

SOUTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY

Board of Directors Meeting
August 6, 2009
3:00 P.M.
Southwest Clean Air Agency
11815 N.E. 99th Street
Vancouver, Washington

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
 - A. SWCAA Chair Don Jensen.

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

- III. Board of Directors Minutes
 - A. Board of Directors Minutes of June 4, 2009.

- IV. Changes to the Agenda
 - A. SWCAA Chair Don Jensen.

- V. Public Comment
 - A. Public Comment.

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

- VII. Public Hearing
 - A. None.

- VIII. Unfinished Business/New Business
 - A. **Voucher Payment Authorization Level Increase.**
 - 1. Issue – In order to improve timely payments to small businesses, the Executive Director’s voucher approval level for individual vouchers is being proposed to be increased to \$4,000.

2. Summary – Small businesses issuing invoices to SWCAA for payment are assisted by SWCAA’s timely payment of these invoices. Last fiscal year’s woodstove changeout program and the upcoming woodstove changeout program would specifically be assisted with more timely payment of vouchers to these small businesses if the voucher approval level for the Executive Director is increased. On September 2, 1999 the Executive Director’s voucher authorization approval level was increased from \$750 to \$1,500. The current voucher authorization for the Executive Director of \$2,500 was approved on May 6, 2004.

3. RECOMMENDATION – Authorize the Executive Director to approve individual vouchers up to the amount of \$4,000.

IX. Control Officer Report

A. U.S. House of Representatives Approves Global Warming Bill.

1. Issue – By a vote of 219-212 in the full U.S. House of Representatives and a 33-25 vote largely on partisan lines in Committee, the U.S. House approved the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2454), a bill creating a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emissions and providing incentives for clean energy development and implementation.

2. Summary – The House Committee prior to moving the bill on to the full House voted on 74 amendments, approving 33 and rejecting 41. This bill includes the following: (1) delineates how carbon dioxide equivalent allowances will be allocated and auctioned for the cap-and-trade program; (2) eliminated language on a Low Carbon Fuel standard; (3) modifies the renewable portfolio standard to permit more energy efficiency to count towards the standard; (5) changes the performance standards for coal-fired power plants to a percentage carbon dioxide emission reduction requirement instead of a pounds per megawatt-hour standard; (6) modifies the requirement for offsets to allow for more international offsets in case there are not sufficient domestic offsets and to change the turn-in ratio so that a covered entity need only submit 1 domestic offset credit (not 1.25 domestic offset credits) in lieu of 1 emission allowance; and (7) clarifying that the timeout for state caps to be applicable until 2018 only applies to cap-and-trade programs where emission allowances are traded.

B. President Obama Announces Agreement on Federal Motor Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards.

1. Issue – Although this agreement will mean fewer tons of greenhouse gas emission reductions in California, Washington and 13 other states from 2012 through 2015, net tons nationally of greenhouse gas emission reductions will be higher because the federal standard will apply to vehicles sold in every state in the United States.

2. Summary – The new emission and fuel economy standards will apply to new cars, light trucks and medium duty passenger vehicles in model years 2012 through 2016. The federal standard for greenhouse gas emissions will be phased in, ramping up by 2016 to a standard that is equivalent to California’s carbon dioxide standard under the California Pavley law. From 2012 through 2015, California has agreed to allow compliance with a less stringent federal standard to

serve as compliance with California's requirements. In return, automobile manufacturers have agreed to drop all lawsuits related to the Pavley standards and EPA has agreed to grant California the waiver of federal preemption for its motor vehicle greenhouse gas emission standards, which will allow California and the 14 opt-in states to enforce standards from 2009 through 2011. Under the agreement, in the 2009 through 2011 timeframe, compliance with the emissions standards will be based on pooled sales among all participating states. With respect to fuel economy, motor vehicles will be required to meet an average standard of 35.5 miles per gallon in 2016.

C. Mercury Export Ban Signed into Law.

1. Issue – The Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008 has been signed into law.
2. Summary – Under this law, the federal government and private entities are prohibited from exporting elemental mercury from the United States. The law goes into effect for federal agencies on December 31, 2009 and for others in the United States on January 1, 2013. The law requires a long-term storage plan for mercury and requires the U.S. Department of Energy to identify storage facilities where surplus mercury can be stored.

D. International Maritime Organization (IMO) Adopts New Emission Standards for Ocean-Going Vessels.

1. Issue – The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has adopted a comprehensive set of new standards to reduce emissions from ocean-going vessels.
2. Summary – This action by IMO addresses global engine emissions and fuel standards. Critical to the success of the new IMO program will be the efforts of nations to establish designated Emission Control Areas (ECAs). In addition to being required to meet the program's global standards, ocean-going ships operating in any identified Emission Control Area will be required, beginning January 2016, to meet new engine standards that will reduce nitrogen oxides (NO_x) by 80 percent based on the use of advanced catalytic after treatment systems and to use cleaner-burning low sulfur fuel (i.e., 10,000 parts per million beginning and 1,000 parts per million beginning January 2015). The overall result will be substantial reductions in nitrogen oxides, fine particulate matter and sulfur dioxide. The United States has indicated its intent to seek a North American Emission Control Area designation as soon as possible. This action would benefit air quality in such areas as the Port of Los Angeles, Port of Long Beach and Port of Seattle.

E. Washington Ranks Sixth on State Energy Efficiency Programs.

1. Issue – The American Council for an Energy Efficiency (ACEEE) has released its 2008 State Energy Efficiency Scorecard report which ranks states on model energy efficiency policies, programs and practices.
2. Summary – California topped the list for promoting energy efficiency as the “first fuel to grow its economy while meeting electricity demand, combating global warming and contributing to U.S. security.” Following California are

Oregon, Connecticut, Vermont, New York and Washington. Idaho was acknowledged as the “most improved” state. The state ratings and rankings are based on a wide variety of energy efficiency policy initiatives, including utility sector and public benefits efficiency programs and policies; transportation and land use policies; building energy codes; combined heat and power; efficiency standards for appliances; energy efficiency in public buildings and fleets; research, development and deployment and financial incentives for efficient technologies.

XI. Board Policy Discussion Issues

A. As Necessary.

XII. Issues for Next Meeting

A. Public Hearing.

1. None.

B. New Business/Unfinished Business.

1. None.

C. Control Officer Report.

1. As Necessary.

D. Board Policy Discussion Issues.

1. As Necessary.

E. Meeting Date and Location

1. September 3, 2009 at 3:00 p.m., Southwest Clean Air Agency, 11815 NE 99th Street, Vancouver, Washington.

XII. Adjournment

Mission Statement

“To Preserve and Enhance Air Quality in Southwest Washington”

Board of Director Values

1. It is important for the region to first achieve healthy air before focusing on other air quality issues.
2. Local control of southwest Washington air pollution issues should be apparent to our constituency.
3. It is important that compliance with federal and state air pollution regulations be achieved.
4. A partnership that is fully reciprocal is desired with the Washington Department of Ecology and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
5. All decisions made by the Board should be guided by a principle of doing what is best for the region as a whole.
6. It is important to strive for a good working relationship with the residents and industries of southwest Washington.
7. The effort to obtain stakeholder input on agency actions is a key component of the agency’s public involvement process.
8. The pursuit of reductions in air pollution should be based on achieving the largest air quality benefits first.
9. The basis for air pollution reduction measures should be rooted in sound science.
10. Education should be utilized as an important tool for achieving sustained voluntary compliance.
11. The priority of enforcement decisions should first be on ensuring education is achieved and then issuance of civil penalties.
12. Effective enforcement means that recalcitrant sources are brought into clear compliance.
13. The Board prefers to be involved at the policy setting level for the agency rather than the day-to-day management issues.
14. Fiscal expenditures by the agency should be consistent with the Board approved budget.
15. The fair treatment of the agency’s employees is an important goal of the Board.

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