

# **HOUSTON-GALVESTON CLEAN CITIES COALITION STAKEHOLDERS**

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## **MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 – 9:30 A.M.

Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government Offices

3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77027

(Meeting Held – Second Floor, Agency Conference Room 2-A)

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### **MEMBER PRESENT**

Applied LNG – Anelisse Chanakos

CenterPoint Energy – David Owen

City of Houston – Kristian Harper

City of Houston – Marchelle Cain

Crosby ISD – Harvey Augustine III

Electric Interstate Hwy. Standards Assoc. Inc. – Norman Whitton

Freedom CNG – Blake Wilde

GHNVA – Susan Shifflett

Green’s Blue Flame – Brian Green

Houston ISD – Cymetria Dillard

Houston ISD – Dinah Eghan-Wiafe

Icom NA – Dudley Westlake

Johnson Space Center - Stacy Shutts

PERC – Tony Gale

Texas Natural Gas Foundation – Heather Ball

University of Houston – Greg Bogosh

University of Houston – Henry Ng

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Houston-Galveston Area Council – Laurie Chandler

Houston-Galveston Area Council – Andrew DeCandis

Houston-Galveston Area Council – Michael Fuller

Houston-Galveston Area Council – Shelley Whitworth

### **BRIEFING**

#### **Overview**

- a. The Houston-Galveston Clean Cities Coalition (H-GCCC) Stakeholders were presented with action items; a series of information items; and the meeting concluded with member announcements of current and upcoming activities.
- b. Visit <http://www.houston-cleancities.org/stakeholder-meetings/> to view the meeting materials.

#### **ITEM 1A. Introductions (H-GCCC Chair, Susan Shifflett)**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **ITEM 1B. Approval of Meeting Summary**

The Meeting Chair entertained a motion to pass the H-GCCC Stakeholders meeting summary for Wednesday, January 24, 2018 as presented. The action item motion was passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM 2. 2018 – 2019 Annual Operating Plan (Michael Fuller)**

- a. Goals this operating year include:
  - 1) Higher number of online responses to the Alternative Fuels Annual Survey
  - 2) Increased awareness of H-GCC/attract members through newsletter and website
  - 3) Focus on Zero/Near Zero Emissions Vehicles.
- b. Events  
A complete list can be viewed/downloaded from the link above. Select “2018-2019 Annual Operating Plan – Goals.”

The Meeting Chair entertained a motion to approve the Annual Operating Plan as presented with some amendments possible. The action item motion was passed unanimously.

## **INFORMATION**

### **ITEM 3. Timeline on CC Subtasks to be completed in 2018** (Shelley Whitworth)

Shelley Whitworth discussed CC Subtask Activities:

- Annual Progress Report deadline was March 15; however, H-GAC reports to DOE quarterly
- Quarterly alternative fuel pricing report completed
- Station opening/closing updates reported to DOE (ongoing)
- Interim report on different subtasks in progress due 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

### **ITEM 4. Calls for Projects** (Shelley Whitworth)

- a. CMAQ - \$3MM in federal money available - focus on Low NOx/Near-Zero/Zero Emissions vehicles and fueling stations.
- b. TERP - Call opened for natural gas vehicles.
- c. Other
  - 1) DERA Program - Issuing a call in April;
  - 2) VW Settlement funding may be available around May;
  - 3) SEP Funds for clean school bus program.

### **ITEM 5. Summary of 2017 Annual Survey** (Michael Fuller)

Michael Fuller discussed the Annual Coalition Report submitted to DOE highlighting major activities and accomplishments from the previous year. The report summarizes impact of using alternative fuels. Of note is the significant increase in displacement of gallons of gasoline, up from 20.6 million gallons displaced the previous year to 31.5 million gallons displaced.

### **ITEM 6. Presentation: Status Report Update DOE Electric Plug in UPS** (Andrew DeCandis)

Andrew DeCandis updated Stakeholders on DOE Houston Zero Emission Delivery Vehicle Deployment. Funding became available to Houston-Galveston Area Council in 2012. The project goal was to accelerate penetration of electric vehicle technology into cargo transportation sector through funding of all-electric delivery trucks. Vehicles were delivered to UPS (funding recipient) from 10/2015 – 8/2016. A full demonstration of all vehicles is ongoing and commenced 11/2016. The Project will continue through 11/2018 at which point a final report of lessons learned will be developed.

### **ITEM 7D. DC Circuit Court Ruling Regarding Anti-Backsliding and Potential Implications** (Shelley Whitworth)

Shelley conveyed potential implications of the DC Circuit Court Ruling regarding anti-backsliding and the potential implications.

- Currently, we must attain the 2008 and 2015 Standard.
- Anti-backsliding is a requirement for maintenance plans for 10 years.
- The region was reclassified under SIPs which did not include the anti-backsliding requirement.
- The region may have to do more documentation on old SIPs.
- Our attainment date for the 2008 standard is July 20, 2018 but the years reviewed were through 2017, and we did not attain the standard.
- If we are reclassified, we will be classified from moderate to serious which gives us to 2021 to attain the 2008 and the 2015 standards. (Note: this does not mean the air quality is getting worse. It means that the standards will be more stringent since we did not meet attainment.)

**Meeting adjourned at 11:01 A.M.**

## **NEXT MEETING**

Next Clean Cities Coalition Quarterly Meeting: Wednesday, July 11, 2018.