

**California Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Green Chemistry Initiative Science Advisory Panel  
October 23, 2007**

***Meeting Notes***

Meeting Participants

- Dr. Paul Anastas
- Dr. Nicholas Ashford
- Dr. John Balmes
- Dr. Eric Beckman
- Dr. Michael Dourson
- Dr. Gail Charnley
- Dr. Richard Denison
- Dr. Daryl Ditz
- Dr. Lynn Goldman
- Dr. John Graham
- Dr. Robert Grubbs
- Dr. Neil Hawkins
- Dr. Lauren Heine
- Dr. James Hutchison
- Dr. John Peterson Myers
- Dr. Mary O'Brien
- Dr. John Warner
- Dr. Michael Wilson
- Maureen Gorsen, DTSC
- Anne Baker, DTSC
- Jeff Wong, DTSC
- Kathy Barwick, DTSC
- Emerson - facilitator

Meeting Objectives

- Understand the purpose for the Science Advisory Panel (SAP).
- Increase understanding of the Green Chemistry Initiative and outcomes.
- Determine how the SAP will organize itself to accomplish its purpose.

Welcome/Introduction

- John Warner opened up the meeting and welcomed participants. He clarified that the role of the panel was not to reach a consensus on what the state of California should but rather to advise the decision makers around the science.
- Participants introduced themselves.
- Today's meeting agenda was reviewed.
- The draft ground rules were reviewed. Comments are below:
  - Confidentiality – we need to trust each other, so not a strict closed door on confidentiality. This means that we can converse with a colleague but not with the media. In doing so, there should be a lack of attribution to a specific panel member. We are seeking a diversity of thoughts and opinions and we do not want to suppress any members. This is a deliberative process we are engaged in.
  - There was a short discussion about developing ground rules for interacting with the media and for press releases. Nothing definitive was decided, and the issue has been added to the "Parking Lot."
  - No additional ground rules were identified at this time; SAP members were asked to forward any additional ground rules to staff.
  - No objections were identified regarding the ground rules.

DTSC – Background on the Green Chemistry Initiative (GCI)

- Jeff and Kathy provided an overview of the initiative and the work done to this point.
- On 1/1/08 DTSC will make public a Draft GCI Options Report. A one page summary (document sent to participants) was reviewed and explained.

- It was asked if the SAP could forward recommendations to the director. The answer was yes. SAP members can submit their own recommendations that are not represented by the SAP – this includes contradictory recommendations.
- Kathy (DTSC) will clarify how SAP members can put in recommendations via the website.
- There was a conversation about how DTSC selected the seven categories for the options report. The GCI work teams at DTSC selected the seven categories. They are not subject to recommendation or change.

Purpose of SAP

- Draft Vision and Mission statements:
  - Jeff and Kathy compiled the draft and Drs. Warner and Balmes made slight revisions.
  - Member conversation became fairly specific, particularly around including the word “processes” in the second bullet of the vision.
  - There was a concern expressed about the role of the SAP. Staff clarified that, in addition to evaluating the comments submitted via the blog, letters, and stakeholder meetings, that the SAP or any individual SAP member is free to add new ideas.
  - Based on limited time at today’s meeting to wordsmith the vision and mission statements, Kathy will send out a second draft vision and mission statement based on today’s conversation for review and input. Identified scope issues included (“processes” as well as “products,” and life cycle analysis.

Maureen Gorsen, Director, DTSC

- Maureen came on the call to welcome and thank SAP members. She shared her vision of the important work of the SAP.

Purpose of SAP and What Is It That We Will Actually DO and How?

- This conversation delved into the particulars of how the SAP was going to accomplish its mission. Two previously sent documents were reviewed – the 10 questions on the Considerations for the GCI SAP document and the seven chapter titles from the draft options report.
- This review led to the thought that sub-committees should be formed with looking first at the 10 questions and seven options. Further thinking included:
  - Have the SAP chair and vice-chair develop a straw man subcommittee, including the possible creation of a ‘synthesis’ committee address cross-cutting issues between the sub-committees.
  - Complete this structure off-line and let the members know.
  - SAP members to self-select which sub-committees they want to work on.

Scheduling Meetings

- There will be a gathering of SAP members in San Francisco in January, 2008. Kathy will work off-line with SAP members to determine exact dates.
- Again working off-line, Kathy will identify standing dates/times for monthly conference calls.
- It was agreed that there should be one to two more conference call meetings prior to meeting in January.

Meeting Evaluation

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Useful and necessary to understand the context of what we</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As we move forward, the ability to talk openly and creatively even if it is</li> </ul>

are to be about. ▪ Having the preparatory materials ahead of time.	outside the framework. ▪ Be more succinct – specifics – less process (even though we had to do this at this first meeting).
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### Parking Lot

Are the GCI SAP meetings open to the public?

How will the SAP deal with the media? Should we develop ground rules for interacting with the media and for press releases?