



**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE  
Meeting Action Report**

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**Committee:** Environmental Services

**Members of the Environmental Services LRC:**

City Representative Susie Byrd (Chair)  
City Representative Ann Morgan Lilly  
City Representative Emma Acosta

**Staff Assignee:** Ellen A. Smyth, Director, Environmental Services

**Date of Meeting:** November 8, 2010

I. Discussion and update regarding a staff report on ozone air quality standards and attainment status. (Environmental Services, Miguel Parra, (915) 599-6235)

***Summary:***

The LRC reviewed the Ozone strategies proposed by the City and discussed possible strategies to be in compliance prior to the EPA rules.

***Action Taken:***

The LRC voted to asked staff to bring recommendations to reduce ozone emissions and to work the Metropolitan Planning Committee.

***Disposition:***

Department will bring recommendations at a future Legislative Review Committee meeting

II. Discussion and update regarding a staff report on PM-10 air quality standards and attainment status. (Miguel Parra, Engineering Division Manager, (915) 599-6235)

***Summary:***

The presentation outlined the City's present status on the air quality for particulate matter (PM-10)

***Action Taken:***

The LRC voted that ESD continue to identify means to reduce PM-10 in order to stay in compliance.

***Disposition:***

Report back on a Plan of Action.

III. Discussion regarding a staff report on the City's carbon footprint (or baseline inventory of greenhouse gas emission. (Environmental Services, Marty Howell, 915-541-4925)

***Summary:***

The presentation outlined the City's carbon footprint.

***Action Taken:***

The LRC affirmed their support to create a baseline inventory.

*Disposition:*

No action taken.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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City Representative Suzie Byrd, District 2  
Chair, Environmental Services LRC

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Ellen A. Smyth, P.E.  
Director, Environmental Services

**Environmental Services Legislative Review Committee**  
**Thursday, November 8, 2010**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Council Chambers, City Hall**

**Attendees:**

Representative Suzy Byrd	Marty Howell, ESD
Representative Emma Acosta	Juan Cruz, ESD
Representative Ann Morgan Lilly	Al Melero, ESD
Josette Flores, Assistant City Attorney	David Duran, ESD
Paul Perez, Wester	Debbie Strom, ESD
Jorge Pinal, MPO	Valerie Joosten, ESD
Jerry Bettendorf, EPIA	Tammy Fonce, ESD
Ellen A. Smyth, ESD	Karl Rimkus, ESD
John D. Garza, ESD	Gloria Duran, ESD
Miguel Parra, ESD	Martha Y. Guevara, ESD

**Members Absent:**

Representative Eddie Holguin, Jr.

#1. Call to order and establish quorum.

The meeting of the Environmental Services Legislative Review Committees was called to order by the Chair Representative Byrd at 1:12 p.m. and a quorum was established.

#2. Discussion and action on the approval of Legislative Review Committee Minutes of August 19, 2010.

Motion was made by Representative Byrd to approve LRC minutes as presented. Motion passes unanimously to approve the minutes.

#3. Discussion and update regarding a staff report on ozone air quality standards and attainment status.

Al Melero, ESD-Air Quality gave a presentation on the proposed ozone air quality standard, attainment status, potential strategies to control ozone, and the state implementation plan process. With the current standard set at 75 ppb, the city is currently meeting the attainment status. The proposed standard has not been finalized, but it's in the range of 60 to 70 ppb. The city will not be in attainment status if the new standard is below 70 ppb.

During the discussion Rep. Byrd stated that a plan of action should be implemented right now so we can address any health concern issues. Rep. Acosta agreed with Rep. Byrd that the City should be more pro-active and identify strategies to reduce ozone. Rep. Acosta suggested that a car pool program would also alleviate the ozone problems, and that something should be done about the vehicles from Mexico that are causing pollution. Rep. Lily recommended that the City encourage riding the bus to reduce vehicle

emissions. Mr. George Pinal from the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) commented on the ozone study being led by the MPO. The study will involve an emissions inventory, data modeling, developing strategies, stakeholder involvement, and public participation to develop an action plan to reduce ozone emissions and reach attainment status.

The Environmental Services Department in conjunction with the MPO are to bring back recommendations on reducing ozone emissions and to develop an action plan to meet the new ozone standards.

#4. Discussion and update regarding a staff report on PM-10 air quality standards and attainment status.

Miguel Parra, ESD gave a presentation that outlined the City's present status on air quality for particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM-10). The city was designated as non-attainment in 1990, but current air monitoring data shows that the city has been compliance with the standard since 1999. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) notified the City in December 2009 of its consideration to submit a re-designation request as attainment based on monitoring data. The City submitted information to TCEQ in support of the re-designation, and TCEQ developed an updated emissions inventory. Based on the updated emissions inventory, the model shows that the city cannot maintain ambient air concentrations of PM-10 at or below the 2008 values through the year 2025; therefore, a re-designation request cannot be made. The model shows that the increase in PM-10 is due to re-entrained dust from vehicles on paved roads. Rep. Byrd asked what could be done to lower the PM-10 emissions. Some suggestions discussed were (1) reducing vehicles on the road, (2) more street sweeping, (3) cash for clunkers, and (4) alley paving. The LRC asked that the Environmental Services Department continue to identify strategies to reduce particulate matter.

The Environmental Services Department is to report back on a plan of action.

#5. Discussion regarding a staff report on the City's carbon footprint (or baseline inventory of greenhouse gas emissions).

Marty Howell, ESD discussed in his presentation how the City's carbon footprint is the basis for them to prepare a climate action plan for reducing greenhouse gas emissions generated through the direct and indirect operation within the organization. The carbon footprint shows that the largest source of greenhouse gases are from water/wastewater facilities, solid waste facilities, vehicle fleet, and buildings/facilities. The City's efforts such as the Johnson Controls projects and LEED buildings will help ensure the City meets its targets of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The LRC affirmed their support of the greenhouse gas inventory and the proposed development of a Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

#6. Public comment

#7. Set next meeting

#8. Adjournment

MOTION was made by Rep. Byrd and seconded by Rep. Lilly to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting ended at 2:25 p.m.

Notes taken by Martha Y. Guevara, Secretary, ESD.