

SOUTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY

Board of Directors Meeting  
July 6, 2017 at 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 - June 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  
None
- IX. Control Officer Report
  - A. **EPA Administrator Testifies Before Congress on Agency's Proposed Budget for FY 2018 (June 15, 2017)** – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, defending the Administration's proposed budget for FY 2018. The proposal calls for significant reductions to EPA's budget, including a 30-percent cut in federal grants to state and local air pollution control agencies under Sections 103 and 105 of the Clean Air Act. The proposal would reduce EPA's total budget by 31 percent and would decrease EPA's staffing levels by 25 percent. At the outset of the hearing, Subcommittee Chairman Ken Calvert (R-CA) informed Pruitt that he

would face “a tough job here today” and characterized the magnitude of the Administration’s proposed budget cuts as “untenable.” He observed that the proposed budget would significantly reduce or terminate EPA programs “that are of vital importance to each member of this Subcommittee,” citing the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act and targeted airshed grants as examples of programs considered essential to California. Ranking member Betty McCollum (D-MN) declared that the Administration’s budget “would endanger the health of millions of Americans, jeopardize the quality of our air and water, and wreak havoc on our economy.” Administrator Pruitt opined that EPA will be able to operate with a trim budget by focusing on national priorities and the agency’s “core mission,” and by working cooperatively with the states. In their questioning, every member of the Subcommittee expressed concerns about proposed cuts to particular programs of importance to their constituents. Members repeatedly expressed the view that environmental programs directly benefit their economies. SWCAA has mailed out letters encouraging members of Congress within our district to continue grant funding to state and local air agencies. For further information: <https://appropriations.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=394902>

**B. Environmental Council of the States Presents Vision of “Cooperative Federalism 2.0” (June 12, 2017)** – The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) released a paper setting forth its thoughts, observations and recommendations on recasting the state and federal roles in environmental management. “We are convinced a recalibration of state and federal roles can lead to more effective environmental management at lower cost – that this is a call for a Cooperative Federalism 2.0,” ECOS declares. The paper, entitled Cooperative Federalism 2.0: Achieving and Maintaining a Clean Environment and Protecting Public Health, has two parts. In Part 1, ECOS offers principles on the roles and functions of states and EPA in cooperative federalism. At the top of this list, ECOS asserts that “EPA should continue to take the lead in setting and adopting national minimum standards to protect public health and the environment,” while “states should be engaged as key partners” in developing those standards. ECOS endorses the principle that states should be the preferred entities for implementing national environmental regulatory programs for which delegation is authorized, while EPA should be the lead implementer where states decline to assume this role or fail to do so appropriately. ECOS also advocates flexibility for states to achieve national minimum standards; engagement with local governments, regulated entities and tribes; the primacy of states as environmental enforcement authorities; information sharing between states and EPA; and adequate state funding by the federal government, among other principles. Part II of the paper identifies an initial list of issues where the application of Cooperative Federalism could be focused. ECOS expresses optimism that the recasting of the state-federal relationship in environmental management will result in equal or greater environmental health protection and outcomes, reduced operating costs, more effective allocation of limited resources For further information: <https://www.ecos.org/news-and-updates/cooperative-federalism-2-0/>

**C. EPA Delays Effectiveness of Accidental Release Prevention Requirements (June 14, 2017)** – EPA issued an additional delay, until February 19, 2019, to the effective date of the Accidental Release Prevention requirements under Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act. The rule, which was published in the Federal Register on January 13, 2017 and was originally to become effective on March 14, 2017, has been delayed twice previously (January 26, 2017 and March 16, 2017). The regulation modified and added provisions related to the prevention of accidental releases, emergency response preparedness and sharing of information with the public by chemical plants. According to EPA, the delay is needed to allow time for a

reconsideration proceeding and to consider other issues on which the agency may wish to receive comment. It also provides EPA time to take additional action, which could include proposing and implementing a rule that would revise or rescind the amendments. For further information: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-14/pdf/2017-12340.pdf>

X. Board Policy Discussion Issues

As Necessary

XI. Issues for Upcoming Meetings

Asbestos Rulemaking

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.