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TREASURE VALLEY AIR QUALITY COUNCIL December 19, 2007

The Treasure Valley Air Quality Council (“Council”) convened at 1:30 p.m. on December 19, 2007, at the Department of Environmental Quality conference center, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho.

Council Members Present:

Peter O’Neill, O’Neill Enterprises, Chairman
Dale Stephenson, Ph.D., Boise State University
Commissioner Matt Beebe, Canyon County Commission
Commissioner Rick Yzaguirre, Ada County Commission
John McCreedy, Amalgamated Sugar Company
Alan Prouty, J. R. Simplot Company
Gary Multanen, Best Bath Systems
Pat McGavran, Ph.D., At Large Member
Mayor Tammy DeWeerd, City of Meridian
Beth Elroy, Micron Technology

Council Members Absent:

Mayor Garret Nancolas, City of Nampa

Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) Staff Present:

Martin Bauer, Administrator, Air Quality Division
Pete Wagner, Regional Administrator, Boise Regional Office
Tiffany Floyd, Assistant Regional Administrator, Boise Regional Office
Leonard Herr, Airshed Manager, Boise Regional Office
Mike DuBois, Airshed Coordinator, Boise Regional Office
Amy Luft, Customer Resources
Faye Weber, Air Quality Division

Others Present:

Senator David Langhorst
Representative Mark Snodgrass
Phil Bandy, Mayor Elect, City of Eagle
Beth Baird, City of Boise
Melinda O’Malley-Keckler, Scott Peyron and Associates
Justin Hayes, Idaho Conservation League
Sara Cohn, Idaho Conservation League
Richard Rogers, Citizen
Shelley Bartlett, Citizen
George C. Knight, Citizen

Warren Bean, Ada County Air Quality Board
Dennis Turner, Ada County Air Quality Board
Jim Brandstetter, Citizen

Chairman Peter O'Neill called the meeting to order, and the first order of business was approval of the minutes.

➤ **MOTION:** Gary Multanen moved that the Council approve the minutes from the October 9, 2007 meeting.

SECOND: Commissioner Beebe

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman O'Neill gave a membership status update. Rick Stott, Agri Beef Company, has resigned from the Council. The Council is to be comprised of 14 members with very specific representations as established by the Regional Air Quality Council Act. The Council has vacancies that will need to be filled by the governor's office, and it was encouraged to take an active part in filling these vacancies.

The Chairman gave a financial report and gave an update on the work of the outreach subcommittee. After much work by the subcommittee on the Request for Proposals (RFP) it was not presented to the public. The Council was advised by the governor and others that any outreach program for behavior change should be handled by DEQ, and the Council would provide an advisory role. In the event the Council secures funding, the RFP could be resurrected at that time.

In November, Director Hardesty and Chairman O'Neill met with Governor Otter. The governor had not been briefed on the Plan and indicated he felt that emissions testing is a local issue.

A discussion ensued of where the Council has been, where it is today, and how it will continue forward. Implementation of the Treasure Valley Air Quality Plan (Plan) can be done in parts-- some will be done at the local levels and some through a coalition of cities, some legislatively. Not all parts of the Plan require legislation. Historically, emission testing has not been supported by the cities in Canyon County. Economic development may play a part in building consensus at the local levels.

Moving forward, the Council will:

- Fill the Council vacancies, following the prescribed constituency with an emphasis on recruiting from Canyon County to round out the Council.
- Continue to pursue legislative support.
- Continue working at the subcommittee level to define economic impacts, quantify health impacts and what "nonattainment" means to those, pursue the possibility of modeling an air quality summit for Canyon County, and develop grassroots political strategy.

- Appear before the Treasure Valley Partnership to develop support.
- Take the proposed legislation to the 2007 legislature.

The stage one vapor recover rulemaking was reported to be moving forward and anticipated to be ready to take before the 2009 legislative session. Funding for this program is yet to be determined.

Ozone standard is still not determined. The proposal is coming in March, 2009; currently the three-year average will be taken from the years of 2006, 2007, and 2008. It is anticipated that our high numbers will violate the proposed standards.

The City of Meridian plans to move forward

- with its staff to work with DEQ staff on language for a new ordinance for gas stations.
- by refining the covered load ordinance and taking it to building contractors' associations next spring.
- to brief the Treasure Valley Partnership on the consequences of nonattainment.

Legislators in attendance volunteered to meet with Governor Otter's chief of staff, Jason Kreizenbeck to brief him on the Plan.

A citizen from the City of Meridian spoke of the possibility of a grassroots effort led by citizens and offered her support in the development of that. Another citizen encouraged the Council to not give up on getting the governor's support for its Plan.

The Council appointed two subcommittees:

- Implementation Subcommittee to review the Plan and make recommendations on implementing its specific parts. Gary Multanen and Alan Prouty will co-chair; John McCreedy will work on the committee also.
- Outreach Committee to develop a grassroots effort to assist in supporting the proposed legislation. Dr. Dale Stephenson, Chair; members are Dr. McGavran and Mayor DeWeerd.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Peter O'Neill, Chairman