REGIONAL AIR QUALITY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – 2:00 P.M.

Online Meeting:
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MEMBERS PRESENT
City of Houston – Loren Raun
City of Houston – Phillip P. Goodwin
City of LaPorte – Kristen Gauthier
City of Sugar Land – Ilana Harris
Harris County – Ronnie James
Port of Houston Authority – Kenneth Gathright
Houston Advanced Research Center – Mustapha Beydoun
The Dow Chemical Company – Leanna Platt

ALTERNATES PRESENT
Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County – Vincent Sanders
Environmental Defense Fund – Maia Draper
Harris County – Matt Van Vleck
Texas Department of Transportation - Houston – Charles U. Airiohuodion

STAFF PRESENT
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Andrew DeCandis
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Shelley Whitworth
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Patrick Mandapaka
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Mike Fuller
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Laurie Chandler

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality – Lola Brown
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Carl Young

BRIEFING
Overview
a. The Regional Air Quality Planning Advisory Committee (RAQPAC) had an online meeting February. The RAQPAC Members and Alternates were presented with the following information: Reported U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Update, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Update, and the Regional Air Quality Monitoring Update. There was a discussion on potential topics in preparation for the 2019-2020 Texas Legislature Session which included a review of key outcomes from the 2016-2017 Session. H-GAC provided an update.

b. Go to http://www.h-gac.com/board-of-directors/advisory-committees/regional-air-quality-planning-advisory-committee/meeting-materials.aspx to view the meeting materials for this meeting.

ACTION ITEMS
ITEM 1B. – Approval of Meeting Summary
Approval of Meeting Summary postponed due to lack of quorum.

AGENCY REPORTS
ITEM 2
A. EPA Update - Carl Young
1. Area Designations for 2015 Ozone Air Quality Standard
   • Obtaining designations for Houston and Dallas / Fort Worth area by April 30, 2018; San Antonio no later than August 10, 2018
   • Houston/Galveston area, Texas (Brazoria, Chambers Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller) designated as nonattainment – see epa.gov/ozone-designations

2. Court decision on 2008 Ozone Air Quality Standard SIP Requirements Rule (revoke 1997 standard) February 16, DC Circuit Court ruled (DC Circuit Court Decision 15-1115)

B. TCEQ Update – Lola Brown
1. Two Proposed Infrastructure and Transport Revisions – March 7
   • 2015 SIP Ozone Infrastructure
   • 2015 Ozone NAAQS Transport SIP
Comments: March 9 - April 10
Public Hearing: Austin TCEQ, April 10

2. TERP
   - Alternative Fueling Facilities Program
   - Texas State School Bus Program
   - Electricity Storage Projects
   For more grants see www.terpgrants.org

3. VW Trust Update
   $209 Million available for projects - www.texasvwfund.org

4. Reminder: Emissions banking and trading annual reports on cap and trade must be submitted electronically. www.tceq.texas.gov

C. Regional Air Quality Monitoring Update – Andrew DeCandis
   No exceedances of 70ppb or 1 hr standards

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 3A. – Discussion of Potential Topics in Preparation for the 2019-2020 Texas Legislature Session

Andrew DeCandis of Houston-Galveston Area Council summarized the key outcomes of the 2016-2017 Texas Legislature Session.

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<td>TERP</td>
<td>SB 1731 (Birdwell)</td>
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<td>LIRAP</td>
<td>Governor Abbott line-item vetoed all appropriations for the LIRAP program, amounting to around $43.5 million.</td>
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<td>Notice Req.</td>
<td>SB 1045 (Estes)</td>
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<td>Streamlines applicant preconstruction permit process to consolidate first and second notices with conditions</td>
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<td>SB 4181 (Perez)</td>
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<td>Allows TCEQ to send a Title V renewal notice to the applicant or notice of proposed final action on a federal operating permit, electronically.</td>
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Other Topics without approved bills:

- Air permitting
- Water & Waste Permitting
- Fees
- Emergency Response
- SIP Requirements: Emissions Inspection and Maintenance
- Concrete Crushers / Batch Plants
Questions for participants:
- Are you aware of any updates on these topics that RAQPAC members should know?
- Are there any topics not touched on earlier that should be addressed?
- Which legislative topics most interest/concern you and your organization?

INFORMATION ITEMS
ITEM 4A. – H-GAC Update
- VW Settlement
- TxDOT Electric Vehicle Program

NEW BUSINESS
ITEM 6A.
Next meeting: March 29, 2018

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting Adjourned.