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Clean Air Coalition Meeting  
February 9, 2011 ☀ 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

CAPCOG Pecan Room

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**Clean Air Coalition:**

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Judge Samuel T. Biscoe  
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Mayor Terry Orr  
City of Bastrop

Councilmember  
Patty Eason  
City of Georgetown  
City of San Marcos

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Attendees: Judge Samuel T. Biscoe (Travis County); Mayor Alan McGraw (City of Round Rock); Judge Tom Bonn (Caldwell County); Commissioner Ron Morrison (Williamson County); Commissioner William Pina (Bastrop County); Commissioner Ray Whisenant (Hays County); Betty Voights (CAPCOG); Mark Sweeney (CAPCOG); Bill Gill (CAPCOG); Andrew Hoekzema (CAPCOG); Cathy Stephens (CAMPO); Shana Norton (CAMPO); Adele Noel (Travis County); Gary Boyd (Williamson County); Deanna Altenhoff (CAF); Fred Blood (Austin Energy); Peter Bella (Alamo Area COG).

**II. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**III. Ozone Implementation Letter (discussion and appropriate action)**

- Summary of subpart 1/subpart 2 differences
- Review of draft of ozone implementation letter to EPA
- Decision on sending letter

Andrew Hoekzema delivered presentation on subpart 1/subpart 2 implementation of ozone standards. The Coalition approved sending the letter to EPA drafted by CAPCOG air quality staff with a cover letter summarizing the proposal and some graphics illustrating some of the major points. The letter will be addressed to Gina McCarthy, EPA Assistant Administrator of Office of Air and Radiation.

**IV. Heavy-Duty Vehicle Idling Program (discussion and appropriate action)**

- TCEQ Rule Proposal
  - Review of draft comments
  - Hearing on March 1
  - Decision on submitting comments

Andrew Hoekzema explained draft comments on TCEQ rule. These included objections to the sleeper berth exemption, objections to the elimination on the prohibition on idling in residential areas, school zones, and hospital zones, objections to TCEQ's interpretation of how this rule affects TERP funding eligibility, support for year-round enforcement, and no objection to the armored car exemption. The Chair asked that staff not address the armored car exemption at all and that staff include specific references to reasonable, cost-effective alternatives being available. The Coalition approved submitting the comments. TCEQ's comment period opens on February 11, 2011, and ends March 11, 2011, with a hearing in Austin on March 1.

- Legislation

- Status update
- Review of draft letter
- Decision on letter to legislators

Cathy Stephens explained draft letter to legislators on having a specific statutory penalty for idling to help County enforcement. Representative Donna Howard has legislation drafted to address this and other issues. Staff questioned whether the Coalition wanted to submit the letter supporting just the idling penalty or to also support the other issues addressed in the rule comments through legislature. Coalition approved submitting a letter supporting a penalty-only bill. Coalition also approved submitting comments to Representative Howard supporting have a separate bill including year-round enforcement, TERP funding for idling enforcement, exemption for California engines, and addressing issues brought up in idling rule comments.

- Emissions inventory project update

Bill Gill explained a CAPCOG project to estimate emissions at area truck stops. Mayor McGraw asked that we might mention our study in our comments to TCEQ.

- Local program updates

City of Austin and Travis County were going to have a meeting on HDDV idling. Williamson County is going to be in contact with local officials in Jarrell to discuss idling complaints in residential areas.

Adele Noel provided an update on I/M fraud inspections and enforcement actions. Andrew Hoekzema requested that jurisdictions e-mail him with any additional idling locations for the study. Judge Biscoe wondered if Coalition should have a form letter to send to local businesses that might be contributing to problem. Gary Boyd mentioned that I/M fraud effort has just begun, and that over 200 citations already issued. LIP funds won't be available next year.

**V. Air Quality Planning Budget Reduction Issues (discussion and appropriate action)**

- Rider 8 Near Nonattainment Area Grant
- Low-Income Repair and Assistance Program
- Local Initiative Programs
- Texas Emissions Reduction Plan

CAPCOG working with other near-nonattainment areas talking about what we've done with the money and the impacts of this grant. Meeting with NCTCOG, Houston, and Travis County representatives to discuss the cuts to these programs, which are fee-funded. Coalition supported of 1- or 2-pager to send to legislators and TCEQ supporting this funding. Gary Boyd mentioned that Commissioner's Court might vote not to collect the I/M program fund if state cuts LIP and LIRAP funding as proposed.

**VI. Letter Inviting New Jurisdictions to Join CAC**

Mayor of Smithville interested in joining. Mayor McGraw suggested that language regarding control measures be modified. Coalition agreed to say that members "are expected" to choose control measures. Coalition also wants list of measures included. Update next time.

**VII. Other Business and Next Meeting Date**

March 9, unless a meeting is deemed unnecessary; draft agenda needed.