



**MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION REVIEW COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**  
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond, Bar, CA 91765

**Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 the MSRC meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2023 through a hybrid format of in-person attendance in Conference Room CC-8 at the South Coast AQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, and/or virtual attendance via videoconferencing and by telephone.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

(Chair) Larry McCallon, representing San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)  
(Vice-Chair) Brian Berkson, representing Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)  
Ben Benoit, representing South Coast AQMD  
Tam Nguyen, representing Regional Rideshare Agency  
Patrick Harper, representing Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)  
Michelle Buffington (Alt.), representing California Air Resources Board (CARB)  
Mark Henderson (Alt.), representing Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)  
Mark Yamarone (Alt.), representing Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)  
Linda Krupa (Alt.), representing RCTC

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jed Leano, representing SCAG  
Steve Veres, representing Metro  
Sydney Vergis, representing CARB  
John Dutrey (Alt.), representing SBCTA

**MSRC-TAC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Derek Winters, representing CARB  
Steven Lee, representing Metro  
Ash Nikravan, representing South Coast AQMD  
Adriann Cardoso, representing OCTA  
Scott Strelecki (Alt.), representing SCAG

Cheryl Wilson (Alt.), representing SBCTA

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

H. Ted Gerber, City of South Pasadena  
Mark Abramowitz  
Michael Cacciotti, City of South Pasadena  
Tony Abdalla, South Pasadena Police Department  
Eddie Rivera, SCAG  
Ryan Laws, SCAG  
Laura Ochoa, City of South Gate

**SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF & CONTRACTORS PRESENT:**

Aaron Katzenstein, Deputy Executive Officer  
Anish Pathak, Financial Analyst  
Anthony Tang, Information Technology Supervisor  
Cynthia Ravenstein, MSRC Contracts Administrator  
Marjorie Eaton, Administrative Assistant  
Matt Mackenzie, MSRC Contracts Assistant  
Paul Wright, Sr. Information Technology Specialist  
Penny Shaw Cedillo, Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Ray Gorski, MSRC Technical Advisor-Contractor  
Sheri Hanizavareh, Principal Deputy District Counsel  
Tricia Almiron, Benoit Board Assistant

**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.
- Chair McCallon asked for opening comments.

There were no opening comments.

- Chair McCallon asked for the status report on the Clean Transportation Policy Update.

Cynthia Ravenstein reported on the Clean Transportation Policy Update, a report put together by the outreach coordinator on the legislative session bills that were signed and vetoed by the Governor and have been followed previously in the Clean Transportation Policy Update report.

The proposed state budget was released on January 10, 2023. There is a predicted shortfall of \$22.5 billion. It is early days, there are many budget hearings in coming days and a revision due in May 2023.

- Chair McCallon asked for disclosures.

Items #5 and #10 – MSRC Member Ben Benoit commented he is recusing himself from Agenda Item #5 and 10 because of campaign contributions from Southern California Edison which are involved in these items.

Item #9 – MSRC Chair Larry McCallon commented he does not have a financial interest, but is required to identify for the record that he is a Regional Council Member of SCAG which is involved in this item.

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

No public comment.

MSRC Member Harper asked about Item #2. How do we know they are using renewable natural gas and not just regular natural gas? Ray Gorski answered they must make representations in their quarterly reporting they are using renewable fuel as a provision of the contract. If ever to be found in violation, the MSRC and South Coast AQMD have recourse to act.

**CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 through 5):****Information Only – Receive and File****1. Comply with AB 361 Requirements to Allow MSRC to Continue to Meet Remotely**

Adopt resolution finding that the MSRC: 1) has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and 2) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Moved by Harper; seconded by Nguyen; under approval of Consent Calendar Items #1 through #5, item approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Nguyen, Harper, Yamarone, Buffington, Berkson, McCallon

Noes: None

Action: No further action is required.

**2. Summary of Final Report by MSRC Contractor**

Universal Waste Systems, Inc. Contract #MS18122 (\$195,000 – Install New Limited Access CNG Infrastructure)

Moved by Harper, seconded by Nguyen; under approval on Consent Calendar Items #1 through #5, item approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Nguyen, Harper, Yamarone, Buffington, Berkson, McCallon

Noes: None

Action: No further action is required.

**3. MSRC Contracts Administrator's Report**

The MSRC AB 2766 Contracts Administrator's Report for December 1, 2022 through January 4, 2023 was included in the agenda package.

Moved by Harper, seconded by Nguyen; under approval on Consent Calendar Items #1 through #5, item approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Nguyen, Harper, Yamarone, Buffington, Berkson, McCallon

Noes: None

Action: Staff will include the MSRC Contracts Administrator's Report in the MSRC Committee Report for the February 3, 2023 South Coast AQMD Board meeting.

**4. Financial Report on AB 2766 Discretionary Fund**

A financial report on the AB 2766 Discretionary Fund for December 2022 was included in the agenda package.

Moved by Harper, seconded by Nguyen; under approval on Consent Calendar Items #1 through #5, item approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Nguyen, Harper, Yamarone, Buffington, Berkson, McCallon

Noes: None

Action: No further action is required.

**For Approval – As Recommended**

**5. Consider Reduced Scope and Value and 4-Month Term Extension by City of South Pasadena, Contract #ML16025 (\$160,000 – Purchase One Heavy-Duty Natural Gas Vehicle and Expand Existing CNG Station)**

The City requests to eliminate the tasks and \$30,000 associated with the natural gas vehicle. The city completed expansion of the CNG station but was delayed by additional time needed for Southern California Edison to complete work on the project. The City requests a 4-month term extension to fulfill the required five-year operational period.

Moved by Harper, seconded by Nguyen; under approval on Consent Calendar Items #1 through #5, item approved.

Ayes: Nguyen, Harper, Yamarone, Buffington, Berkson, McCallon

Noes: None

Recused: Benoit

Action: MSRC Staff will amend the above contract accordingly.

**ACTION ITEMS (Item 6 through 10):**

**6. Consider 9-Month Term Extension by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), Contract #ML16022 (\$240,000 – Purchase 8 Heavy-Duty Natural Gas Vehicles)**

Cynthia Ravenstein, MSRC Contracts Administrator, presented that LADWP indicated that a supply chain issue with the hydraulic cylinders has delayed the project. LADWP requests a 9-month term extension to get all vehicles in service and fulfill the required five-year operational period. Recommending approval, contingent on this being final extension.

Chair McCallon asked for Committee comments and public comments on this item.

No Committee or public comment

Moved by McCallon; seconded by Harper; item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Nguyen, Harper, Yamarone, Buffington, Berkson, McCallon

Noes: None

Action: MSRC Staff will amend the above contract accordingly.

**7. Consider One-Year Term Extension by City of South Gate, Contract #ML18146 (\$127,400 – Procure 5 Light-Duty Zero Emission Vehicles and Install Vehicle Charging Infrastructure)**

Cynthia Ravenstein presented that the City of South Gate has recently awarded the construction contracts for the stations. Having previously received a two-year term extension, the City requests an additional one-year term extension to complete construction and fulfill the required three-year operational period. Recommending approval, contingent on this being final extension.

Chair McCallon asked for comments from Committee members.

Chair McCallon asked for comments from the public for this item. No comments were received from the public.

Moved by Berkson; seconded by Harper; item unanimously approved.

MSRC Member Mark Henderson logged into the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Ayes: Benoit, Nguyen, Henderson, Harper, Yamarone, Buffington, Berkson, McCallon

Noes: None

Action: MSRC Staff will amend the above contract accordingly.

- Chair McCallon asked for Member Mark Henderson's disclosure

Item #9 – Member Mark Henderson commented he does not have a financial interest, but is required to identify for the record that he is a Regional Council Member of SCAG which is involved in this item.

**8. Consider 38-Month Term Extension by City of Carson, Contract #ML18057 (\$106,250 – Procure 5 Light-Duty Zero Emission Vehicles and Install Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure)**

Cynthia Ravenstein presented that the City of Carson has hired a consultant to complete plans. Construction is expected to be complete by August 2023. Work delayed due to issues arising from Covid-19 pandemic, staffing turnover and changes in management and priorities. The City requests its first extension on this contract for 38 months.

Chair McCallon asked for comments from Committee members.

MSRC Member Harper asked if construction would be completed by August 2023 or December 2023, both dates which are referenced in the City's correspondence.

MSRC Member Henderson asked what was so compelling that changed the Administrator's mind to approve this extension. Cynthia Ravenstein answered that the City of Carson was on the phone at the MSRC-TAC meeting and convinced the MSRC TAC they had made great strides lately.

Brian Berkson asked why the extension needs to be so long, the purpose of the operational period, and how it ties back to the approval. Cynthia Ravenstein explained that we want to ensure they keep the station operational. There are pay back requirements if they do not keep the station operational, and we need to be able to enforce an open contract.

The MSRC discussed various options for addressing the uncertainty in the completion date.

Chair McCallon asked for comments from the public for this item. No comments were received from the public.

Moved by Berkson to approve the extension with a contingency that the City of Carson must install all their equipment and have the station operational by December 15, 2023 and the thirty-six-month operational period starts from that point forward, seconded by Harper; item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Nguyen, Henderson, Harper, Yamarone, Buffington, Berkson, McCallon  
Noes: None  
Action: MSRC Staff will amend the above contract accordingly.

**9. Consider Reallocation of Funding Between Projects by Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Contract #MS21005 (\$16,751,000 – Implement Last Mile Freight Program)**

Cynthia Ravenstein presented that SCAG's contract specifies that if a project withdraws, SCAG may request MSRC approval to reallocate funds.

SCAG is requesting reallocation of the reserved \$1,115,976 and the additional \$70,000, from a withdrawn project, for a total \$1,185,976 to Zeem Solutions. Zeem Solutions proposes to allocate the additional funding to increase zero emission vehicles and supporting charging stations for their Santa Ana depot with 30 medium-duty zero emission vehicles, 12 DC fast chargers and 10 Level II chargers. This includes a \$7,184,752 increase

in project match funding. With this reallocation, the total awards for Orange County would meet geographic equity goal.

Chair McCallon asked for comments from Committee members.

MSRC Member Harper stated that coming from Orange County appreciates the investment in his County.

Chair McCallon asked for comments from the public for this item. No comments were received from the public.

Moved by Berkson; seconded by Buffington; item unanimously approved.

Ayes: Benoit, Nguyen, Henderson, Harper, Yamarone, Buffington, Berkson, McCallon

Noes: None

Action: MSRC Staff will place this item on the February 3, 2023 South Coast AQMD Governing Board agenda for approval.

### **FYs 2021-24 Work Program**

#### **10. Consider Clean Transportation Funding Award to the City of South Pasadena for Implementation of the South Pasadena Police Patrol Vehicle Electrification Program.**

Ray Gorski presented a recommendation to award funding to the City of South Pasadena to implement a zero-emission police patrol vehicle and supporting infrastructure project. The total MSRC funding contribution is \$499,789 for 10 Tesla Model Y patrol vehicles through a 60-month lease, installation of 7 police-dedicated dual-port Level 2 chargers, installation of 2 police-dedicated single-port Level 2 chargers, and installation of 2 dual-port emergency response vehicle Level 3 chargers. The total City of South Pasadena funding contribution is \$1,828,860 which includes 10 Tesla Model 3 non-patrol and detective vehicles, installation of 6 additional dual-port Level 2 chargers, installation of 2 additional single-port Level 2 chargers and installation of 1 dual-port Level 3 charger. Southern California Edison through their Charge Ready Program will contribute \$524,651 to the project. A project implementation schedule was presented.

Chair McCallon asked for comments from Committee members.

MSRC Member Patrick Harper questioned if Southern California Edison rebates are available for any charging station.

Ray Gorski explained about the two Southern California Edison programs and their specific requirements.

Tony Abdalla, Police Sergeant with the City of South Pasadena provided some insight as to

why they are leasing patrol vehicles. The reason for the leasing is to acquire and transition their entire fleet all at once.

Mark Henderson asked if the City of South Pasadena will be doing demonstrations or anything for other municipalities. Tony Abdalla answered that they will, given the desire to be the model for the region.

Chair McCallon asked for comments from the public for this item. No comments were received from the public.

Moved by Nguyen; seconded by Harper; item approved.

Ayes: Nguyen, Henderson, Harper, Yamarone, Buffington, Berkson, McCallon

Noes: None

Recused: Benoit

Action: MSRC Staff will place this item on the February 3, 2023 South Coast AQMD Governing Board agenda for approval

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **11. Other Business**

Presentation of certificate of appreciation to Ben Benoit.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No public comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

[Prepared by Marjorie Eaton]