

**Air Quality Advisory Council**  
**Minutes**  
**July 13, 2004**

**Members/Alternates present:** Ronald Mueller, Alexandra Gorman, Sue Spanke, Leif Griffin, Jan Hoem, Dan McCaffery and Garon Smith

**Members/Alternates absent:** Lita Furby (excused), John Garberson (excused), Mickey Reese (excused), Jan Scher (excused), Ann O'Hagan (excused) and, Dick Shimer (excused)

**Staff present:** Sandy Mack

**Others present:** Mike Kress, Tony Tweedale, Scott Noblitt, Hiedi Underberg, Robert Hart, Serena Randall, Lavonna Falls Down, Dawn Paul.

1. Ronald Mueller called the meeting to Order.
2. Voting membership included all members and alternates present.
3. The agenda was approved.
4. Minutes. The minutes from June 1, 2004 were approved.

New Business. Mike Kress, Transportation Planner from the Office of Planning and Budget presented information explaining Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, their history, how they can be used, what Missoula projects have been funded with CMAQ dollars and what future projects are currently planned. His Power Point presentation and data spread sheets were provided to the members and are attached.

Questions and discussion included that Mike feels without a central control center we will not be able to have optimal synchronization of traffic lights, and the diagonal road crossing a grid may preclude it even then. A question was asked how projects were prioritized and approved and Mike explained that various agencies and the public will nominate projects and they go through a rating system, much of which is qualitative to identify the benefits. The projects then go into the 1 and 3 year project lists.

Mike said, that the rules are currently written that we are eligible for CMAQ funds even when we become a maintenance area. He said as long as funding is approved at the federal level he anticipates approx. \$1 million/year of matching CMAQ funds to continue, regardless of redesignation. Council members said that this information needs to be shared more broadly because there is a strong perception that redesignation has been delayed because of a concern of losing funding.

The question was asked if an education campaign on engine block heaters could fall under CMAQ funding, and if so how could it get on a project list. Mike said he'd have to look at the rules more closely to know if it would qualify. He said the Health Department could request the project be considered.

6. Committee Reports.

*Outdoor Burning Committee.* Individual members have distributed some of the brochures. The outdoor burning committee asked Sandy to set up a meeting before the fall burning season to discuss distribution of the brochure and development of a press release.

*Unpaved Roads Committee.* The committee presented a Draft Recommendation to the Air Board in support of Public Works' budget request for \$500,000 for dust abatement. The committee also presented the latest version of the Unpaved Roads Report to the Air Board.

After discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the Recommendation to the Air Board.

After review and discussion two changes were recommended to the Report: Under 3.2, clarify if \$100,000 is for a two lane road; and, Under 3.4, Data Gaps add "f. Long term health and environmental effects of various palliative vs. paving." Sandy will check with Greg to see what size road the \$100,000 would pave.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the Report as amended. The Council agreed that Ron Muller should present the information to the Air Board on Thursday, July 15 at 12:15.

## 7. Staff Report.

*Redesignation:* DEQ has given August 6<sup>th</sup> as the new date to have the CO emission inventory to the Department. After receiving the information the Department will need approximately two months to complete the redesignation request and maintenance plan drafting.

*Advertisement for new Council Members:* The Council approved, with modifications a press release announcing AQAC vacancies. Sandy will send it out on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be reviewed at the August meeting and interviews held at the September meeting.

*Agendas & Meeting Summaries:* Sandy asked if she could email the agenda and meeting summaries instead of sending hard copies. All members said yes except for Sue who would prefer to have a hard copy mailed.

*Questions for Stephen Stoll:* The Council identified the following areas of interest and questions:

1. Mountain valley meteorological effects.
2. Pollutant transport from stacks in mountain valley settings.

(Garon Smith, who is on the Air Board and is a Liaison to the Air Quality Advisory Council, said he could provide you with Missoula Valley specific wind information related to this topic if you are interested. His phone number is 728-4668 hm. 243-4269 wk. [garons@mso.umt.edu](mailto:garons@mso.umt.edu))

3. What “hoops” need to be gone through to prescribe a controlled burn?
4. Related to smoke management, what are all the factors used to decide when to allow burning? How are all the prescribed and slash burns coordinated (related to smoke).
5. Why do some valleys get more smoke impacts than other valleys?

*Bio Diesel Pilot Project:* Ben Schmidt applied, for a second time, and received an EPA grant for a pilot bio diesel project to off set the additional cost of using bio-20 diesel fuel in 2 different bus fleets in Missoula.

*Oil Burners:* Staff is drafting a report to the Air Board based on the work of the Waste-Oil Burner sub committee. It will be sent out before the next meeting for review.

*Member Notebooks* are completed.

Public Comment. Tony Tweedale asked about the Roseburg fire. Sandy reported that she learned from Karen Wilson, DEQ, that it was a fire on the Line 2 dryer that occurred Thursday morning. The flames lasted about 15 min. with the smoke lasting longer. Tony presented information to the group on three articles: The final conformity rule that discusses the new “build-no-greater-than-no-build” option, which he believes may not be legal because of CAA requirements; NESHAP rules; and, an American Heart Association position paper on particulates and cardiovascular disease.

8. Next meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting would be August 3, 2004.

Action Items:

- Sandy – Set up Outdoor Burning Committee Meeting before fall burning season
- Ron – Present unpaved road recommendation and report to Air Board
- Sandy – Send Stephen Stoll questions.
- Sandy – Ask Greg Thompson about the size of road \$100,000/mile would pave.