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Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee

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SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

Friday, February 26, 2010
10:30 am

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Pasadena, CA 91107

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

1.2 Self-Introductions

B. Harbicht	Arcadia
S. Pedroza	Claremont
D. Bertone	San Dimas
R. Yeung	AQMD
M. Memon	Ecologico-Logic
S. Atchley	Pomona
H. Shaw	So. Cal Gas Company
R. Romanek	Watershed Coordinator
B. Cooke	SGVCOG
M. Creter	SGVCOG

2.0 Public Communications

H. Shaw announced that natural gas prices are rising. R. Yeung announced that AQMD will be introducing a new program called "Permit Application Penalty Amnesty." From February to August, businesses that do not have permits can apply for permits without being prosecuted or charged higher penalty fees.

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 December 2nd Minutes

3.2 Correspondence

There was a motion to approve the consent items (M/S/C: Bertone, Harbicht, Unanimous)

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Ecologico-Logic, Inc. Presentation

M. Moemon gave a presentation on the "Muncher" technology, which uses aerobic digestion technology to process organic waste and create marketable by-products including fertilizer, mulch, and "clean" carbon dioxide. This technology can

reduce the amount of organics going to the landfill by 40% and generates no toxic waste or emissions. The company is currently in discussions with various waste management firms to employ this technology at their facilities.

4.2 Climate Change and Energy Working Group Update

i. AB 811

Staff reported that LA County's AB 811 program was not awarded grant funding from the State Energy Program stimulus solicitation. The County is moving forward with the program, but this means funding will not be available for marketing as anticipated. It is anticipated that the County will adopt their resolution to establish the financing district in April and cities may adopt consenting resolutions in May.

ii. San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership

A. SCE Solicitation for Local Government Strategic Plan Strategies

Staff reported that they are developing a proposal for this funding solicitation on behalf of cities in the San Gabriel Valley wishing to participate. Funding will go towards home energy performance workshops, energy efficiency portions of climate action plans, and a number of other strategic plan initiatives.

4.3 Open Space Working Group Update

D. Bertone reported that the State hopes to sell bonds in the spring. If funding becomes available for the projects on hold, notices will be sent to member agencies and the COG will be kept apprised.

4.4 Solid Waste Working Group Update

i. Green Waste Policy Paper

S. Pedroza reviewed the main concepts of the green waste policy paper. Development of this paper was driven by the closure of Puente Hills landfill in 2013. **There was a motion to recommend inclusion of this report in the next Governing Board agenda packet (M/S/C: Harbicht, Bertone, Unanimous).**

ii. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Resolution

Staff gave an overview of EPR principles and the COG's household hazardous waste grant from CalRecycle to provide education on EPR and introduce pilot business take-back programs in the Valley. This item was also discussed at the EENR Committee's January 2008 meeting, however, due to scheduling conflicts, an EPR resolution was never put before the Governing Board. The California Product Stewardship Council will present at the April Governing Board meeting. **There was a motion to recommend to the Governing Board adoption of an EPR resolution (M/S/C: Bertone, Harbicht, Unanimous).**

4.5 Water Working Group Update

i. Watershed Coordinator

The Watershed Coordinator gave an update on grant activities.

ii. SB 918 (Pavley): Uniform Statewide Water Recycling Criteria

Staff gave an overview of the purpose of this legislation, which is to provide more uniform safety standards and criteria for water recycling in order to provide stability for the permitting and design processes for these facilities. The impact of this legislation aligns with the COG's adopted Water Policy. Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water Districts has requested the COG's

support for this legislation. **There was a motion to recommend to the Governing Board support for SB 918 (M/S/C: Bertone, Harbicht, Unanimous).**

- 4.6** Goals & Objectives
Committee members reviewed the recently adopted six month goals and objectives.
All items are on track.
- 5.0** Items for Future Meetings
A presentation on greenhouse gas reduction technology is scheduled for next month's meeting.
- 6.0** Set next meeting date
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24th at 10:30 am at the Monrovia Corporate Yard building.
- 7.0** Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.