

Meeting Minutes
Air Quality Committee
Meeting of January 21, 2016

A meeting of the Air Quality Committee was held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Welcome and Introductions

Mayor JoAnn Seghini, AQC Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. Mayor Seghini welcomed committee members and guests.

AQC Members and Alternates Present:

JoAnn Seghini, Chair	Mayor, Midvale City
Randy Lewis, Vice Chair	Mayor, Bountiful City
Mark Allen	Mayor, Washington Terrace
Myron Bateman	Commissioner, Tooele County
Kip Billings	WFRC
Bryce Bird	UDAQ
Carmen Freeman	Mayor, Herriman City
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Austin Turner	Councilman, Morgan County

AQC Representatives and Others Present:

Wayne Bennion	WFRC
Elden Bingham	UDOT
Michelle Bjorklund	WFRC
Steve Call	FHWA
James Campbell	Rocky Mountain Power
Louis Cooper	Weber-Morgan Health Department
Susan Hardy	MAG
George Humbert	Rocky Mountain Power
Linda Johnson	Breathe Utah
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
GJ LaBonty	UTA
Jeff Larsen	Rocky Mountain Power
Daniel Mendoza	GCSC, University of Utah
Kathy VanDame	Breathe Utah

Approval of Meeting Summary

Mayor Carmen Freeman moved that the meeting minutes for August 20, 2015 be approved. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mark Allen and the minutes were unanimously approved.

2016 Air Quality Committee Schedule

There will be meetings on March 17, May 19, August 18, and October 20 in 2016. Mayor Seghini suggested that the AQC meeting be moved to a start time of 11:30 a.m. The committee agreed to this change and the new start time will begin on March 17.

DAQ Update

Bryce Bird gave an update on the rule requiring installation of ultra low NOx water heaters. Installation of these units will be required starting in November of 2017. The Air Quality Board adopted the rule at the recommendation of the Governor's Clean Air Action Team. The new water heaters will produce 75% less NOx than a standard water heater would produce.

Efforts are continuing to encourage the refineries to convert to Tier 3 fuel. Tesoro Refinery has announced that they will be producing Tier 3 fuels. Other refineries are still considering but haven't come to a firm commitment to produce Tier 3 fuel. There was a legislative bill last year that would have extended the ability for large infrastructure projects that improve air quality to take advantage of an existing fund of tax incentives to cover a portion of costs. The purpose was an incentive for refineries to be able to install the technology to produce Tier 3 fuels.

Rocky Mountain Power STEP Program

Jeff Larsen with Rocky Mountain Power gave a presentation on the Rocky Mountain Power "STEP" Legislative Proposal. STEP stands for Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan and is a 10 year pilot program at the cost of \$10 million per year.

- Makes a step towards air quality improvements with real, measurable, and permanent improvements in air quality
- Develops electric vehicle charging stations for future generations of Utah citizens
- Proactively prepares for the future compliance impacts on thermal generation plants
- Supports Utah economic development and the economy
- Minimal Impact to Customers
- No Fiscal Note
- Curtail high emitting power production during inversions
- Research and development for clean coal and alternative fuels such as solar or wood from forests destroyed by pine beetle

Public Comment

Kathy VanDame commented that she has met with a number of people about the Rocky Mountain Power STEP program and said there is a great deal of skepticism with the program. She said it is a very complicated issue and that the language of the bill hasn't been released for public review.

Linda Johnson commented that Kathy said everything she would like to say as well. She said the main problem is that this program circumvents public input.

Other Business

GJ LaBonty announced UTA will be running the new Capital Connector 15 minute service from the FrontRunner Station at North Temple to the Capital Building to the Courthouse Station.

Next Meeting: March 17, 2016 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.