SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
LEGISLATIVE REPORT

FROM HOME RULE ADVISORY GROUP
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

HRAG members present:
Dr. Dr. Elaine Chang (SCAQMD)
Greg Adams, L.A. County Sanitation Districts
Enrique Chiock, Breathe L.A. (participated by phone)
Curtis Coleman, Southern California Air Quality Alliance
Chris Gallenstein on behalf of Richard Corey, CARB (participated by phone)
Jayne Joy, Eastern Municipal Water District
Rongsheng Luo on behalf of Jonathan Nadler, SCAG (participated by phone)
Bill LaMarr, California Small Business Alliance
Art Montez, AMA International
Larry Rubio, Riverside Transit
Steve Schuyler on behalf of Mike Wang, WSPA
Lee Wallace, So Cal Gas and SDG&E

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Philip Crabbe provided a preview of what is scheduled to be discussed at the Legislative Committee meeting on September 17, 2010. The legislative consultants are scheduled to provide an update on federal legislation. The following federal bills will be presented to the Committee for consideration:

Bill #(s)	Author(s)	Bill Title
S. 3495	Dorgan	Promoting Electric Vehicles Act of 2010
S. 3608 H.R. 5174	Schumer/ Tonko	Fuel Cell Industrial Vehicle Jobs Act of 2010 (related bills)
S. 3629 H.R. 5976	Lautenberg/ Sires	Focusing Resources, Economic Investment, and Guidance to Help Transportation Act of 2010 (companion bills)

S. 3495

S. 3495 would establish within the Department of Energy (DOE) a national plug-in electric drive vehicle deployment program. During a five-year period, approximately 700,000 vehicles would be deployed. The bill also would task DOE with monitoring the progress and providing technical assistance to states. The bill would identify and create five to 15 targeted plug-in deployment communities that would be eligible for federal funding of up to $500,000,000.

S. 3629 (Lautenberg)/H.R. 5976 (Sires)
These bills would define the federal government's role in freight transportation policy and planning. The bills would instruct the U.S. DOT to develop a strategic plan for investing in the country's goods movement infrastructure. It would call for the creation of a new national freight infrastructure investments grant program that would fund projects prioritized through merit-based criteria.

S. 3608 (Schumer)/H.R. 5174 (Tonko)
These bills would amend the internal revenue code to maintain a level of an $8,000 tax credit for qualified fuel cell motor vehicles placed in service after 2009. The bills would also allow credit for certain off-highway vehicles. The Tonko bill would provide for possible increases in the credit for certain off-highway vehicles that achieve higher electricity generation efficiency.

At the Legislative Committee meeting, staff will provide an update on the state budget and a summary of the air quality related bills that will be going to the Governor or were acted on this year.

Discussion
A participant asked if staff will be giving an update on Section 185 of the Clean Air Act at the Legislative Committee meeting on September 17. Mr. Crabbe responded that this issue will likely be discussed at the Legislative Committee meeting.