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Meeting Minutes

Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee (RMCP)

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Committee Members in Attendance:

Donna Colson – Burlingame (Chair)
Tom Francis – BAWSCA (Vice Chair)
Adam Loraine – San Mateo
Gina Papan – Millbrae
Dave Pine – County of San Mateo
Deborah Ruddock – Half Moon Bay
Sue Beckmeyer – Pacifica
Rick DeGolia - Atherton
Jeff Smith – Sares Regis Group
Alex Fernandez – Filoli
Christine Kohl-Zaugg – Sustainable San Mateo County

Committee Members not in Attendance

Ortensia Lopez - El Concilio
Bill Chiang - PG&E

Additional Attendees

Kim Springer – C/CAG
Sean Charpentier – C/CAG
Amy Dao – BAAQMD
Susan Wright – County OOS
Nicole Sandkula - BAWSCA
Michael Barber – Supervisor Pine Staff
Peter Dreckmeier – Tuolumne River Trust
Charles Schwab – Pacifica Public
Carol Steinfeld – Sierra Club
Drew – Public

Note: All presentations for this meeting have been posted on the C/CAG RMCP Committee website:
<https://ccag.ca.gov/committees/resource-management-and-climate-protection-committee/>

Meeting called to order at 3:04 P.M.

1. Brief Overview of Teleconference Meeting Procedures

Committee staff provided a brief overview of teleconference meeting procedures.

2. Roll Call and Introductions

Committee staff completed Roll Call and a quorum of nine Committee members was achieved, allowing voting on agenda action items. Two members joined later in the meeting, after the vote to adopt the January meeting minutes, for a total of eleven Members present.

3. Public Comments on items not on the agenda

There were no public comments.

4. Approval of the minutes of the January 18, 2023 RMCP Committee Meeting

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the January 18, 2023 RMCP Committee meeting for approval by the Committee. No comments were received. A motion was made by member Smith, seconded by member Francis. A roll call vote was taken, (9,0,0). Motion passed.

5. Information on AB 2449 and Hybrid C/CAG Meetings

C/CAG Executive Director, Sean Charpentier, provided a short verbal presentation on the terms of AB 2449 and the requirement to move back to in person meetings beginning in March. The presentation was followed by comments and discussion.

6. Discussion of future meeting topics for the RMCP Committee.

Committee staff opened the discussion by sharing that a list of past and potential topics for meetings in 2023-24 were included in the staff report for discussion. The Committee shared their comments on the meeting topics on the list. Member Papan mentioned Seamless and grade separations. Member Zaugg share interest in nature-based solutions and carbon sequestration. Member Francis mentioned a future report from the Water Reliability Roundtable that would be a good topic for the RMCP as would the scope of work for BAWSCAs Water Supply Reliability 2045 update. Member Ruddock shared her interest in learning more about zoning changes for more nature-based opportunities for resiliency and offshore wind development. Member Pine suggested we continue the discussion on drought. Member Smith mentioned a need for reports from PG&E on their readiness for the electrification transition and the NEM3 transition. Member Fernandez mentioned forest management. Public member Carol Steinfeld shared that Sierra Club has a model water ordinance to present, more emphasis on reducing demand on water supply, and that C/CAG should consider a separate Water Committee. Public member Drew requested a solution to a BAWSCA water update every meeting. Chair Colson and staff suggested some possible options for accomplishing that. Member Loraine mentioned that, for him, decarbonization is top of mind and also commercial building benchmarking.

Staff will record this feedback for planning future meeting topics.

7. Presentation on Bay Area Air Quality Management District's proposed amendments to Building Appliance Rules for residential and small commercial space and water heating.

Amy Dao, Senior Environmental Planner at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District provided a presentation on proposed amendments to current rules aimed at reducing emissions of nitrous oxides (NOx) resulting from the local combustion of natural gas at residential and small

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commercial sites. The emissions regionally, account for more NO_x than passenger vehicles, and cause disproportionate health issues for BIPOC communities due to population densities. The updated rules, if adopted, would phase in starting in 2024 through 2031 and the BAAQMD Board hearing for adoption in on March 15, 2023. Requirement would be replace on burnout via a point of sale (at the retail level).

There has been a lot of stakeholder input, many concerns and timing and cost of urgent upgrades, as required by potential new rules. BAAQMD plans to hold stakeholder meetings to help resolve issues. Many incentives are available to help offset costs.

Committee members had two main suggestions for the BAAQMD; a strong public information campaign, especially for residential customers to be proactive in terms of planning and making it clear that the rules apply to retailers, such that they can no longer sell gas heating equipment in affected counties. There was a lot of concern that concern will fall on local elected officials. In addition, home warranters need to be informed.

8. Update on residential electrification Case Studies and Real Estate Professionals Listening Session

Susan Wright, Resource Conservation Programs Manager at the County Office of Sustainability, delivered a presentation on early outreach activities related to the Residential Case Studies Project.

Two presentations made to two different stakeholder groups, Real Estate professional, funded by PCE, and to the general public, funded by BayREN. The Committee requested that the materials and the webinar from the meetings be provided to the Committee.

Wright shared the take aways from stakeholders for each of the two meetings and next steps being considered. Committee members and the public provided additional discussion and input.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting Date: March 15, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

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