

Attachment 2

AQMD's Legislative Goals & Objectives for 2011

State:

Federal Clean Air Act Section 185

Sponsor or support legislation that would address potential inequities regarding Clean Air Act Section 185 fees for major stationary sources operating in areas that fail to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone by stipulated deadlines, including motor vehicle registration fees and/or AB 118 funds that would serve as an alternative fee equivalent program under EPA's guidance.

Pension Reform

Sponsor or engage in legislation that would institute pension reform allowing greater flexibility for the District's future retirement obligations after appropriate negotiations with AQMD bargaining units.

Offsets

Participate in any items related to emission offset requirements or power plant approvals for SCAQMD, while furthering the pursuit of clean air objectives. Seek appropriate reforms to SB 288 should it become necessary for a functioning permit program.

Intellectual Property

Sponsor or engage in legislation that would allow AQMD to retain intellectual property rights and authority regarding proprietary materials that is created in whole or part through AQMD funds, to be utilized for the public's benefit.

Infrastructure Funding under Moyer

Sponsor or engage in legislation that would Allow AB923 funds to be used for the replacement of older natural gas fueling tanks of school buses owned by public school districts.

Surface Transportation

Support and expand air quality policy and funding considerations, and the role of air districts, in the implementation of federal surface transportation policies and programs at the state and local levels.

AQMD Authority /Funding

Protect AQMD's authority and funding to continue the implementation of the Board's clean air policies and programs as required by state and federal law.

Air Quality Funding and Climate Change

Work with the legislature and CARB to:

- Maximize funding opportunities under Prop 1B (both transportation and air quality), AB 118, and Moyer programs, for air pollution reduction and public health benefits.

- Facilitate the implementation of the state's climate change initiatives at local levels, for maximizing emission reduction co-benefits and streamlining program implementation, consistent with Board policies.

Federal:

Federal Clean Air Act Section 185

Seek legislative or administrative clarification that would address potential inequities regarding Clean Air Act Section 185 fees for major stationary sources operating in areas that fail to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone by stipulated deadlines, including alternative fee equivalent programs under EPA's guidance. Pursue only to the extent needed if EPA otherwise does not derive an administrative solution.

Offsets

Work with congressional and federal agency staff and other stakeholders to modernize federal offset requirements for areas where supply of offsets is inadequate, while furthering the pursuit of clean air objectives.

Surface Transportation

Work with Congress; Federal, State and Local agencies; National Association of Clean Air Agencies; Business, Environmental, and Community groups; and other Stakeholders to:

- Seek and/or expand clean air funding opportunities under the Surface Transportation Reauthorization legislation (successor legislation to SAFETEA-LU) and other relevant funding reauthorizations;
- Enhance provisions of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization legislation by expanding CMAQ funding, strengthening the air quality provisions in CMAQ, and providing a greater role for air agencies in transportation planning and programming, consistent with Board policy.

DERA

Seek and expand Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) funding for this region, including federal appropriations and budget considerations, through legislation or administrative processes.

Technology Advancement

Seek and expand funding opportunities for advanced technologies and clean air programs through federal appropriations, budget considerations, and stimulus funding opportunities for:

- Clean energy sources;
- Implementation of the 2007 AQMP and upcoming 2012 AQMP;
- Implementation of the Clean Communities Plan;
- Supporting environmental justice initiatives; and
- Clean aviation technologies, including low-carbon fuels, clean engines, and clean fuels research and development.

Marine Vessels

Facilitate legislative or regulatory actions that reduce marine vessel emissions as needed to attain federal clean air standards by statutory deadlines.

Locomotives

Facilitate legislative or regulatory actions that reduce locomotive emissions as needed to attain clean air standards by statutory deadlines.

Energy

Support and/or possibly sponsor legislation to promote Board policies on energy, including those relating to alternative power generation, smart grid, and biomass fuels.

AQMP

Support legislation to ensure implementation of the 2007 AQMP and the upcoming 2012 AQMP, as needed.

Sections 103 & 105

Protect AQMD's permitting and enforcement authority and enhance AQMD's subvention funding under EPA Section 103 and 105 grants.

Environmental Justice

Support legislation to support environmental justice initiatives, in order to reduce localized health risks, to develop clean air technology that directly benefits disproportionately impacted communities, and to enhance community participation in the promotion of environmental justice.

Climate Change

Monitor any activities at the federal level pertaining to climate change legislation and bring such items before the Legislative Committee/Governing Board for establishment of policy positions.