

**Air Quality Advisory Council
Draft Minutes – September 1, 2009**

Members / Alternates Present: Beth Berlin, Bill Flannery, John Garberson, Jason Boeckel, Patricia Hogan, Bert Chessin, Dan Cottrell, Garon Smith.

Staff Present: Mamie Colburn

Public Present: Guy Hanson - Axmen, Angela Farr - DNRC, Dave Atkins - USFS

1. John Garberson called the meeting to order.

2. Excused Absences Recognized. Jan Hoem, Sue Spanke, Tova Sardot

3. Agenda was approved.

4. July minutes were approved.

5. No public comment on non agenda items.

6. Journal Article. Dan presented an article from the Montreal Gazette on a recent law passed in Montreal to ban woodstoves. Woodstove manufacturers are suing the city stating that there was a lack of scientific evidence that creating the ban would increase air quality. The article states that Montreal city council voted unanimously to ban new woodstoves after a public process in which they presented significant findings and reasoning for the ban. Pellet stoves were still allowed in the ban.

7. Air DVD. The group watched “Air: The Search for One Clean Breath” produced by the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District and the EPA. The DVD summarizes the natural history of air quality and air pollution and air regulations. It also profiles a citizen group in California who is mobilizing to reduce air pollution in their area. Afterwards the group discussed the video briefly.

8. Regulation Update. Mamie and Garon discussed the August 20th Board meeting and the third draft of regulations put forth to the board. The group also discussed in detail scaling emissions for boilers between residential size and 1 million BTU’s/hr. Angela Farr, Guy Hanson, and Dave Atkins engaged in the discussion. The council reviewed their position and general support of the regulation updates. John Garberson summarized the position of the council that he will restate at the September 17th Board meeting.

9. Staff Report. Mamie reported that she has been working on the regulation update. The group also discussed what a quiet fire year it has been. Open burning was re-opened briefly due to rain and low fire danger but was closed again as of Sept 2nd because fire danger increased to “high.”

9. No further public comment.

10. No announcements. Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is October 6, 2009.