

SOUTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY

Board of Directors Meeting
February 1, 2018 at 3:00 PM
Southwest Clean Air Agency
11815 NE 99th St. Suite 1294
Vancouver, Washington

Optional Conference Call Number for Board of Directors 1-800-356-8278 Code: 576617

AGENDA

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

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Issue – Election of Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2018.

Summary – SWCAA’s Business Rules state that the Chair and Vice Chair need to be elected for each calendar year. The current Chair is Don Jensen and the Vice Chair is Alishia Topper.

Recommendation – Elect the Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2018.

IX. Control Officer Report

A. Washington’s Governor Proposes Statewide Carbon Tax (January 9, 2018) – Governor Jay Inslee announced a legislative proposal to tax carbon emissions in his annual State of the State Address. If enacted, the legislation would impose a carbon fee of \$20 per ton starting in July 2019, with annual fee increases of 3.5 percent plus the rate of inflation. The tax would apply to all fossil fuels sold or used within the state but exclude aircraft fuels and certain fuels used for agricultural purposes. The bill would also authorize utilities that make clean energy investments to claim those costs as credits against the tax. Governor Inslee’s office estimates that the measure will generate \$3.3 billion in revenue during its first four years. The legislation allocates 50 percent of any revenue raised by the fee to greenhouse gas emission reduction projects, 35 percent to water and natural resilience projects and the remaining 15 percent to transition support for low-income communities. For further information: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=6203&Year=2017>

B. EPA Adjusts Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts (January 10, 2018) – EPA issued a final rule adjusting the level of statutory civil monetary penalty amounts related to the laws that the agency administers. The adjustment is required by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015. EPA is required to follow a formula for adjusting civil penalties annually to account for inflation, promote compliance and “maintain the deterrent effect” of the penalties. However, the final rule does not necessarily change the amounts of the penalties EPA will seek. The agency’s policies are intended to also account for the circumstances of each individual case, including seriousness of the infraction, the source’s efforts to reach compliance and other considerations. The adjustments are effective as of January 15, 2018. For further information: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR2018-01-10/pdf/2018-00287.pdf>

C. EPA Launches New Deregulation Website (January 10, 2018) – EPA launched a new page on its website that highlights the agency’s deregulatory actions pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 13771, Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs. The site includes one interactive list of 47 EPA deregulatory actions under development and a separate list of 20 deregulatory actions completed by the agency. EO 13711 specifically calls for federal agencies to repeal at least two existing regulations for each new regulation they issue in FY 2017 and later. In addition to the new website containing deregulatory actions, the Office of Management and Budget hosts a site that includes regulatory cost savings and accounting methods for calculating regulatory costs to the federal government related to EO 13771. For further information: <https://www.epa.gov/lawsregulations/epa-deregulatory-actions> and <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaEO13771>

X. Board Policy Discussion Issues
As Necessary

XI. Issues for Upcoming Meetings
A. Agency Budget
B. Asbestos Rulemaking

XII. Adjournment

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.