

SOUTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY

Board of Directors Meeting
February 2, 2017 3:00 PM
Southwest Clean Air Agency
11815 NE 99th St. Suite 1294
Vancouver, Washington

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
SWCAA Chair Don Jensen

- II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
SWCAA Chair Don Jensen

- III. Board of Directors Minutes
Board of Directors Minutes - January Meeting

- IV. Changes to the Agenda
SWCAA Chair Don Jensen

- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Vouchers
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Monthly Activity Report

- VI. Info Items & Public Comment

None

- VII. Public Hearing

None

- VIII. Unfinished Business/New Business

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Issue – Election of Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2017.

Summary – SWCAA’s Business Rules state that the Chair and Vice Chair need to be elected for each calendar year. The current Chair is Don Jensen and the Vice Chair position is vacant.

Recommendation – Elect the Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2017.

- IX. Control Officer Report

- A. **Congressman Introduces Bill to Revoke Appliance Efficiency Standards (January 4, 2017)** – Representative Michael Burgess (R-TX) introduced the Energy Efficiency Free Market Act of 2017 (H.R. 117) to prohibit a wide range of 5 state and federal appliance energy efficiency standards. The bill would repeal energy conservation provisions in the 1975 Energy Policy and Conservation Act and prohibit both state and federal governments from adopting or implementing “any requirement to comply with a standard for energy conservation or water efficiency with respect to a product.” The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. For further information: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/117>
- B. **U.S. Power Sector CO2 Emissions May Remain Flat Even Without Clean Power Plan (January 5, 2017)** – The Energy Information Administration (EIA) of the Department of Energy projects that even if EPA’s Clean Power Plan (CPP) is never implemented, U.S. CO2 emissions from the power sector may remain flat through 2040. However, with the CPP in place, EIA projects that energy-related CO2 emissions will fall by an annual average rate of 0.2 percent from 2016 to 2040. The findings are contained in the Annual Energy Outlook 2017, a yearly report produced by EIA that models future scenarios for the power sector. The 2017 Outlook includes both a “Reference” case, where EIA assumes that states will adopt mass-based CPP implementation plans and a separate “No CPP” scenario, where the rule is not implemented. Under the Reference case, EIA finds that, when coupled with low natural gas prices and the extension of renewable energy tax credits, “the CPP accelerates a shift toward less carbon-intensive energy generation.” The Reference case also anticipates that coal production will decline to approximately 620 million short tons annually in 2040. In the No CPP case, however, EIA projects annual 2040 coal production at 850 million short tons. For further information: <http://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/>
- C. **EPA Releases Annual Environmental Enforcement Results for 2016 (December 19, 2016)** – EPA has released the results of its environmental enforcement and compliance activities for FY 2016. The agency highlighted two significant cases, including a \$14.7-billion settlement with Volkswagen (VW) for Clean Air Act violations related to the alleged use of defeat devices on diesel vehicles and a \$20.8-billion settlement with BP for Clean Water Act violations related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. EPA reports that in FY 2016 enforcement cases resulted in over \$13.7 billion in investments in actions and equipment to control pollution; \$207 million in criminal fines and restitution; a total of 93 years of incarceration for criminal violations of federal laws; \$31.6 million for supplemental environmental projects that will directly benefit local communities; and over \$6 billion in combined federal administrative, civil judicial penalties and criminal fines. For further information: <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/enforcement-annual-results-fiscal-year-2016>
- D. **President-elect Taps Oklahoma AG Scott Pruitt to Head EPA (December 7, 2016)** – President-elect Trump announced the nomination of Scott Pruitt to lead the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the next Administration. Pruitt currently serves as Oklahoma’s Attorney General (AG), a position to which he was elected in November 2010. If confirmed, he would succeed Gina McCarthy as EPA Administrator. A biography of the nominee posted on the Oklahoma AG’s website states that Pruitt “established Oklahoma’s first federalism unit to combat unwarranted regulation and

overreach by the federal government. He is a national leader in the cause to restore the proper balance of power between the states and federal government, having served two terms as president of the Republican Attorneys General Association.” The biography also highlights that Pruitt “is a leading advocate against the EPA’s activist agenda.” Pruitt is among the leaders of a lawsuit filed by states challenging EPA’s Clean Power Plan. He is also involved in several other lawsuits against EPA. For further information:

https://www.ok.gov/oag/Media/About_the_AG/

X. Board Policy Discussion Issues

As Necessary

XI. Issues for Upcoming Meetings

- A. Fee Rule Changes
- B. Agency Fee Schedule - Proposed Fee Increase
- C. Agency Budget

XII. Adjournment

Notes:

- (1) Served by C-TRAN Routes: 7, 72 and 76.
- (2) Accommodation of the needs for disabled persons can be made upon request. For more information, please call (360) 574-3058 extension 110.