

**PLACER COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Minutes of the Thursday, February 21, 2013
Meeting of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of the Placer County Air Pollution Control District met in session at 2:30 PM, Thursday, February 21, 2013, at the Placer County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California. Representing the District were: Tom Christofk, Air Pollution Control Officer; Todd Nishikawa, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer; Don Duffy, Associate Engineer; Ann Hobbs, Air Pollution Control Specialist II; Jane Bailey, Fiscal Officer; and Margie Koltun, Clerk of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jennifer Montgomery. Roll call was taken by the Clerk of the Board with the following members in attendance: Mike Holmes, Donna Barkle, Miguel Ucovich, Robert Weygandt, Stan Nader, Jim Holmes, Diana Ruslin, Jennifer Montgomery, and Carol Garcia. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: December 13, 2012, Regularly Scheduled Meeting.

Motion to approve: Garcia/Ucovich/Unanimous

Public Comment: No public comment.

Consent:

Item 1: Request to use available DMV Registration Funds and Air Quality Mitigation Funds for the 2013 Clean Air Grant Program. Approve Budget Revision #13-01.

Motion to Approve Consent Item: M. Holmes/J. Holmes/ Unanimous

Public Hearing/Action Items 2 & 3:

Item 2: Proposed amendment to Rule 213, Gasoline Transfer into Stationary Storage Containers:

Mr. Don Duffy, Associate Engineer, gave this presentation. He began by describing the process of how gasoline transfer is accomplished and what vapor recovery is. This rule regulates gasoline storage tanks, both above ground and underground. The main point of this rule is to have CARB certified equipment used for the transfer and storage of gasoline into storage tanks (commonly referred to as Phase I equipment).

The amendments to the rule will include the requirement for Standing Loss Vapor Recovery Control (SLC) which only applies to above ground storage tanks. This regulation requires the use of a specific sun reflective paint on the external surface of the tank and the use of specific pressure/vacuum relief (P/V) valves. The purpose of this is to reduce the venting of gasoline

vapors from above ground storage tanks due to heating by the sun. The proposed amendment includes an exemption from the paint requirements on large tanks that meet the following requirements: the tank is over 15,000 gallon capacity, the tank already exists as of February 21, 2013, the tank is vertical and cylindrical, and has a combustion type vapor processor. Thermal oxidizers are 99% effective in burning gasoline vapors so the white paint is not necessary as an additional precaution against vapor loss. Most of the tanks as manufactured are already certified for the paint requirement. The exemption applies to three existing facilities in Placer County

The cost to a tank owner to add a PV valve is estimated to be around \$500. The cost to paint the tanks is estimated at \$1000 for a 1000 gallon tank. Some of the tanks are over 15,000 gallons capacity so the cost would be quite significant. Many existing tanks already comply for paint and/or the P/V valve.

Rule 213 has not been amended since 1993 so staff modified the format to match the current rule format. Staff also updated some of the test methods as required by the EPA, added definitions and some other recommended requirements to ensure that the rule will be acceptable to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Staff recommended that the Board adopt a Resolution to approve amendments to Rule 213 Gasoline Transfer into Stationary Storage Containers and approve and adopt the finding and recommendations in the staff report.

Director Mike Holmes asked if the rule would apply to aviation fuel tanks. Staff replied that, yes, the rule does apply to aviation gasoline fuel tanks.

Chairperson Montgomery asked how staff will notify the tank owners of the compliance timelines. Mr. Duffy said that ARB is working on a QA/FAQ for tank owners. Staff has already identified the affected tanks within the District's jurisdiction and they are aware of the compliance issues.

Chairperson Montgomery opened the Public Hearing; no one from the public came forward. She then asked for a motion on the amendment.

Motion to approve staff recommendation: J. Holmes/ Weygandt/Unanimous

Item 3: Proposed amendment to Rule 214, Transfer of Gasoline into Vehicle fuel Tanks:

Ms. Ann Hobbs, Air Pollution Control Specialist II, gave this presentation. She said that this rule had been brought to the Board in April of 2009 for amendment and was approved by the Board at that time. However, during the review by the USEPA for inclusion in the SIP, some concerns were raised which needed to be addressed. The EPA comments included: citing language for vapor recovery system defects, adding language that would prevent equipment from operating if it had leaks or fails testing, and posting warning signs regarding topping off.

This rule, as amended in 2009, provided an exemption from Phase II vapor recovery requirements for non-retail gasoline dispensing facilities where 95% of vehicles fueled at the facility are equipped with on-board vapor recovery systems. (Phase II Vapor Recovery is the

capture of vapors from a vehicle during the transfer of gasoline from the fuel storage tank.) The current amendments consist of additional, or modified, wording changes for clarity and simplicity, addressing the EPA's comments/requirements that make the rule more acceptable to the EPA for SIP approval, updating the rule to the current standard District format and removing unnecessary sections.

The amendments do not affect how the District administers the requirements of the rule and will have no new fiscal impacts.

Staff recommends that the Board adopt a Resolution to approve amendments to Rule 214, Transfer of Gasoline into Vehicle Fuel Tanks, and adopt the findings and recommendations in the Staff Report.

Chairperson Montgomery asked if there was any public comment, and seeing none, closed the public hearing and asked for a motion from the Board.

Motion to approve staff recommendation: J. Holmes/Garcia/Unanimous

Air Pollution Control Officer Report:

2013 CAG Program Update:

Mr. Christofk said that with the Budget Revision just passed on consent today, the available funds for the Clean Air Grant program stands at 1.12 million. He said that this is the 12th or 13th year where the District has had a million or more dollars for this program. He also said that the application period is still open and encouraged the Board to speak to appropriate staff in their jurisdictions to see if there are any projects that are eligible for this type of grant.

District Facility Solar Photovoltaic installation update

Mr. Christofk asked Don Duffy, who had been the project manager for the PV installation, to give the Board an update on the installation, which went live last week. Mr. Duffy showed several photos of the panels and the inverters and said that the last phase will be for PG&E to connect a meter so that the District will get credit for excess energy production. The contractor will also be adding a system that connects to the invertors which will show how much energy is being produced, how much is being used and how much GHG we are avoiding by using solar power. Mr. Duffy said that we will bring some graphs to show the Board once the system is in place.

Letter to the Chairperson from Phil Serna, California Air resources Board appointee

Mr. Christofk reminded the Board about the assembly bill (AB146, Dickinson) that allowed for a member of a local air board in the Sacramento Region to sit on the California Air Resources Board. The governor appointed Phil Serna, who is currently the chair of the Sacramento

Metropolitan AQMD, to that position. Mr. Serna wrote a letter to the Chair of this Board introducing himself and stating that he will do his best to represent the Sacramento Region. A copy of the letter was included in the packet.

Fiscal Report:

A balance sheet and fund summary handout were provided to the Board members and made available to the public. The District's fiscal status is running at 31.14% over the budgeted revenue and a decrease of 34.78% in expenditures compared to the budget for FY 2012-13.

Adjournment:

Chairperson Montgomery adjourned the meeting.

Margie Koltun, Clerk of the Board