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Minutes of the Council Meeting, November 19, 2019

The meeting of the Industry Advisory Council (IAC) was called to order at the Joint Administration Office of the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Sanitation Districts) at 11:00 a.m. Twenty-four people from industry and agencies and four Sanitation Districts' staff attended the meeting.

Business Incentives for Energy Savings

John Stoessel & Joyce Lui, Southern California Edison

Mr. Stoessel began the presentation with a background about Southern California Edison (SCE) and then went into a discussion of safety around electricity. Safety tips include: what to do when powerlines have been knocked down, proper distance ladders should be kept from powerlines, metallic balloon dos and don'ts, who to call before you dig, proper safety procedures for indoor electrical equipment, who to call to fix powerlines, and how to identify SCE employees. Additionally, Bill LaMarr asked what SCE is doing in addition to their Public Safety Power Shut-Off (PSPS) to avoid shutting the power off to businesses and industries. Mr. Stoessel stated that SCE is spending considerable resources in strengthening the grid by installing thousands of miles of covered conductors to prevent fires, increased inspection programs to identify damage prone lines, and installing additional fusing along the grid in order to minimize the area that would be deenergized during a PSPS.

After Mr. Stoessel, Ms. Lui gave a presentation discussing various incentives available to industry for energy savings. The transportation sector has a huge rebate program available for industry to incentivize the transition from gas powered vehicles to electric. SCE has developed a website to compare gas to electric vehicle pros and cons which can be found at <https://cars.sce.com/>. Additional, rebates for businesses that represent workplaces, multi-unit dwellings, destination centers, and fleet operators were also introduced. For more information on the many rebates or workshops available, refer to SCE's website at <https://www.sce.com/business?from=/business> or <https://www.sce.com/business/consulting-services/energy-education-centers>.

Council Business

Sam Bell (Council Chair), Metal Surfaces, Inc.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Bell put forth a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the June 11, 2019 meeting which passed.

Legislative Outlook 2019 - Update

Kristopher McGinnis, Sanitation Districts

Mr. McGinnis provided updates to the 2019 Legislative Outlook presentation that was given by Sharon Green during the March 26th IAC meeting. Key legislative issues covering plastics, wipes, toxics, ocean discharge, stormwater, air quality, and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) were discussed.

Council Business Continued

Sam Bell (Council Chair), Metal Surfaces, Inc.

Industry, Association, and Public Agency Updates, and New Business

Mr. Bell briefly mentioned the PFAS sampling orders that were sent to many of the metal finishers in the area. Additionally, Mr. Bell discussed a new legislation passed (AB 617) that requires South Coast Air Quality Management District to collect air samples relating to certain toxics. He raised concerns about the scope of the program. Bryan Leiker, the executive director of the Metal Finishing Association of California (Association) stated that the Association is neutral on the legislation because of concessions that they've been able to get in with the bill. They anticipate only four or five facilities will be impacted by the new rule each year.

The California Resource Management Association will be having a tour of the Albert Robles Center on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act/Department of Transportation HazMat training course on Monday, March 16, 2020. For more information refer to the <https://www.calrma.com/> website.

Maria Rosales-Ramirez with the Sanitation Districts' briefly discussed the 2020 Earth Day presented by the Sanitation Districts' on Saturday, April 18, 2020.

California State Government Affairs Update

Jerry Desmond, Desmond & Desmond, LLC

Mr. Desmond began by introducing the current members of the state legislature and then moved into interesting outcomes of the most recent November 5, 2019, elections which saw a heavily unfavored candidate win the District Attorney position in San Francisco and the 38th woman elected to the 80-member assembly, the first time in history that this many woman have been elected at the same time. Another significant aspect in California politics is that in 2019 voters who identify as "No Party Preference" constitute a larger majority than those that identify as Republican at 26.7 percent and 23.6 percent, respectively.

Lastly, Mr. Desmond had a breakdown of Governor Gavin Newsom's first year with several new laws being passed. Major bills of note are: AB 5 [Gonzalez] worker status as an employee versus independent contractor; SB 206 [Skinner] college athlete ability to earn money from endorsements and hire agents; AB 61 [Ting] removal of firearms from individuals who are a threat; SB 328 [Portantino] school start times – 8 a.m. for middle school, 8:30 a.m. for high school; AB 392 [Weber] revision to police use-of-force laws; AB 32 [Bonita] prohibition against private, for-profit prisons; AB 1482 [Chiu] rent control limiting annual increase up to 5 percent; SB 24 [Leyva] college student right to access act – medication abortions; and AB 824 [Wood] lowering prescription drug prices – ban on pay-for-delay deals; SB 225 [Durazo] ability for immigrants to serve on boards and commissions; and SB 200 [Monning] and AB 74 [Ting], are companion Bills, Cap-and-trade funding; and AB 342 [Muratsuchi] block of use of state lands for drilling.

Federal Government Affairs Update

Jeff Hannapel, The Policy Group

Mr. Hannapel started the presentation with a quick introduction on impeachment and gave some historical context. The impeachment process stems from British Constitutional history as a way for parliament to hold the king's ministers accountable for their public actions. Impeachment is a way to keep the Executive Branch in check. If the Legislative Branch were to pass judgement on the Executive Branch it would violate the separation of powers. The impeachment process by the U.S. Constitution grants the House of Representatives has the "sole power of impeachment" and prepares Articles of Impeachment against the President. The Senate has "the sole power to try all impeachments" by a two-thirds vote of the members present needed to convict with the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court presides over the trial in the Senate.

Federal Government Affairs Update Continued

Jeff Hannapel, The Policy Group

Continuing, Mr. Hannapel gave a brief background of Rob Bilott the corporate defense attorney for DuPont who exposed the company in a decades-long history of chemical pollution related to per- and PFAS. After the introduction of Rob Bilott, the rest of the presentation was on the topic of PFAS. The two most studied PFAS are perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). Industrial and commercial uses of PFAS include: fire-fighting foam, stain and water repellent in textiles and leather, fume suppressant for chromium electroplating processes, water-proof coating for paper and packaging materials, wire coating and insulation, surfactants, resins, molds, and plastics, food surface protectors such as Teflon, and household cleaning products.

Based on research from the American Red Cross ~99 percent of the U.S. general population have detectable amounts of PFOS and PFOA in their blood serum but those amounts have been decreasing over the last 15 years. Moving forward there may be alternative compounds such as 6:2 FTS that can be used but no true alternative has been found.

Currently, there are no enforceable regulations for PFAS compounds at the federal level, but several state standards have been adopted. There's no consensus on what an appropriate level of contamination is with standards ranging from 0.014 µg/L for PFOA in New Jersey to 0.42 µg/L in Alaska. In October 2019, results from 570 drinking water supply wells showed that 35 percent had reportable levels of PFAS with only 4 percent above the response level of 70 (parts per trillion) ppt. And 65 percent were below the California notification levels of 6.5 ppt for PFOS and 5.1 ppt for PFOA.

Adjournment until the March 10, 2020 Industry Advisory Council Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at the Sanitation Districts' Joint Administration Office in Whittier.