



MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION REVIEW COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024 MEETING MINUTES
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond, Bar, CA 91765

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(Chair) Larry McCallon, representing San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)
William Robertson, representing California Air Resources Board (CARB)
Linda Krupa, representing Regional Rideshare Agency
Patrick Harper, representing Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
Rena Lum (Alt.), representing Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)
Mark Henderson, representing Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

(Vice-Chair) Brian Berkson, representing Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
Curt Hagman, representing South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)
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, representing LA Metro
Rongsheng Luo, representing SCAG
Kelly Lynn, representing SBCTA

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mara MacDonell
Sam Emmersen, Better World Group
Charlotte Tan, Los Angeles Sanitation
Sheri Call, City of Riverside

SOUTH COAST AQMD STAFF & CONTRACTORS PRESENT:

Christina Kusnandar, Senior Staff Specialist
Cynthia Ravenstein, MSRC Contracts Administrator
Daphne Hsu, Principal Deputy District Counsel
De Groeneveld, Information Technology Supervisor
Debra Ashby, Sr. Public Affairs Specialist
Ghislain Muberwa, Information Technology Specialist
John Kampa, Financial Services Manager
Laurence Brown, Air Quality Specialist
Leticia Allie Ramirez, Senior Office Assistant
Maria Allen, Administrative Assistant
Marjorie Eaton, Administrative Assistant
Michael Miller, Board Member Assistant
Ray Gorski, MSRC Technical Advisor-Contractor
Sindy Enriquez, MSRC Contracts Assistant
Tom Lee, Planning & Rules Manager
Walter Shen, Planning & Rules Manager

CALL TO ORDER

- Chair Larry McCallon called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- Roll call was taken at the start of the meeting.
- Chair McCallon asked for disclosures.

Items Nos. 11 and 12 – MSRC Alternate Member Rena Lum said she does not have a financial interest in Item Nos. 11 and 12 but is required to identify for the record that she is an employee of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which is involved in these items.

Items Nos. 4, 8, 10, and 11 – MSRC Chair Larry McCallon said he does not have a financial interest in Item Nos. 4, 8, 10 and 11 but is required to identify for the record that he is a member of the Governing Board of the South Coast AQMD, which is involved in these items.

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

No public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS (Items 1 through 3):**Receive and Approve****1. Summary of Final Report by MSRC Contractor**

Long Beach Transit, Contract #MS16121 – Repower 39 and Purchase 1 New Transit Buses with Near-Zero Engines

Moved by Harper; seconded by Krupa; under approval of Consent Calendar Items #1-3, item unanimously approved.

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

Noes: None

Action: No further action is necessary

Information Only – Receive and File**2. MSRC Contracts Administrator's Report**

The MSRC AB 2766 Contracts Administrator's Report for May 29 through July 24, 2024 was included in the agenda package.

Moved by Harper; seconded by Krupa; under approval of Consent Calendar Items #1-3, item unanimously approved.

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

Noes: None

Action: Staff will include the MSRC Contracts Administrator's Report in the MSRC Committee Report for the September 2024 South Coast AQMD Board meeting.

3. Financial Report on AB 2766 Discretionary Fund

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

Moved by Harper; seconded by Krupa; under approval of Consent Calendar Items #1-3, item unanimously approved.

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

Noes: None

Action: No further action is required.

ACTION ITEMS (Items 4 through 12)

4. Consider FY 24-25 Administrative Budget

An administrative budget is prepared each year as part of the annual MSRC budget. John Kampa, South Coast AQMD Financial Services Manager, presented the 2024-25 Administrative Budget. Mr. Kampa stated that the Health and Safety Code allows South Coast AQMD to be reimbursed for administrative costs related to the MSRC, capped at 6.25% of annual revenue. The projected 2024-25 budget is \$965,560, with a cap of \$1,035,243, leaving an unallocated balance of \$69,683. The cap will increase by \$16,500, while the administrative budget rises by \$83,502 due to staffing and labor increases, including a new manager position.

Chair Larry McCallon asked for public comment on Item number 4.
No public comment.

Moved by Henderson; seconded by Harper; item approved.

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

Noes: None

Action: Staff will forward the item to the South Coast AQMD Board for approval

FYs 2016-18 Work Program

MSRC Chair Larry McCallon asked to take items 5, 6 and 7 together and take one vote on all three items.

5. Consider 1-Year Term Extension by City of Los Angeles, Contract #ML18082 (\$900,000 - Purchase 8 Medium-Duty Vehicles and Install 8 Limited-Access EV Charging Infrastructures)

Cynthia Ravenstein, MSRC Contracts Administrator, presented that the City requested a one-year contract term extension due to delays in the release of the vehicle purchase orders, vehicle parts supply issues, and network connection issues at their East Valley District Yard. This contract had previously been extended by one year. The MSRC Contracts Administrator and MSRC-TAC recommend approval, conditioned on no further extensions.

Chair Larry McCallon asked for public comment on item number 5.

No public comment.

6. Consider 2-Year Term Extension by City of Mission Viejo, Contract #ML18068 (\$86,940 - Purchase 2 Light-Duty ZEVs and Install EVSE)

Cynthia Ravenstein, MSRC Contracts Administrator, presented that in the City of Mission Viejo's assessment; by locating the charging stations at their new Los Osos development, the stations will achieve a much higher utilization rate than in the originally proposed City Hall location. The City also requested a two-year term extension to complete construction of the development and stations. The MSRC Contracts Administrator recommends approval, conditioned on no further extensions; MSRC-TAC recommends approval without conditions.

Chair McCallon asked members for questions and thoughts on the extension.

MSRC member Patrick Harper supports the MSRC-TAC's recommendation. It is the first time the City has requested an extension and there could be delays to the development. He states the City will make its best efforts to make it happen within the two-year extension.

MSRC Member Dr. William Robertson asked if we know the stage of the development. Ms. Ravenstein answered that the development is 80% complete on grading and site plans, planning on advertising for construction bids in October. Nothing has been built. Ms. Ravenstein continued to explain their contract was different in that they wanted their vehicles before any infrastructure was built.

MSRC Member Linda Krupa asked what happens if the MSRC grants a 2-year extension with conditions and it's not completed at the end of that period of time. Ms. Ravenstein explained that the funding would end up reverting to the MSRC. The City would not receive any funding for the infrastructure portion of the project and the MSRC would use the funds for a different purpose.

Mr. Henderson is in support of the TAC's recommendation.

Chair Larry McCallon asked for public comment on item number 6.

No public comment.

7. Consider 19-Month Extension by City of Riverside, Contract #ML18063 (\$50,000 - Expand Existing CNG Station)

Cynthia Ravenstein, MSRC Contracts Administrator, presented the City of Riverside's request for a term extension to September 30, 2029 due to difficulties finding a qualified vendor and issues with the anchoring system for the storage spheres. This contract has previously been extended by fourteen months. The MSRC Contracts Administrator and MSRC-TAC recommend approval, conditioned on no further extensions.

Chair Larry McCallon confirmed that this term extension includes the five-year operational period.

Chair McCallon asked for public comment on item number 7.

No public comment.

Moved by Harper to approve Item 5 as recommended, to approve Item 6 with no conditions and to approve Item 7 as the final extension; seconded by Henderson; under approval of Action Calendar Items #5-7, items unanimously approved.

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

Noes: None

Action: Staff will amend the above contracts accordingly.

For Approval – As Recommended

8. Clarify that MSRC Allocation Partnering with Penske Truck Rental in Responding to South Coast AQMD Carl Moyer Program Announcement PA2024-02, Zero Emission Infrastructure Program Includes Partnering under Earlier South Coast AQMD Carl Moyer Program Opportunities

Cynthia Ravenstein, MSRC Contracts Administrator, said in September 2022, an RFI for zero-emission infrastructure led to Penske's response in November 2022 with an

EV charging project for 20 locations in the South Coast Air Basin. In 2023, Penske applied for funding under AQMD's Carl Moyer Program. In January 2024, MSRC partnered with Penske for the same project under a different Carl Moyer Program. In February 2024, they received funding for five of the locations, totaling nearly \$6.4 million, with Penske contributing over \$2.2 million, for a total project cost of about \$15 million.

Penske initially would have received \$17.9 million from MSRC for all 20 locations. MSRC Member Henderson discussed the financial situation with Ms. Ravenstein and Chair McCallon asked what the timeline is on the additional funding. Ms. Ravenstein answered that the status of Carl Moyer Program funding for the remaining 15 locations is uncertain, and there may be upcoming awards that could affect total funding.

The discussion revolves around the timing of the next Moyer awards and the availability of funds for projects. Currently, the expectation is that the next awards of Moyer funding will occur in Q4 2024. There's confusion regarding contract terms, as no contracts can be finalized until Moyer funding is awarded, and different projects may have varying complexities affecting funding distribution.

Ms. Ravenstein continued that the MSRC is being asked to clarify its allocation, which involves partnering with Penske and responding to the PA 2024-02 proposal. A total of \$6,353,697 will be awarded to Penske for projects that were awarded Carl Moyer funding under an announcement preceding PA 2024-02, while \$11,626,303 will remain allocated under the original terms, contingent on the outcome of PA 2024-02. This recommendation comes from the MSRC Contracts Administrator and the MSRC-TAC.

Linda Krupa stepped out of the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Chair Larry McCallon asked for public comment on item number 8.

No public comment.

Moved by Harper; seconded by Robertson; item approved.

Ayes: Henderson, Harper, Lum, Robertson, McCallon

Noes: None

Action: MSRC staff will forward item to the South Coast AQMD Board for approval

9. Evaluate Performance of MSRC Website and Consider Potential Next Steps

Cynthia Ravenstein, MSRC Contracts Administrator, presented that MSRC's www.cleantransportationfunding.org website provides essential services, including access to historical and current information for contractors and applicants. It allows online submissions and features documents like solicitation materials, agendas, and press releases. In 2017, the site was revamped, and in 2020, it was decided to maintain its current form.

The MSRC-TAC recommends that the MSRC develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) for website hosting and maintenance, including a supplemental quote for limited modifications. Additionally, they recommended exploration of alternative solicitation methods like Planet Bids for posting and accepting proposals.

Chair Larry McCallon asked for public comment on item number 9.

No public comment.

Moved by Harper; seconded by Robertson; item approved.

Ayes: Henderson, Harper, Lum, Robertson, McCallon

Noes: None

Action: MSRC staff and the MSRC-TAC will develop a proposed RFP for MSRC review and approval

10. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between: 1) the South Coast AQMD on behalf of the MSRC and the Port of Long Beach and 2) South Coast AQMD on behalf of the MSRC and the Port of Los Angeles

Linda Krupa rejoined the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Ray Gorski, MSRC Technical Advisor, said the MSRC is requesting approval for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Pedro Bay ports (Long Beach and Los Angeles) to facilitate investment in a work program aimed at funding infrastructure for zero-emission heavy-duty drayage trucks. The Ports will contribute over \$25 million, enabling the installation of more than 200 EV chargers. This partnership aims to support California's clean air goals and enhance MSRC's capacity to fund additional projects.

MSRC Member Henderson stated his appreciation for such a project and the desire for recognition of the MSRC's contributions. There's a suggestion for signage or branding to identify MSRC's role. Mr. Gorski confirmed that incorporating the MSRC logo in agreements is possible, and they aim to strengthen partnerships for future projects. The conversation emphasized the importance of recognizing contributions while ensuring the MOU is signed before moving forward.

The MSRC-TAC recommends the MSRC approve MOUs with the Port of Long Beach and the Port of Los Angeles as outlined in the staff report.

Chair Larry McCallon asked for public comment on item number 10.

No public comment.

Moved by Henderson; seconded by Harper, item unanimously approved.

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

Noes: None

Action: MSRC staff forward this item to South Coast AQMD Governing Board for approval

11. Consider Partnership Opportunity with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and California Energy Commission (CEC) to Pursue Funding Under the US Department of Transportation (US DOT) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program.

Ray Gorski, MSRC Technical Advisor, presented that last year, the MSRC committed up to \$6 million to collaborate with Caltrans and the California Energy Commission in pursuit of US DOT funding for charging and fueling infrastructure. Although their initial project was deemed meritorious, it did not secure funding due to high demand. This year, a new funding round allows for resubmission of last year's proposals and new projects. MSRC is being asked to reaffirm its funding commitment.

The recommendation is that the Chair provide a letter to Caltrans, indicating a maximum award of up to \$6 million in MSRC funds. This is contingent on receiving a US DOT award, the amount of that award, and which projects get funded. Future actions will be required from the MSRC, and we will return for guidance on fund allocation upon award receipt.

Chair Larry McCallon asked for public comment on item number 11.

No public comment.

Moved by Krupa; seconded by Harper, item unanimously approved.

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

Noes: None

Action: MSRC staff will prepare a letter of support for the Chair's signature

**12. Consider MSRC-Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Joint Request for Information for Potential Metro Submission to California Transportation Commission (CTC) Zero Emission Infrastructure Fund
ing Program**

Ray Gorski, MSRC Technical Advisor, said earlier this year, the MSRC entered into a cooperative agreement with Los Angeles Metro to pursue mutually beneficial opportunities. The first opportunity is to apply for funding from the CTC under the TCEP program for heavy-duty refueling infrastructure along the I-710 corridor, covering 23 communities. An RFI will be issued to identify viable sites for this initiative, aiming to co-fund projects and potentially inform future Caltrans initiatives without committing funds upfront.

The discussion revolves around authorizing staff to proceed with a Request for Information (RFI) for potential fueling sites along a specific corridor. Chair McCallon asked if we know how many sites are viable. Mr. Gorski continues this is simply casting the net to identify sites which would be willing partners in a future potential project. If we find good sites, we will put together a proposal for submittal to the CTC. This step does not imply a funding commitment but aims to explore opportunities for electric vehicle infrastructure. The need for more refueling options is emphasized due to the anticipated rise in zero-emission vehicles, while the collaboration with utilities is acknowledged as a key factor in successful implementation.

Chair Larry McCallon asked for public comment on item number 12.

No public comment.

Moved by Harper; seconded by Henderson, item unanimously approved.

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

Noes: None

Action: Staff will forward the RFI to the South Coast AQMD Board for approval

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chair McCallon asked if anyone has other business.

No other business

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

[Prepared by Marjorie Eaton]