



**Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
March 22, 2011, RVTD Conference Room, Medford, OR**

Board members in attendance: Mike Montero (RVACT, MPO), Julie Brown (RVTD), John Becker (DEQ), Mike Quilty (MPO), Gary Hall (Gary Hall & Associates). Guest: Cory Ann Wind, DEQ Air Quality Planner. Staff: Sue Kupillas (RVCCC Coordinator), Mike Quilty, (RVCCC fleet outreach) and Melissa Stiles (RVCCC). Absent: John Vial (Jackson County Roads) and Steve Vincent (Avista).

Coordinator's Report: Sue Kupillas attended the Energy Independence Day in Washington D.C. February 28 through March 3. She attended Clean Cities workshops and met with Sen. Jeff Merkley. Clean Cities has announced the national conference dates, June 27-30, which Sue will attend. Rogue Valley Clean Cities submitted the annual report on March 14, a day before the deadline. This is a DOE requirement and deliverable for Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition's Level 2 funding.

Fleet Outreach Report: Mike Quilty gave an update about the 2011 fleet survey; he has met with Bern Case of Jackson County Airport and received a completed survey from Brammo in Ashland. He has an appointment with Chris Alison of the City of Central Point and is in the process of scheduling appointments with Mike Crennen of Knife River and Wendell Smith at Rogue Disposal. He is on target to meet the goal of 5 survey/interviews by the end of the first reporting period. This is a DOE requirement and deliverable for Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition's Level 2 funding.

Red Cloud: Melissa Brandao of Red Cloud (formerly Ambiente Motors) requested the Clean Cities board become a sponsor of the electric vehicle maintenance program with OIT and SOU. She requested in-kind services, not a financial contribution. Rogue Valley Clean Cities will have a sticker displayed on the Ford Ranger at SOU. Red Cloud, SOU and OIT are on the Clean Cities 2011 schedule to present information about the tracking system at stakeholder events in May and September. The board agreed to track progress through the university system to avoid favoritism toward a single company. Gary Hall made a motion to provide in-kind support to Red Cloud for the stakeholder events. Julie Brown provided the second. The board unanimously agreed. The chair asked Melissa Stiles to follow up with Red Cloud regarding whether a letter has been requested.

Clean Cities CMAQ Application Endorsement: In keeping with the Clean Cities Conflict of Interest Policy, Mike Montero announced his disclosure that Dry Creek Landfill is one of his clients.



Clean Cities previously provided a letter of support for a CMAQ application sponsored by Jackson

Melissa Stiles presented the PowerPoint information to the board regarding current configuration as well as CMAQ status.

Application Background: The application Dry Creek Landfill has a long record of environmental stewardship. They have constructed alternative access options that reduce VMT and emissions. They were among the first private forms to use the CMAQ program to retrofit diesel powered refuse trucks and have previously invested millions of dollars into the development of Dry Creek Landfill's Don Cordell gas to electric energy plant that currently generates electricity for 3,000 local homes.

Dry Creek Landfill has partnered with Jackson County in submitting a CMAQ Experimental Pilot Project grant application specifically to develop an alternative fuel strategy utilizing converted landfill gas for MPO fleet use. The strategy would explore how most effectively to utilize this alternative fuel option to meet energy independence, GHG reduction and investment and emission reduction goals in Jackson County.

The grant would provide funding for a feasibility analysis and implementation plan contemplated for use in a future Clean Cities Coalition sponsored grant application to the U.S. Department of Energy for alternative fueling infrastructure as well as MPO fleet conversion. Diesel displacement from the first fleet already committed can demonstrate a 300,000 gallon reduction. Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition has worked with the applicant as it meets Rogue Valley Clean Cities Coalition mission statement to advance local efforts to improve air quality and reduce dependence on foreign oil.

The MPO PAC "public advisory committee", subject to 2 abstentions, unanimously approved it. MPO staff put the scoring on hold until further guidance from FHWA can be obtained.

Next Meeting: The board will meet for an update about the Oregon Electric Highway featuring Rick Wallace of the Oregon Department of Energy, noon to 1 pm Wednesday, April 13 at RVTD, Crater Lake Avenue, Medford, OR 97504.