



MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION REVIEW COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025 MEETING MINUTES
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond, Bar, CA 91765

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(Chair) Larry McCallon, representing San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)
(Vice-Chair) Brian Berkson, representing Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
Curt Hagman, representing South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)
William Robertson, representing California Air Resources Board (CARB)
Patrick Harper, representing Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
Mark Henderson, representing Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
Linda Krupa, representing Regional Rideshare Agency
Rena Lum (Alt.), representing Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cindy Allen (Alt.), representing SCAG
Steve Veres, representing Metro
John Dutrey (Alt.), representing SBCTA
Peter Christensen (Alt.), representing CARB

MSRC-TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steven Lee, Metro
Lijin Sun, SCAG

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Yu	Laura Jacobi, Clean Energy
Lauren Dunlap	Claire Garcia
Sam Emmersen, Better World Group	J. Hill
Laura Henkels, Clean Energy	Ashley

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF & CONTRACTORS PRESENT:

Alberto Silva, Senior Information Technology Specialist

Cynthia Ravenstein, MSRC Contracts Administrator

Daphne Hsu, Principal Deputy District Counsel

De Groeneveld, Information Technology Supervisor

Ghislain Muberwa, Information Technology Specialist

Jamie Sellers, MSRC Contracts Assistant

Karen Sandoval, Financial Analyst

Maria Allen, Administrative Assistant

Marjorie Eaton, Administrative Assistant

Marissa Poon, Administrative Assistant

Michael Miller, Board Assistant

Ray Gorski, MSRC Technical Advisor-Contractor

CALL TO ORDER

- Chair McCallon called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.
- Roll call was taken at the start of the meeting.

STATUS REPORT

Clean Transportation Policy Update

The Governor's draft budget was released. Funding is expected to remain stable for existing transportation-related infrastructure programs of interest to the MSRC, but there are not expected to be a lot of new investments in that regard. On the Federal level, CARB withdrew their request for a waiver for the Advanced Clean Fleets Rule.

- Chair McCallon asked for disclosures.

No disclosures

- Chair McCallon asked for public comment on the Consent Calendar.

No public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 through 4):**1. Minutes of August 15, 2024 MSRC Meeting**

August 15, 2024, MSRC meeting minutes were included in the agenda package.

Moved by Hagman; seconded by Harper; under approval of Consent Calendar Items #1-4, item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Hagman, Krupa, Henderson, Harper, Lum, Robertson, Berkson, McCallon

Noes: None

Action: Staff will include the MSRC minutes with the MSRC Committee Report for the February 2025 South Coast AQMD Board meeting.

2. Summary of Final Reports by MSRC Contractors

- Premium Transportation Services, Inc. dba Total Transportation Services (TTSI), Contract #MS21015 – Zero & Near Zero Emission Trucking to Warehouse, Distribution & Intermodal Facilities in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties

- Pac Anchor Transportation, Contract #MS21018, Zero & Near Zero Emission Trucking to Warehouse, Distribution & Intermodal Facilities in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties

Moved by Hagman; seconded by Harper; under approval of Consent Calendar Items #1-4, item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Hagman, Krupa, Henderson, Harper, Lum, Robertson, Berkson, McCallon

Noes: None

Action: Staff will release any remaining retention on the contracts

3. MSRC Contracts Administrator's Report

The MSRC AB2766 Contracts Administrator's Report for October 31 through December 31, 2024 was included in the agenda package.

Moved by Hagman; seconded by Harper; under approval of Consent Calendar Items #1-4, item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Hagman, Krupa, Henderson, Harper, Lum, Robertson, Berkson, McCallon

Noes: None

Action: Staff will include the MSRC Contracts Administrator's Report in the MSRC Committee Report for the February 2025 South Coast AQMD Board meeting.

4. Financial Report on AB 2766 Discretionary Fund

A financial report on the AB2766 Discretionary Fund for December 2024 was included in the agenda package.

Moved by Hagman; seconded by Harper; under approval of Consent Calendar Items #1-4, item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Hagman, Krupa, Henderson, Harper, Lum, Robertson, Berkson, McCallon

Noes: None

Action: No further action is required.

ACTION CALENDAR (Item 5)**FY 2021-24 Work Program****5. Consider Awards for Six Projects Specified in Memoranda of Understanding with Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles**

Cynthia Ravenstein, MSRC Contracts Administrator, presented that in 2022, a Request for Information (RFI) was released aiming to foster partnerships to develop zero-emission goods movement infrastructure. In August 2024, the MSRC approved Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to fund specific projects identified in the RFI response. These projects will lead to the installation of over 150 truck charging ports across eight locations. The MSRC will oversee the administration and funding of these projects, which requires the authorization of awards to facilitate their execution.

Ravenstein outlined a proposal for awarding funding to six of the eight projects. She highlighted the delays experienced by the applicants, the necessity to prioritize certain projects, and the adjustments made to the funding amounts due to changes in project specifications. The recommended funding would total just under \$16 million. The proposed awards to Clean Energy, Forum Mobility, Inc. and TeraWatt Infrastructure Inc. (4 locations) have been reviewed and recommended for approval by the MSRC-TAC. Additional projects are expected for review in the near future.

MSRC Member Curt Hagman commented that the current environmental landscape in California is undergoing significant changes as the state withdraws several regulatory measures. There is anticipation that the new administration will adopt a different approach to environmental regulations, especially concerning the waivers previously granted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As stakeholders in various industries grapple with these shifts, questions arise about the future direction of funding and regulatory compliance.

Ravenstein clarified that the dollars in question are not from the MSRC but would instead be coming from the Ports. She emphasized that these funds are part of an agreed-upon amount that is distinct from the resources available to the MSRC.

Chair McCallon asked MSRC Member William Robertson to reply regarding the waivers.

Robertson acknowledged the urgency of addressing emissions from vehicles involved in goods movement, especially those operating out of ports. CARB is keen on making progress but has requested that the EPA halt consideration of their waiver request while they clarify existing rules that do not require waivers.

Robertson highlighted CARB's commitment to electrification as a solution for reducing pollution and emphasized the importance of infrastructure development to support this transition. He indicated that collaborations with various stakeholders are being sought to facilitate these public benefits.

Hagman emphasized the importance of infrastructure development and questioned whether funds could be allocated more effectively. Ultimately, clarification is desired as to whether funding priorities have shifted recently.

MSRC Member Brian Berkson commented with respect to the flexibility of agreements. He asked about the necessity of building the infrastructure immediately and the implications of future changes. Berkson expressed a desire to remain adaptable to shifting circumstances, ensuring that decisions made today can be revisited if conditions change.

Robertson commented that this represents a significant investment in infrastructure, particularly in relation to the procurement of trucks for the South Coast AQMD and Port of Los Angeles. He emphasized that this investment is part of a broader context. The recent multi-hundred-million-dollar awards for truck purchases in these regions suggest the need for a coordinated effort to enhance infrastructure. He indicated the concerns regarding the potential underutilization of this infrastructure are premature, as the developments are still in the early stages.

MSRC Member Patrick Harper asked if there was a match component to this award. Ravenstein responded by discussing the funding mechanisms for the projects, highlighting that a minimum of 25% of each project's financial backing comes from other sources.

Chair McCallon asked for public comment on Item Number 5.

No public comment.

Moved by Berkson, seconded by Hagman; item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Hagman, Krupa, Henderson, Harper, Lum, Robertson, Berkson, McCallon

Noes: None

Action: This item will be placed on the next South Coast AQMD Board agenda for approval.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chair Larry McCallon asked if anyone has other business.

MSRC Member William Robertson shared his personal experience of driving behind a Republic solid waste collection vehicle adorned with a distinctive MSRC sticker.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

[Prepared by Marjorie Eaton]