



MINUTES

Friday, August 6, 2010

RAQC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andy Spielman, *Chairman, Hogan Lovells*
Debra Baskett, *City and County of Broomfield*
Rick Garcia, *Department of Urban Housing and Development (advisory)*
Russell George, *Colorado. Department of Transportation*
Darryl Jones, *Coventry Development*
Elise Jones, *Colorado Environmental Coalition*
Richard Long, *Citizen*
Linda Morton, *Morton Consulting Co.*
Bob Murphy, *City of Lakewood*
John Putnam, *Kaplan, Kirsch, & Rockwell, LLP*
Martha Rudolph, *Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*
Jep Seman, *Corporate Advocates*
Nancy Severson, *Denver Department of Environmental Health*
Nancy Sharpe, *City of Greenwood Village*
Skip Spensley, *Environmental Consultant*
Elena Wilken, *Colorado Association of Transit Agencies*

RAQC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Melissa Chalona, *CTL|Thompson Inc.*
Eric Doering, *Town of Frederick*
Bob Fitzgerald, *City of Aurora*
Susan Kirkpatrick, *Colorado Department of Local Affairs*
Ben Manvel, *City of Fort Collins*
Bob Murphy, *City of Lakewood*
Paul Natale, *City of Commerce City*
Jennifer Schaufele, *Denver Regional Council of Governments*
David Stewart, *EnCana Oil & Gas (USA)*
Will Toor, *Boulder County*

RAQC ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Kate Fay, *Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Liaison to the RAQC*
Jennifer Finch, *Colorado. Department of Transportation*
Andy Hill, *Colorado Department of Local Affairs*

RAQC STAFF PRESENT:

Ken Lloyd; Sarah Anderson; Rebecca Chazin; Jerry Dilley; Misty Howell; Stephanie Lind; Steve McCannon; Tara Moberly; Aneka Patel; Kate Riegle

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Albrechta, *Governor's Office*; Nancy Corley, *City of Aurora*; Kerri Crawford, *Rule Eng/CCA*; Dennis Creamer; Margy Christiansen, *RAQC*; Diana Denwood, *City of Aurora*; Tom Easley, *Rocky Mountain Climate Organization*; Randy Harrison, *Move Colorado*; Pam Milmoie, *Boulder County Health Department*; Mike Salisburg, *SWEEP*; Jim Shaw, *Wagner Equipment*; Natalia Swalnick, *American Lung Association*; Stephanie Thomas, *Colorado Env. Coalition*; and Katie Wegner, *Encana*.

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Chair Andy Spielman. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Nancy Severson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Nancy Sharpe. Motion passed without objection.

Approval of Minutes

Debra Baskett moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Elise Jones.

Ken Lloyd noted that Susan Kirkpatrick via email offered the following clarification to the informational item from the July minutes: DOLA contributed \$18,000 to the DRCOG land use modeling study not \$25,000.

Motion passed without objection.

Informational Items

Chair

None.

Executive Director

Ken Lloyd informed Council that on July 21, 2010, EPA published a notice proposing to approve the 2008 Ozone SIP. He noted EPA disapproved a few regulations which were not material to the SIP attainment demonstration because the SIP was able to show attainment without the regulation changes. The State will work to make corrections to the regulations. EPA will be taking comments through August 20.

Ken said the ozone chart that was distributed to Council shows that the region well in compliance with the old standard (84ppb) and out of compliance with the current standard (75 ppb).

He reminded Council of the Modeling Meeting scheduled for August 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ken announced the RAQC has secured the following funding:

- \$200,000 from the State and \$400,000 from the DRCOG TIP funds for the next phase of the ozone SIP; and
- \$2.7 million grant through Diesel Emission Reduction Act to continue diesel retrofit projects.

Additionally, he noted that DRCOG has released its call for projects for the 2012-15 TIP. There is approximately \$10 million allocated for air quality projects. Ken indicated that RAQC staff is working with local governments, private businesses, and transit organizations to put some projects together for DRCOG consideration.

Members

None.

Public Comment

Pam Milmoe, Boulder County Health Department, wanted to make Council aware of a project, Fever Grant, a partnership with City and County Denver and American Lung Association, where the projects were pulled together from around the state. She indicated it may be something the RAQC wants to look into for its grant proposal with DRCOG. Ken Lloyd suggested Pam contact Steve McCannon to discuss possibilities.

Discussion with Shelley Poticha, Director, Office of Sustainable Housing & Communities, U.S. Department of Housing and Development, on the status of EPA, DOT, and HUD Partnership for Sustainable Communities

Rick Garcia welcomed and introduced Shelley Poticha, Director, Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities with the U.S. Department of Housing and Development.

Ms. Poticha commented on the roles we play as we build communities. She said the EPA, DOT and HUD partnership is working to use federal dollars more efficiently and to align projects toward goals. She indicated that HUD has identified 67 sustainability officers around the country in their regional and field offices that are available to be community liaisons. The goal of the partnership is to use money to help communities to achieve what they want to accomplish, not to dictate what needs to be done. She indicated the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant was shaped from feedback received from several cities. As part of this effort, they have also set up a Preferred Sustainability Status program which will be used to give priority to any qualified applicant to receive other discretionary funds as they become available.

There was discussion on how the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant process works. Ms. Poticha said the hope is that regions put forward a compelling comprehensive pitch for what authentically addresses local needs in local ways. She also noted that HUD has a flexible framework for consideration. She said that every state will have different conditions to address.

Presentation by Bob Yuhnke, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project on Ideas for Reducing Ozone Precursors via Fuels and VMT Reduction Strategies

Ken Lloyd introduced Bob Yuhnke from Southwest Energy Efficiency Project. Mr. Yuhnke gave Council an overview of the outcomes of the Colorado Transportation Blueprint for the New Energy Economy study. The presentation provided fuel savings, cost information and NOx and VOC reductions for the following strategies: pay as you drive insurance, VMT reduction, Cash for Clunkers, and speed limit change.

Discussion included questions on how corridors were selected for the analysis and what type of authority would be needed to implement the strategies.

Report by Skip Spensley and Discussion of Goals and Criteria to assist RAQC in selecting ozone reduction measures

Skip Spensley reported on the goals and criteria developed by the subcommittee. Council discussed the list. Nancy Sharpe expressed concern about the RAQC's role and whether some of these goals reach beyond it. It was suggested that goal #6, encourage transportation solutions that pay for themselves, be clarified to indicate that they may be packaged solutions. John Putman suggested that "increases accessibility to all users (environmental justice)" be added as a goal. Skip Spensley suggested adding "analysis, implementation and feasibility" as another criteria.

There was discussion on the role of co-benefits as criteria. Nancy Sharpe cautioned that Council should not focus on the co-benefits as a primary criterion for selecting strategies; instead they should be used to differentiate between two otherwise equal options.

The subcommittee will refine the list based on comments and Council will review it for approval at the September meeting.

Discussion of Draft Transportation-Related Ozone Management Measures Snapshot

Ken Lloyd explained to Council how the Draft Transportation-Related Ozone Management Measures Snapshot was organized. He said there are multiple ways for Council to review the list and asked Council for direction. He emphasized the importance of Council input on the list to guide staff work. Kate Fay indicated this is the initial step to help get a feel from Council where additional analysis should occur.

Council discussed how they wanted to address the Snapshot. It was suggested that Council break into smaller groups by topic to work through a basic review of the strategies with staff and make any necessary additions. These groups would then report back to Council at a regular Board meeting. A second suggestion was to discuss one category of strategies at each meeting and discuss everything at Board meetings. It was noted that prioritizing strategies for further analysis is important for allocating staff resources. It also was noted that information about the SIP benefits and associated costs of each strategy needs to be analyzed and will be important for Council's selection of strategies to attain the new ozone standard.

Council decided to create subcommittees to discuss measures by topic. These subcommittees will conduct initial strategy review and outline what information is known. Andy Spielman asked Council to participate on at least one subcommittee. Members in attendance selected subcommittees. Staff will coordinate the meetings and email details to Council. Andy also said that these meetings, like all RAQC meetings, will be open meetings.

Meeting Wrap Up and Overview of Next Meeting

Council decided it was more efficient to hold the October 1 meeting at the Chamber Building and not try to schedule one at the EPA building due to security issues.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.