

SOUTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY

Board of Directors Meeting
March 2nd, 2023, at 3:00 PM
Southwest Clean Air Agency
11815 NE 99th St. Suite 1294
Vancouver, Washington

This meeting will be held by video conference using Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82154159897>

Meeting ID: 821 5415 9897

Or call in by phone (669) 900-9128

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
SWCAA Chair Alan Melnick
- II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
SWCAA Chair Alan Melnick
- III. Board of Directors Minutes
Board of Directors Minutes - February Meeting
- IV. Changes to the Agenda
SWCAA Chair Alan Melnick
- V. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Vouchers
 - B. Financial Report
 - C. Monthly Activity Report
- V. Info Items & Public Comment
None
- VII. Public Hearing
None
- VIII. Unfinished Business/New Business

Executive Director Performance Review Update

The Performance Review Subcommittee met on Thursday, February 9th to discuss the Executive Director performance review process. The committee is recommending a process for evaluation that would involve a high-level survey of staff regarding the overall performance of the agency and its Executive Director to help inform the

review along with a goal setting exercise for the upcoming fiscal year that would be used for next year's evaluation.

The Performance Review Subcommittee would perform the Executive Director's review in late March and it would be shared with the full Board at the April Board meeting during executive session.

IX. Control Officer Report

- A. **Executive Order Expands Federal Environmental Justice Ambitions (February 15, 2023)** President Joe Biden has signed an executive order (EO) that expands on his administration's earlier EO 13985 of January 20, 2021 (Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government). The new EO, "Executive Order on Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government", requires federal agencies to produce annual plans to ensure that underserved communities can benefit from their policies. It also requires agencies to designate senior leaders who are accountable for advancing equity. Agencies are directed to produce public equity action plans every year to "assess and include actions to address the barriers underserved communities may face in accessing and benefitting from the agency's policies, programs, and activities." Each agency must establish teams to coordinate their equity initiatives. The EO also established a White House Steering Committee on Equity "to ensure that equity and environmental justice efforts are consistent and mutually reinforcing." For further information: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/02/16/executive-order-on-further-advancing-racial-equity-and-support-for-underserved-communities-through-the-federal-government/>
- B. **EPA Announces Upcoming Public Meetings on Reconsideration of Ozone NAAQS (February 13, 2023)** - EPA's Science Advisory Board staff announced two public meetings of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee's (CASAC) Ozone Panel, which continues its work to provide advice to EPA on the agency's ongoing reconsideration of the December 2020 final decision to retain the current ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) without revision. During the first meeting, to be held virtually on March 2, 2023, the CASAC Ozone Panel will be briefed by EPA staff on the *Policy Assessment (PA) for the Reconsideration of the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards, External Review Draft Version 2*. During the second meeting, to be held in person in Durham, NC and virtually on March 29 and 30, 2023, the Panel will peer review the PA and, on March 29, hear oral statements from members of the public wishing to provide them; For further information: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-02-13/pdf/2023-02983.pdf>,
- C. **Administration Releases U.S. National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonization (January 10, 2023)** - The Biden-Harris Administration announced the *U.S. National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonization: A Joint Strategy to Transform Transportation*. An "interagency framework of strategies and actions," the Blueprint is based on a September 2022 memorandum of understanding signed by the Administrator of EPA and the Secretaries of the U.S. Departments of Energy, Transportation and Housing

and Urban Development to accelerate an affordable and equitable clean transportation future for the nation. The goal of the framework is to eliminate all U.S. transportation sector emissions – including from all modes of travel by land, air and sea – by 2050 with an interim step of achieving a 100-percent-clean electrical grid by 2035. The three key transportation decarbonization strategies overarching the Blueprint are increased convenience through improved community design and land-use planning, improved efficiency through increased options to travel more efficiently and deployment of cleaner, zero-emission vehicles, engines and fuels, including for cars, commercial trucks, transit, off-road, rail, maritime, aviation and pipelines, among others. In a joint statement, the four agency leaders say, “The Blueprint builds on President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, which together represent historic investments in the future of our nation that will transform how we move and live while we build the backbone of a safer and more sustainable transportation system.” For further information: [The U.S. National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonization: A Joint Strategy to Transform Transportation | Department of Energy](#)

D. Senator, with 33 Co-Sponsors, Proposes Joint Resolution to Disapprove EPA’s Final Heavy-Duty Truck Rule (February 8, 2023) Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE), joined by 33 co-sponsors, proposed a joint resolution under which Congress would disapprove EPA’s final heavy-duty truck NOx rule (“Control of Air Pollution from New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards”), which was published in the Federal Register on January 24, 2023, to take effect on March 27, 2023. Under the Congressional Review Act, Congress can reverse rules promulgated by the Executive Branch if a majority of Senators and a majority of Representatives vote in favor of a joint resolution and the President signs the action. In a press statement, Senator Fischer states: “The Biden Administration is saddling the trucking industry with an onerous regulation that would jack up vehicle costs and hurt good paying jobs. This aggressive EPA rule – which will hit mom and pop truck operations the hardest – is also ineffective because it incentivizes operators to keep using older, higher-emitting trucks for longer. During a period of high inflation and supply chain disruptions, the last thing this country needs is more expensive freight costs and fewer truckers. I am proud to be leading a large coalition of my colleagues to push back against the Biden Administration’s obsession with excessive climate regulations.” For further information:

https://www.fischer.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/d2717a08-23cb-4337-ad55-3585fe6a00ed/maz23050.pdf

X. Board Policy Discussion Issues
As Necessary

XI. Issues for Upcoming Meetings
COLA decision for 2023 (April)
ED Evaluation Report Out (April)
SWCAA Budget (May)
Updates to Civil Penalty Matrix (TBD)
Air Toxics Rulemaking Proposal (TBD)

XII. Adjourn

Notes:

- (1) Served by C-TRAN Routes: 7, 72 and 76.
- (2) Accommodation of the needs for disabled persons can be made upon request. For more information, please call (360) 574-3058 extension 110.