

Southwest Clean Air Agency

Board of Directors Minutes

October 5, 2017

The regular meeting of the Southwest Clean Air Agency Board of Directors was held in the Southwest Clean Air Agency office, Vancouver, Washington on October 5, 2017.

Those present were: Don Jensen, Chair, City of Longview
Alishia Topper, Vice-Chair, City of Vancouver
Bob Hamlin, Director, Skamania County
Ben Shumaker, Director, City of Stevenson
Arny Davis, Member at Large
Eileen Quiring, Director, Clark County
Joe Gardner, Director, Cowlitz County
Ryan Smith, Director, Town of Cathlamet
Lee Coumbs, Director, City of Centralia
Blair Brady, Director, Wahkiakum County

Excused: Bobby Jackson, Director, Lewis County

Also Present: Staff: Uri Papish, Executive Director
Paul Mairose, Chief Engineer
Traci Arnold, Office Administrator

Guests: Rachel O'Malley, WA Department of Ecology

Call to Order

Mr. Jensen called the meeting to order. A quorum was confirmed to exist.

Board of Directors Minutes

Mr. Jensen asked for consideration of the September 7, 2017 minutes. Mr. Coumbs moved and Ms. Quiring seconded that the minutes for the September 7, 2017 Board meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Jensen asked for approval of the Consent Agenda including voucher numbers 104 through 126, 506 through 511, 517, 518 and 521 through 554 in the amount of \$4,576.50 which have been approved for payment by the Executive Director and voucher numbers 512 through 516 and 519, 520 in the amount of \$13,052.53, August 2017 Salaries in the amount of \$93,817.09, August 2017 Benefits in the amount of \$39,484.67, and the August 2017 Activity Report. Mr. Smith moved and Ms. Topper seconded approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

Changes to Agenda

None.

Info Items & Public Comment

None.

Unfinished Business/New Business

None.

Public Hearing

None.

Executive Session

None.

Control Officer Report

Mr. Papish offered to answer any questions in the Control Officer Report.

House Adopts FY 2018 Spending Bill Including EPA Funding (September 14, 2017) – The U.S. House of Representatives voted 211 to 198 to adopt H.R. 3354 – the Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act – which contains funding for the federal government for FY 2018. While the House has completed its action, the Senate has not yet considered nor voted on appropriations legislation. Since it is virtually impossible for a Senate bill to be passed and the two bills to be reconciled by the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 2017, Congress took action on September 8, 2017 to adopt H.R. 601 (now Public Law No. 115-56) – a Continuing Resolution to provide funding for the federal government through December 8, 2017 and avoid a government shutdown. The House bill calls for level funding for state and local air grants (\$228.2 million) and a 7-percent reduction in EPA’s overall budget. It provides \$75 million for grants under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act and \$40 million for Targeted Airshed Grants and retains fine particulate monitoring grants under CAA Section 103 authority. The bill contains several riders affecting the air program including postponement of implementation of the 2015 ozone NAAQS (calling for designations to be submitted by 2024 and promulgated by 2025). For further information: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/3354>

President Nominates Bill Wehrum to Lead EPA Air Office (September 7, 2017) – President Trump nominated Bill Wehrum to serve as EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR). Wehrum previously served at EPA during the George W. Bush Administration, holding the positions of Counsel to the Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation from 2001 to 2005 and Acting Assistant Administrator for OAR from 2005 to 2007. He has been a Partner at the law firm Hunton and Williams LLP for the past 10 years. For further information: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/09/07/eightnominations->

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EPA Issues Multi-State Fuel Waivers to Prevent Hurricane-Related Disruption of Fuel Supply (September 7, 2017) – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt sent a letter to the governors of 38 states and the mayor of the District of Columbia (DC) advising them of his determination that there is an “extreme and unusual fuel...supply circumstance” that will prevent distribution of an adequate supply of gasoline to consumers. Under Clean Air Act Section 211 a determination that such a circumstance exists, and that it is the result of natural disasters that could not reasonably have been foreseen or prevented, allows the Administrator to waive fuel requirements. Specifically, in response to the continuing impacts of Hurricane Harvey on the nation’s fuel supply system and the anticipated effects of Hurricane Irma, EPA is seeking to minimize or prevent supply disruption in 38 states from Maine to Florida to New Mexico to North Dakota as well as DC. Accordingly, Administrator Pruitt, in consultation with the U.S. Department of Energy, is immediately 1) waiving the summertime federal Reid vapor pressure (RVP) requirements until September 15, 2017 (the end of the “high ozone season”) to allow for the production, sale or distribution of winter gasoline in affected jurisdictions; 2) waiving the federal Reformulated Gasoline (RFG) requirements to allow for the production, sale or distribution of conventional winter gasoline in any RFG area within the affected jurisdictions through September 26, 2017; 3) extending his previous temporary waiver of the 7.8-pounds-per-squareinch RVP standard applicable in areas covered by the two Texas low-volatility gasoline programs; and 4) waiving, through September 15, 2017, all low-volatility gasoline requirements in any State Implementation Plan applicable in an affected jurisdiction. For further information: http://4cleanair.org/sites/default/files/resources/MSFEPA_Multi-state_Fuel_Waiver_Letter-090717.pdf and <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/fuel-waivers>

Final VW Settlement Agreements Filed in Court and Await Approval (September 6, 2017) – The final Volkswagen (VW) Settlement Trust Agreements have been filed with the U.S. District Court in the Northern District of California, San Francisco Division and are awaiting final approval. The documents reflect negotiations and an agreement among the Department of Justice, VW and the trustee, Wilmington Trust, N.A. (WTNA). Since the new trust agreements include some significant changes from the earlier agreements, DOJ is seeking final approval of the new documents. One of the important changes was the establishment of two separate trusts, one for states and another for tribes (in response to different tax requirements applying to the two groups). Therefore, the filing includes two trust agreements: the “Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries” and the “Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for Indian Tribe Beneficiaries.” Another change relates to the timing for beneficiary mitigation plans such that, rather than requiring plans to be submitted to the trustee no later than 90 days after being deemed a beneficiary, beneficiaries would now be required to submit plans no later than 30 days prior to submitting their first funding request. Other changes relate to the trust effective date, certification for beneficiary status, beneficiary eligible mitigation action certification forms, discretionary trust vs. directed trust and a secure method of internet-based communication. For further information: http://www.4cleanair.org/sites/default/files/Documents/ENV_ENFORCEMENT_268_2186-v1-VW_Mitigation_Trust_Motion_docket_stamped.pdf and http://www.4cleanair.org/sites/default/files/Documents/NASEO_Information_relate_d_to_VW_Settlement.pdf

Mr. Papish said the state of Washington is going to receive \$113 Million from the settlement with VW for pollution reduction projects. The State of Washington also issued a separate violation and will be receiving an additional \$28 Million from VW. Up to 15% of the money can be used for electric car charging stations and the governor has indicated he supports the full 15% being used for charging stations within the state. VW is also paying over \$2 Billion for charging stations nationwide with the majority going into California. Mr. Smith indicated he would like his jurisdiction to receive funds for charging stations.

Mr. Jensen asked if any of the VW money can be used for charging stations at rest areas for large trucks and the idling of railroad engines. Mr. Papish said the legislature is working to determine how much money will be allocated to different project categories and it will be at least a year before decisions are made about specific projects. Ms. Quiring asking how SWCAA can get money for projects. Mr. Papish said Ecology will most likely do an announcement and money can be applied for using a grant application process that would be open to all.

Ms. Quiring asked if SWCAA can take the lead to determine who owns or is responsible for the rest areas to begin the process of getting charging stations and/or alternate methods to reduce emissions using the VW funds. Mr. Papish said there can be a lot of work involved trying to find people who are interested in these type of projects, but it is definitely something the agency will research.

Mr. Papish said the agency is working on updating the asbestos rule, so there will be more information forthcoming. Mr. Coumbs asked if the asbestos numbers on the activity report are lower than previous months. Mr. Papish responded the numbers might be slightly lower because asbestos activity is at its highest during summer months.

Mr. Topper asked if SWCAA saw increased visibility for the woodstove replacement program as a result of the City of Vancouver's video. Mr. Papish said SWCAA doesn't have a way to track that information, but the agency did spend the entire grant funds for stoves this year which has not happened in the past. He said the agency needs to find more ways to reach out and get people to sign up for e-mail alerts concerning burn bans. Ms. Topper and Ms. Quiring suggested partnering with the county, Waste Connections, or Clark Public Utilities to have a flyer included in their bills.

Board Policy Discussion Issues

None.

Issues for Next Meeting

- A. Public Hearing.
 - 1. As Necessary.
- B. New Business/Unfinished Business.
 - 1. As Necessary
- C. Board Policy Discussion Issues.
 - 1. As Necessary.

D. Meeting Date and Location.

1. October 5, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Southwest Clean Air Agency, 11815 NE 99th Street, Vancouver, Washington.

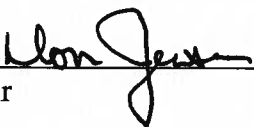
The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 5, 2017 at 3:00 p.m., Southwest Clean Air Agency, Vancouver, Washington.

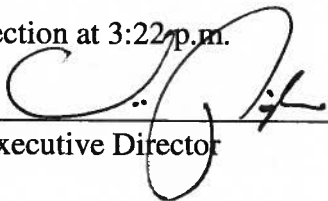
Board Meeting Attendance:

JURISDICTION	J 2017	F 2017	M 2017	A 2017	M 2017	J 2017	J 2017	A 2017	S 2017	O 2017	N 2016	D 2016
Clark County	0	+	0	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	C
Cowlitz County	+	+	+	C	+	0	+	+	+	+	+	C
Lewis County	+	+	0	C	+	+	0	+	+	0	0	C
Skamania County	+	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	C
Wahkiakum County	0	+	A	C	+	+	+	0	0	+	+	C
Cathlamet	+	+	+	C	+	0	C	+	+	+	+	C
Centralia	+	+	+	C	+	0	C	+	+	+	+	C
Longview	+	+	+	C	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	C
Stevenson	+	+	+	C	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	C
Vancouver	+	+	+	C	+	0	C	+	+	+	0	C
Member-At-Large	+	+	+	C	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	C

+ = regular member present; 0 = unrepresented; A = alternate present; C = cancelled meeting

Mr. Jensen adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:22 p.m.


Chair


Executive Director