AIR Committee – Report to BACWA Board

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Committee Request for Board Action:

No request this month

Business Discussed and Action Items:

No Action Items this month.

Other Issues of Note:

Amendments to the AB 2588 Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Emission Inventory Criteria and Guidelines Regulation will go before the Board on November 16, 2006. The amendments aim to include stationary diesel engines into the program. BACWA AIR Committee has submitted comments to ARB. The comments generally address the AIR Committee's concerns that the proposed amendments give too much discretion to local air districts, which may result in inconsistencies across the State in the development of toxic inventories and health risk assessments. For example, as written, the proposed language allows districts the discretion to determine what operations are considered "routine and predictable" at a facility, and thus should be included in the program. Other committees that will be submitting similar comments include the Southern California Alliance of POTWs (SCAP), and Tri-TAC.

CARB is conducting seven training seminars on the Fleet Rule for Public Agencies and Utilities. This rule, adopted December 8, 2005, regulates PM emissions from on-road heavy-duty dieselfueled vehicles owned or operated by a municipality or utility through the use of best available control technology. The training seminars aim to provide information on the regulation including record keeping and vehicle labeling requirements, as well as a review of available BACT products and grant opportunities. The final seminar will be held on November 29, 2006 in Oakland (9am to 5pm, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street).

CARB has scheduled the first workshops regarding the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32). AB 32 establishes the first comprehensive greenhouse gas (GHG) regulatory program in the United States and will regulate all public and private entities that produce greenhouse gases. The Act sets a GHG emissions goal to reach 1990 statewide emissions levels by the year 2020. ARB has been tasked with developing an implementation plan and appropriate regulations to reach this target.

For more information go to: http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm

- November 29, 2006 Conference on Economic Impact Modeling of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Market and Non-Market
- December 1, 2006
 9:30 am 12:30 pm, Sacramento
 Workshop on Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory and Mandatory Reporting
- January 9, 2007 Workshop on AB 32 Implementation Plan and Schedule, and AB 32 Discrete Early Actions