

AGENDA
Interim Steering Committee
Wednesday, July 13, 2005, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Pacific
Call-in number: 1-866-299-3188, passcode 415-947-4143#

This is a regularly scheduled meeting to check-in on upcoming activities and events and to follow-up on action items from previous meetings

10:00 Welcome, Review Agenda (5 minutes), Deborah Jordan

10:05 Progress and Status Reports (10 minutes)

- Arizona Funding Workshops, Michelle Roos
- Federal budget activity, Michelle Roos
- State and other legislative/budget activity, all

10:15 Upcoming Collaborative Activities (10 minutes), Michelle Roos

- One-hour workgroup teleconferences are scheduled for mid-July
 - Agriculture – July 18th, 10-11
 - Trucking – July 18th, 1-2
 - Rail – July 19th, 10-11
 - Construction – July 19th, 1-2
 - Marine – July 20th, 9-10
- The Collaborative is targeting mid-late August for the launch of 16 press events.
- The Marine Workgroup is planning to host a one-day face-to-face meeting in San Francisco on October 5th (piggy-backing the Bunkerworld Marine Fuels Sustainability conference)

10:25 Outstanding issues from the last meeting (45 minutes)

Cleaner fuels information, Peter Murchie

- The creation of a cleaner fuels workgroup was tabled at the last meeting. It was suggested that material could be added to the website to fill the information need without creating additional work or structure in the Collaborative. EPA will hopefully have an update to the website and possibly a listserve by the end of the summer.

Organizational transformation or partnership, Elizabeth McManus/Brewster Boyd

- The ISC requested additional information on options to establish a new non-profit or to partner with an existing non-profit.
- Based on research and discussion with EPA staff, Ross & Associates recommends tabling the pursuit of a new non-profit.
- The following suggestions address the primary outstanding issues/deficiencies of the current structure (the attached briefing paper provides further detail on the research into establishing a new non-profit)

Issue/Deficiency: Ability to take and distribute large sums of funds from private organizations or public agencies

Suggestion: Pursuit of forming a new non-profit be tabled indefinitely. Options to partner with an existing non-profit should remain open. Possible candidates to partner with include: Weststart-CALSTART, the Great Valley Center, Clean Air NOW, and CAPCOA.

Issue/Deficiency: Ability to organize Congressional outreach activities

Suggestion: EPA and therefore Ross and Associates is prohibited from organizing or coordinating lobbying activities. As such, this part of the agenda is open to the non federal agency ISC member for discussion.

Issue/Deficiency: Ability to improve decision-making transparency and participation

Suggestion: The ISC meeting agendas will be posted on the Collaborative website prior to the meetings to solicit input. ISC meeting notes will be posted on the Collaborative website following the meetings.

Issue/Deficiency: Ability to make funding decisions as a Collaborative on government funds

Suggestion: This may be done most effectively via public workshops in the style of Carl Moyer where the government sets grant guidelines based on input from public workshops.

11:10 Announcements and Wrap up (10 minutes)

11:20 Hopefully Adjourn Early!