

SOUTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY

Board of Directors Meeting
August 2nd, 2018 at 3:00 PM
Southwest Clean Air Agency
11815 NE 99th St. Suite 1294
Vancouver, Washington

Optional Conference Call Number for Board of Directors 1-800-356-8278 Code: 576617

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 Scott Pruitt Resigns (July 5, 2018)** – President Donald J. Trump announced on Twitter that he had accepted the resignation of EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, effective July 6, 2018. President Trump tweeted that Assistant Administrator Andrew Wheeler will become the Acting Administrator, effective Monday, July 9, 2018. In his resignation letter, Pruitt offered that “unrelenting attacks on me personally, my family, are unprecedented, and have taken a sizable toll on all of us.” Pruitt is subject to 14 investigations into his spending and allegations of his misuse of office. Under the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 the President has 210 days to

confirm a permanent replacement for Pruitt. Prior to being confirmed as Assistant Administrator on April 12, 2018, Wheeler was, since 2009, a principal at Faegre Baker Daniels Consulting where he advised clients on federal regulatory and legislative environmental and energy issues. Wheeler previously served as General Counsel to Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) and as Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Subcommittee for Clean Air, Wetlands and Nuclear Safety. He also served in EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics during the George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton Administrations. For further information: <https://www.politico.com/story/2018/07/05/scott-pruitt-resignation-letter-695292>

B. Study Links PM2.5 Exposure Below the NAAQS to Diabetes (July 2, 2018) – A health study published in The Lancet finds a significant connection between PM2.5 exposure and diabetes at concentration levels below the NAAQS. The study analyzed health environmental data for 1.7 million U.S. veterans and reviewed prior research conducted in other countries on the linkage between diabetes and air pollution. In the U.S. alone, the study estimates that 150,000 cases of diabetes are associated with PM2.5 exposure. Globally, the researchers calculated that the share of air pollution-related diabetes cases is about 14 percent. The study further finds that the risk of diabetes begins to increase substantially at exposures as low as 2.4 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), well below the NAAQS threshold of $12 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. For each $10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ increase in PM2.5 exposure, the study estimates that the risk of developing diabetes increases by about 15 percent. For further information:

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpla/article/PIIS2542-5196\(18\)30140-2/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpla/article/PIIS2542-5196(18)30140-2/fulltext)

C. EPA Publishes Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Cost Benefit Analysis Reform in Federal Register (June 13, 2018) – EPA published in the Federal Register (83 Fed. Reg. 27,524) an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) requesting comments on whether and how the agency should reform the assessment of costs and benefits during the regulatory process. A draft pre-publication version of the ANPRM was released last week. The ANPRM identifies three topic areas on which the agency seeks input: 1) “The Nature of Potential Concerns Regarding Perceived Inconsistency and Lack of Transparency” in EPA rulemakings; 2) “Potential Approaches for Increasing Consistency and Transparency in Considering Costs and Benefits in the Rulemaking Process”; and 3) “Potential for Issuing Regulations to Govern EPA’s Approach in Future Rulemakings.” Comments are due July 13, 2018. For further information: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-13/pdf/2018-12707.pdf>

D. SWCAA awarded \$240,000 in Woodstove Grant Money (June 12, 2018) – Money granted from the Department of Ecology through a competitive process will be used to continue SWCAA’s Woodstove Changeout Program designed to reduce fine particulate emissions in the Vancouver area. In the upcoming year the program will focus on three components 1) the "changeout" of Washington unapproved wood stoves and fireplace inserts to cleaner heating devices, 2) a "bounty" which provides a cash incentive for removal of devices without replacement with a different device, and 3) a "drying rack" which will provide wood drying racks to residents who continue to burn cord wood to facilitate cleaner burning with their existing device. The area of eligibility for this program

is the Vancouver Urban Growth Boundary.

E. Group Compares U.S. Automakers Based on Environmental Performance (June 7, 2018) – The Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) released Automaker Rankings 2018 in which the group ranks automobile manufacturers based on the environmental performance of the vehicles they sell. To prepare the report, the seventh of its kind since 2000, UCS examined vehicle emission levels, the technologies used to reduce emissions and ways to ensure continued progress. In announcing the report, UCS stated, “What we’ve seen is that major automakers have achieved a record low in vehicle emissions, and they’ve done it without even taking full advantage of the suite of proven fuel efficient technologies at their disposal, but the pace of these improvements is slowing. They’ve made significant progress over the past few years, but automakers must do more to offer cleaner cars in a rapidly-changing market.” For further information: https://www.ucsusa.org/clean-vehicles/fuel-efficiency/automaker-rankings-2018?_ga=2.72276307.1192169428.1528473916-1924716422.1528473916&_gac=1.49482642.1528473916.EA1aIQobChMI8OKog7nE2wIVUlmGCh0o7gH7EAAYASAAEgLeFfD_BwE#.W1EA8NJKhaR

F. DOE Plan Contemplates Emergency Coal, Nuclear Subsidies (June 1, 2018) - White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said in a statement that President Trump has directed US Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Rick Perry to prepare "immediate steps" to halt the loss of "fuel-secure power facilities." A draft DOE plan that is under consideration by the President’s National Security Council today calls for DOE to require grid operators and utilities to purchase electricity from a DOE list of financially threatened power plants. This "strategic electric generation reserve" list would primarily include coal and nuclear power plants in the Midwest, South, Mid-Atlantic, and West (though not California.) This plan hinges on DOE exercising emergency authority under the Defense Production Act of 1950 and Federal Power Act. No dates have been set for DOE to take action. For Further Information: http://www.4cleanair.org/sites/default/files/resources/DOE%205_29_18.pdf

X. Board Policy Discussion Issues

As Necessary

XI. Issues for Upcoming Meetings

None

XII. Adjournment

Notes:

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(2) Accommodation of the needs for disabled persons can be made upon request. For more information, please call (360) 574-3058 extension 110.