

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AIR QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE
Port of Los Angeles
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, California

Minutes
August 1, 2007

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE / PCAC

Richard Havenick, Chair
Janet Gunter, Alternate Member
Chuck Hart, Voting Member
Henry Hogo, AdHoc Member
Dr. John Miller, Voting Member
Pat Nave, Voting Member
Carrie Scoville, Alternate Member
Kathleen Woodfield, Alternate Member

PORT STAFF

Dr. Ralph Appy
Betsy Foley

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

Gwen Butterfield
Edward Kim
Susan Nakamura
Bill Roberson
Todd Sterling
David Wright

CONSULTANTS

Professor Ed Avol
David Howekamp

- A. Call To Order: 4:35PM.
- B. Sign In/Introductions
- C. Agenda Approved
- D. Approval of Minutes for the April 4, 2007, May 2, 2007, June 6, 2007 and July 9, 2007 Air Quality Subcommittee Meetings was Postponed
- E. Public Comment: None
- F. POLA Updates:
 - POLA Air Quality Monitoring Network System:
 - Liberty Hill Plaza Air Monitoring Site is being moved to the PASHA Terminal (Berth 47). The engineering design for the electrical upgrade at Berth 47 is in process. Construction will begin after the completion of the electrical upgrade.
 - Terminal Island Treatment Plant. Electrical upgrades have been completed.
 - St. Peter and Paul School
The Arch Diocese and the Harbor Department have an agreement for the Port's use of the facility for its air monitoring program. The Harbor Department will rent the space and provide electrical service.
 - Website for Air Quality Monitoring Network System
Port staff is working on a PowerPoint presentation for the website to illustrate real time monitoring data, which will be easier to understand. The PowerPoint presentation is expected to go to Senior Management by mid August.

- The Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) Website
The Website is maintained by the Port of Long Beach. The Port is looking to either obtain the software or the rights to upgrade the software / website with real time data, as well as greenhouse gas and the PAH monitoring data.
- Mates III Study
Henry Hogo stated that the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) was looking 3 months out for the study, and that the modeling was presently being done.
- Low Sulfur Fuel in Ocean Going Vessels
 - Fuel Availability Study - CARB and both Ports are working together on the study
 - LNG Truck Replacement Program – An updated RFP was sent out with a mid August deadline. The program has been enhanced by \$40,000 per truck; The total allotment for each truck is now \$184,000.

- G. Finalization of Comments for Submittal RE Berths 136–147 (TraPac) EIS/EIR
The TraPac EIS/EIR public comment period has been extended to September 26, 2007.

Professor Ed Avol and Dave Howekamp, the Subcommittee consultants, helped to facilitate a discussion on their comments of the TraPac EIR. The A.Q. Subcommittee will finalize a compilation of comments for the EIR Subcommittee by August 23, 2007. Some of the issues discussed included:

- Under Estimated Projections (Use the lease/EIR to specify the requirements to use larger ships exclusively, since mitigation is based on that specific EIR). Mandate periodic reviews and make sure leases / EIRs specify and require continuous mitigation improvements as stipulated in the CAAP.
- Over Estimated Rail Capacity
- Operational Assumptions Regarding Maximum Throughput/# of TEUs
- Monitoring and Enforcing Requirements/Compliance to the CAAP
- Pier Pass as an Air Quality Benefit / Activity Distribution (80%, 10%, and 10%).
- Project Construction Period / Specifically the Landfill Process
- Legal Mechanism i.e. “Lease Re-Opener Clause” to Implement New Technologies
- Port Wide Mitigation Rather than Project Specific Mitigation
- In the EIR, Section 3.2, Page 97, Mitigations #AQ13 - AQ16 are Elusive and Unquantifiable
- Overriding considerations required in 2007, but not in 2015, due to the degree of mitigations.

Richard Havenick requested that all comments on the EIR be forwarded to him by August 8th, so that the final comments could be reviewed by the Subcommittee consultants before the August 20th meeting.

Dr. Appy requested a special meeting with the Air Quality Subcommittee to discuss comments and issues on the EIR. The Committee tentatively agreed to meet with Port staff on August 20, 2007 at 4:30PM. Richard Havenick will provide comments to Dr.

Appy prior to August 20th so that staff can review comments for discussion.

- H. Discussion of Request for Proposal for Upcoming Air Quality Monitoring Program Cycle and Harbor Craft
Lauren Dunlap and Teresa Scognamillo were unable to attend this meeting. They continue to work on the RFP for the Harbor Craft. Betsy Foley reported that the ports were working with the Coast Guard and Port Pilots to change and improve the tug mooring protocol and locations, so as to reduce emissions from unnecessary trips back and forth from Long Beach to LA. Further discussion was postponed until the September meeting.
- I. Discussion of Baseline for Health Risk Standard
The committee discussed the need for the establishment of health risk assessment standards, and a methodology for enforcing compliance, before proceeding with the TraPac Project. The EIR should not be finalized until the HRA standards are completed.
- J. Discussion of Need/Method for Adjustments to Affected Baselines Applicable to Impacts from Pier Pass (July05 Implementation) - Discussion Postponed
- K. Discussion of Staff Response to Motion AQ-014 Regarding Application of Overriding Considerations (Staff recommendation to deny; “conflicts with Board’s discretionary authority under CEQA”)

PCAC Motion #67

[That the Board of Harbor Commissioners approve only those EIRs that mitigate any significant air quality impacts to a level of insignificance, and where all possible project-specific mitigations still result in a level of significance, mitigations are implemented on a Port-wide basis in order to meet the insignificant requirement.]

The Subcommittee agreed to forward a letter to City Attorney, Thomas Russell, requesting a written explanation of the legal conflicts with PCAC motion #67.

- L. Items for Future Meetings (e.g., Worker Exposure Study, Questions Regarding Relationship Between CAAP, Growth, and EIR Projects, Future Big Reductions Opportunities, OGV3 and OGV4 Regulatory Efforts)

Agenda Items for the September 5, 2007 AQ Subcommittee Meeting:

- Full Report on the Air Quality Monitoring Network System (Correlation of data to status of reductions in emissions/pollutants?)
- Questions Regarding Relationship Between CAAP, Growth, and EIR Projects
- RFP for Upcoming Air Quality Monitoring Program Cycle and Harbor Craft
- Need / Method for Adjustments to Affected Baselines Applicable to Impacts from PierPass July05 Implementation with Potential Subcommittee Action

M. Adjournment: 6:30PM

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Richard Havenick, Chair
Air Quality Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant