

DISCUSSION SUMMARY
Exide Advisory Group
Operating Principles Conference Calls

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Friday, April 22, 2016

At the February 16, 2016 Exide Advisory Group meeting, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) brought forward a DRAFT document proposing "[Operating Principles](#)" for the Advisory Group. The purpose and background of the Operating Principles document is that many Advisory Group members have stated that the Group needs more structure and a shared sense of how it will function, who is supposed to participate as a member, what the roles and responsibilities are of various participants and staff, and similar.

Two conference calls were held for Advisory Group members to provide input on the DRAFT Operating Principles. Below is a summary of the attendees and their recommendations.

Thursday, April 21 participants:

Angelo Bellomo and Charlene Contreras (Los Angeles County Department of Public Health), Nick Giles (Senator Ricardo Lara), Alf Brandt (Asm. Anthony Rendon), Joseph Martinez (Supervisor Hilda Solis), Aide Castro (Asm. Anthony Rendon) and John Holloway (LA County Counsel)

Friday, April 22, 2016 participants:

Mohsen Nazemi (SCAQMD), Derrick Alatorre (SCAQMD), Mark Abramowitz (SCAQMD), Deldi Reyes (EPA), Cameron Onumah (Senator Barbara Boxer), Teresa Marquez (Boyle Heights), Aracely Barboza (Communities for a Better Environment) Matt Marquez (City of Commerce), Mary Lou Calanche (Legacy LA), David Juarez (Asm. Santiago), Joseph Martinez (Supervisor Hilda Solis)

Discussion Process

For each call, the facilitator described the purpose of the DRAFT Operating Principles and the purpose of the call (to collect feedback on the document). He called for introductions from each AG member and related participants. He asked if there were any members of the general public participating (none were present in either call), and he described a proposed process for the call. The proposed discussion process was that the facilitator first asked for any general comments on the document. After the request for general comments, the facilitator on a section by section basis, pausing at each paragraph for feedback.

Discussion Outcomes:

No general comments were provided by participants. After the section by section review, the following feedback was provided.

- Clarify who are the 37 of the 40 member organizations/offices
- Clarify who is the primary member and who is the alternate
- Clarify what happens to an organization/office that does not participate
- Will there be communications sent to the Advisory Group during the months they don't meet? *(DTSC staff response: Yes, the first eNewsletter was sent on March 30th, 2016.)*
- Clarify by adding a description that the role of the Technical Advisor is to respond to AG member's request for simplification of complex information or answer any questions directed at him at any time during the course of an Advisory Group meeting.

- EPA representative requested that “Government Agencies” be included in the list of membership.

Beyond these comments, there was supporting consensus (defined as no other concerns or suggested edits) by all participants on all areas of the draft document: Background, Mission, Goals, Objectives, Membership, and Operational Guidelines.