



ALBUQUERQUE-BERNALILLO COUNTY AIR QUALITY CONTROL BOARD



DRAFT MINUTES – November 14, 2012

Regular Meeting

Vincent E. Griego chambers

Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Government Center

One Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

AOCB MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Dona Upson (City), Chair
Mr. Toby Atencio (BCPC Liaison)
Mr. Stephen Baca (County)
Ms. Kelsey Curran (City)
Dr. Naomi Kistin (County)
Mr. Jack Sullivan (City)

AOCB MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Margaret Menache, Vice Chair
(County)
Mr. Art Sharpe (City)

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Neal Butt, EH Scientist, AQD
Mr. Glen Dennis, EH Manager, VPMD
Mr. Bill Grantham, Air Board Attorney
Ms. Liz Jones, AQCB Liaison
Ms. Adelia Kearny, Deputy City Attorney
Mr. Fabian Macias, EH Manager,
Monitoring
Ms. Margaret Nieto, AQCB Secretary,
EH Supervisor

Mr. Jeff Stonesifer, EH Scientist, AQD
Mr. Isreal Tavarez, EH Manager, Permitting
Mr. Bill Westmoreland, Deputy Director, Env.
Health Dept.

VISITORS PRESENT

Ms. Debbie Bauman, COA/DMD
Mr. James Berg
Ms. Melissa Clark, Kirtland Air Force Base
Mr. Steven Montiel, MRCOG
Mr. Dave Pennella, MRCOG
Mr. Scott Perkins, P.E., Wilson & Co.
Mr. Martin Schluep, Alliant Environmental
Dr. Akshay Sood, M.D., M.P.H, UNM School of
Medicine
Mr. Houshang Tavanaiepour, NMDOT

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Dona Upson at 5:35 p.m. on November 14, 2012 with six Air Quality Control Board (Board) members present: Chair, Dr. Dona Upson, Mr. Toby Atencio, Mr. Stephen Baca, Ms. Kelsey Curran, Dr. Naomi Kistin, and Mr. Jack Sullivan.

Item #1 Approval of Agenda (Chair)

A motion was made by Member Curran to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Baca, and approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Item #2 Approval of October 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes (Chair)

A motion to approve the October 10, 2012 minutes was made by Member Baca, seconded by Member Sullivan and approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Item #3 A. Presentation on the I-25/Paseo del Norte interchange (Mr. Houshang Tavanaiepour, Project Development Engineer, NMDOT)

Mr. Tavanaiepour spoke regarding the I-25/Paseo del Norte Interchange project. Topics addressed included: project team, project history, project need, proposed improvements, and traffic benefits. Member Sullivan asked if part of the plan includes how to keep traffic flowing during the construction phase. Mr. Tavanaiepour responded that an item they are focusing on is traffic movement; they will be identifying how many lanes have to be open at all times as well as what time of day construction can happen and in what area.

B. Explanation of MTP and TIP Amendments and need for a new transportation conformity determination (Mr. Dave Pennella, MRCOG)

Mr. Pennella provided information regarding the MTP and TIP amendments and the need for a new transportation conformity determination. Member Sullivan requested the status of the environmental assessment, to which Mr. Tavanaiepour responded that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is working on a Categorical Exclusion Checklist which will be sent to FHWA for their approval. Mr. Grantham asked what it was the board had previously approved in 2011. Mr. Pennella replied that, in 2011, the Board did a conformity determination on the entire Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the associated TIP. This approved all projects in Metropolitan Plan and the TIP in 2011.

C. Authorization for Board Chair to issue concurrence letter to FHWA regarding transportation conformity designation for CO as required by 20.11.3 NMAC, *Transportation Conformity*, pending adoption of MTB Resolution (Ms. Margaret Nieto, EH Supervisor)

Ms. Nieto presented the concurrence letter to the Board. Ms. Nieto requested that the Board authorize the Board Chair to issue the letter to FHWA and explained why this is required and what process this includes. A motion to authorize was made by Member Baca, seconded by Member Curran, and passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Item #4 Request for Hearing regarding the petition to repeal currently effective 20.11.41 MNAC, *Authority to Construct*; and adopt proposed replacement. (Mr. Isreal Tavarez, EH Manager, Permitting)

Member Baca moved to grant request for a hearing. The motion was seconded by Member Curran and passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Item #5 AQCB Resolution 2012-5, Setting the Official list of Regular Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board Meetings for the Year 2013 (Ms. Liz Jones, AQCB Liaison)

Member Curran moved adoption of Resolution 2012-5. The motion was seconded by Member Baca, and passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Item #6 AQCB Resolution 2012-6, Determining Reasonable Notice of Public Meetings of the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board (Ms. Jones)

Member Sullivan moved adoption of Resolution 2012-6. The motion was seconded by Member Curran and passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

REPORTS No comments or questions were made.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #7 Presentation: “Woodsmoke Exposure and COPD in New Mexico” (Dr. Akshay Sood, M.D., M.P.H., UNM School of Medicine).

Dr. Sood presented material drawing a correlation between cigarette smoking and wood smoke on lungs and health.

Items #8 Presentation: “Meteorology and the No Burn Program” (Mr. Jeff Stonesifer, EH Scientist)

Mr. Stonesifer spoke regarding the No Burn Program implemented by the Air Quality Division. The Board Chair, Dr. Dona Upson, suggested that it might be good to track the Division’s success rate in making the no burn calls. Mr. Stonesifer responded that he can do that and sees how it can be useful information.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair, Dr. Dona Upson, adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.

