that CDOT will be holding public meetings on all their projects under NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act). He suggested this would be an opportunity to highlight what actions can be taken to reduce ozone.

### **2008 Work Program and Budget (continued)**

**Doug Lempke moved to approve the revised proposed work plan and budget as outlined. Seconded by Mark Johnson.**

It was suggested that the introduction section of the work program include language to indicate that additional short-term ozone measures are being considered.

**The motion with the addition of language to the introduction passed unanimously.**

Sara O'Keefe announced her resignation to the Board. She has accepted a position with the Colorado Health Foundation. She expressed her appreciation for all the opportunities she has had while working at the RAQC.

### **Discussion of RAQC Legislative Role and Legislation of Interest**

Margy Christiansen, RAQC Legislative Liaison, gave Council an overview of how she monitors bills for the RAQC. She indicated there are four bills that have been introduced, but not heard, which could affect the RAQC's ozone work. She reviewed the following bills:

**Senate Bill 08-55**, concerning increased fees for stationary sources of air emissions, and, in connection herewith, making an appropriation.

**Senate Bill 08-143**, concerning the conditions required for the use of special license plates.

**House Bill 08-1045**, concerning limitations on special license plates that evidence the registration of motor vehicles,

**House Bill 08-1230**, concerning a requirement that mobile machinery that uses diesel fuel comply with emissions limitations.

There was discussion on the bills. Council suggested the two license plate bills be monitored.

Andy Spielman asked whether the topic of conducting an ozone hearing has been brought up this session. Margy indicated there has been discussion in Senate HEWI.

### **Clean Air Fleets Diesel Emission Reduction Program**

Due to time constraints discussion will be held at the April meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.