

UTAH AIR QUALITY BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2010 – 2:30 p.m.
168 North 1950 West, Room 101
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

FINAL MINUTES

I. Call-to-Order

Steve Sands called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

Board members present: Nan Bunker (attendance by phone), Kathy Van Dame, Steve Sands, Joel Elstein, Kerry Kelly (attendance by phone), Robert Paine, and Brent Bradford (attendance by phone)

Excused: Amanda Smith, Darrell Smith, Ernie Wessman, and Craig Petersen

Executive Secretary: Cheryl Heying

II. Comment Letter to the Environmental Protection Agency Region VIII's Proposed Disapproval of Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans for Salt Lake County, Utah County, and Ogden City.

The Board is meeting to finalize a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region VIII on the proposed disapproval of redesignation requests of maintenance plans for Salt Lake County, Utah County, and Ogden City. A second draft letter was prepared by DAQ as directed by the Board at the previous Board meeting regarding content and organization of the letter.

Steve Sands, Vice-Chair of the Board, is conducting today's meeting. It was decided that the second draft letter version of Ms. Kelly's edits would be used as the working document which changes made today by the Board would be incorporated. Bryce Bird of DAQ would incorporate changes into a final letter as approved by the Board.

The Board initially discussed the purpose of the letter and what statements they wished to present to EPA and how best to word those statements. The Board then began to edit the working draft letter by discussing and incorporating their suggestions. As agreed, the letter should include that the Utah Air Quality Board is the statutory body responsible for air quality regulation in Utah and is committed to assuring that citizens of the state receive the full benefit of the Clean Air Act. The Board strongly encourages closer collaboration on the complex issues raised in EPA's proposed disapproval by working with DAQ to obtain any information necessary and available to resolve technical deficiencies and to withdraw their proposed disapproval. The Board briefly addressed a few of the coordination shortfalls that EPA highlighted. The Board also strongly recommends that EPA provide a roadmap for issues associated with Utah's air program that need to be addressed in the state implementation plan development.

DAQ is preparing to submit their technical comments to EPA and will let the Board know when those are available. The Board agrees not to wait for DAQ's technical comments before sending this comment letter to EPA. Staff will finalize today's letter as approved by the Board and submit to EPA.

- Steve Sands moved to have Ernie Wessman sign the letter as Chair of the Air Quality Board. Nan Bunker seconded. The Board approved unanimously.
- Robert Paine moved to submit the letter as Bryce Bird has it written out. Nan Bunker seconded. The Board approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Minutes approved: March 3, 2010