



Community Environmental Advisory Commission

**ACTION MINUTES - COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting of March 4, 2010**  
**2118 Milvia St, 1st Floor, Berkeley 94704**

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 7:07PM

Present: Greg Leventis (Chair), Janet Collins, Brooke Lee, Dennis Mulqueeney. Absent: None.  
Secretary: Nabil Al-Hadithy, Clerical Aide: Abigail Chente.  
[Excuse Absence: Anne Young Kim (Vice Chair), Richard Harris]

**Public Comment: (2 members of the public)**

**Joy Brown** – Berkeley Public Works Environmental Compliance Specialist.

**Christopher Kroll** – Concerned about the Pacific Steel Casting (PacSteel) Odor Management Plan (OMP). Has not received emails from CEAC.

**Secretary Report:**

- Delay on Decade software conversion. Currently on beta testing with four (4) facilities as pilot project for web submission of environmental program information.
- Enforcement: Corrective action ongoing at Marina.
- Council Meeting regarding Restaurant Smoke will be on the March 9<sup>th</sup> 2010.

**Report from the Chair:**

- When will Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) discuss PacSteel?
- Announced that Brooke Lee will be leaving the CEAC.

**Commission Actions:**

**1. Minutes for Approval**

**Recommendation:** Adopt Minutes of February 4, 2010 as amended.

**Action:** Motioned/Seconded/Carried (Collins / Mulqueeney).

**Votes:** Ayes: Collins, Leventis, Mulqueeney. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**2. PacSteel Odor Management Plan (OMP).**

**Recommendation:** Recommend that Council communicate to BAAQMD and PacSteel reflecting concerns regarding the recently released Odor Management Plan:

- Self policing is not an acceptable policy.
- The AQMD should not rely on the PacSteel OMP to reduce its inspection, response capacity and enforcement of complaints, were verified.
- The OMP, where it has to exist, must be readily available to the public to review how their complaints are being managed and relayed to the regulatory agency. The best placement of the OMP is tracking complaints in real time on the web.
- Request that AQMD investigate odors from Berkeley Forge & Tool.

- Request AQMD spell out the staffing levels for response outside of work hours, how long to respond to a complaint, and on what basis decisions are made to initiate an odor complaint response.
- Additionally, Chair to communicate directly to ZAB for its meeting on PacSteel.

**Action:** Motioned/Seconded/Carried (Mulqueeney/ Collins).

**Votes:** Ayes: Collins, Lee, Leventis, Mulqueeney. Noes: None. Abstain: None.

### 3. EPA CARE Grant.

**Recommendation:** Collins informed the Commission that the EPA Grant is not appropriate for the CEAC. Future grant applications must be in excess of \$80,000 with funds to cover staff costs. In all cases, the CEAC cannot act as a grant applicant.

### 4. Charges for Universal Waste at Community Conservation Centers (CCC).

**Recommendation:** Requested Chair to communicate with Sara MacKusick of CCC to reconsider charging residents for universal wastes.

**Action:** Motioned/Seconded/Carried (Mulqueeney/ Collins).

**Votes:** Ayes: Collins, Lee, Leventis, Mulqueeney. Noes: None. Abstain: None.

### 5. CEAC Goals:

Discussion of priorities:

- **Biodiesel** – Proposed by Lee, but cannot commit to it because she will be leaving.
- **Freeways** – Carcinogen smoke.
- **Houses & Soils in Berkeley** – Full of lead.
- **West Berkeley Plan** – Has been updated for comment.

### Other Actions

- Obtain date of ZAB meeting on PacSteel.
- Provide Chair with draft communication to ZAB and draft Council motion on PacSteel's OMP.
- Provide Chair with draft background information on Universal Waste charges at CCC for public.

Meeting adjourned at 08:50PM.