

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

BRAD WAGENKNECHT – CHAIRPERSON SUSAN ADAMS SCOTT HAGGERTY CAROL KLATT JIM SPERING ERIC MAR – VICE CHAIRPERSON CAROLE GROOM DAVID HUDSON MARY PIEPHO

MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 2014 9:30 A.M. 7th FLOOR BOARD ROOM 939 ELLIS STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

<u>AGENDA</u>

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The Committee Chair shall call the meeting to order and the Clerk of the Boards shall take roll of the Committee members.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

(Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items Pursuant to Government Code § 54954.3). Members of the public are afforded the opportunity to speak on any agenda item. All agendas for regular meetings are posted at Air District headquarters, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA, and on the Air District's website www.baaqmd.gov at least 72 hours in advance of a regular meeting. At the beginning of the regular meeting agenda, an opportunity is also provided for the public to speak on any subject within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction. Speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes each.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

Clerk of the Boards/5073

The Committee will consider approving the attached draft minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of September 22, 2014.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVISORY COUNCIL STRUCTURE FOR 2015

J. Broadbent/5052

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Staff will describe processes associated with initiation and maintenance of the new Council including recruitment, meeting calendars and Council deliverables.

5. CONSIDER RECOMMENDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS' APPROVAL OF INCUMBENT REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE AIR DISTRICT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

J. Broadbent/5052 jbroadbent@baaqmd.gov

The Committee will consider recommending Board of Directors' approval of incumbent reappointments to the Air District's Advisory Council.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE AIR DISTRICT'S ADMNINISTRATIVE CODE DIVISION III PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – SECTION 2 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY AND (2) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PLAN

J. Broadbent/5052 jbroadbent@baaqmd.gov

The Committee will discuss the Air District's Administrative Code Division III Personnel Policies and Procedures – Section 2 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and (2) Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

Any member of the Board, or its staff, on his or her own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, may: ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement or report on his or her own activities, provide a reference to staff regarding factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (Gov't Code § 54954.2)

- 8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: At the Call of the Chairperson.
- 9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee meeting shall be adjourned by the Committee Chair.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE: MONTHLY CALENDAR OF AIR DISTRICT MEETINGS

DECEMBER 2014

TYPE OF MEETING	<u>DAY</u>	DATE	<u>TIME</u>	ROOM
Board of Directors Executive Committee (Meets on the 3 rd Monday of each Month) - CANCELLED	Monday	15	9:30 a.m.	Board Room
Board of Directors Personnel Committee (Meets At the Call of the Chair)	Monday	15	9:30 a.m.	Board Room
Board of Directors Ad Hoc Building Committee (At the Call of the Chair)	Monday	15	11:00 a.m.	Board Room
Board of Directors Regular Meeting (Meets on the 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of each Month)	Wednesday	17	9:45 a.m.	Board Room
Board of Directors Mobile Source Committee (Meets on the 4 th Thursday of each Month)	Thursday	18	9:30 a.m.	Board Room
Board of Directors Budget & Finance Committee (Meets on the 4 th Wednesday of each Month) - CANCELLED	Wednesday	24	9:30 a.m.	Board Room

JANUARY 2015

TYPE OF MEETING	<u>DAY</u>	DATE	TIME	ROOM
Board of Directors Regular Meeting (Meets on the 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of each Month)	Wednesday	7	9:45 a.m.	Board Room
Advisory Council Special Meeting/Retreat (Meets on the 2 nd Wednesday of each Month)	Wednesday	14	9:00 a.m.	Board Room
Board of Directors Climate Protection Committee – (Meets 3 rd Thursday every other Month)	Thursday	15	9:30 a.m.	Board Room
Board of Directors Executive Committee (Meets on the 3 rd Monday of each Month)	Monday	19	9:30 a.m.	Board Room
Board of Directors Special Meeting/Retreat (Meets on the 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of each Month)	Wednesday	21	9:45 a.m.	Board Room
Board of Directors Mobile Source Committee (Meets on the 4 th Thursday of each Month)	Thursday	22	9:30 a.m.	Board Room
Board of Directors Budget & Finance Committee (Meets on the 4 th Wednesday of each Month)	Wednesday	28	9:30 a.m.	Board Room

FEBRUARY 2015

TYPE OF MEETING	<u>DAY</u>	DATE	TIME	ROOM
Board of Directors Regular Meeting (Meets on the 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of each Month)	Wednesday	4	9:45 a.m.	Board Room
Advisory Council Mtg. (Meets on the 2 nd Wednesday of each Month)	Wednesday	11	9:00 a.m.	Board Room
Board of Directors Executive Committee (Meets on the 3 rd Monday of each Month)	Monday	16	9:30 a.m.	Board Room
Board of Directors Regular Meeting (Meets on the 1 st & 3 rd Wednesday of each Month)	Wednesday	18	9:45 a.m.	Board Room
Board of Directors Budget & Finance Committee (Meets on the 4 th Wednesday of each Month)	Wednesday	25	9:30 a.m.	Board Room
Board of Directors Mobile Source Committee (Meets on the 4 th Thursday of each Month)	Thursday	26	9:30 a.m.	Board Room

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BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairperson Brad Wagenknecht and Members

of the Personnel Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer

Date: December 3, 2014

Re: Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2014

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve attached draft minutes of the Personnel Committee (Committee) meeting of September 22, 2014.

DISCUSSION

Attached for your review and approval are the draft minutes of the Committee meeting of September 22, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: <u>Sean Gallagher</u> Reviewed by: <u>Maricela Martinez</u>

Attachment – Draft Minutes of the Committee Meeting of September 22, 2014

Draft Minutes – Personnel Committee Meeting of September 22, 2014

Bay Area Air Quality Management District 939 Ellis Street San Francisco, California 94109 (415) 749-5073

DRAFT MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors Personnel Committee Meeting Monday, September 22, 2014

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

Personnel Committee (Committee) Chairperson Brad Wagenknecht called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Committee Chairperson Brad Wagenknecht; Vice-Chairperson Eric Mar; and

Directors Susan Adams, David Hudson, Carol Klatt and Jim Spering.

Absent: Directors Carole Groom, Scott Haggerty and Mary Piepho.

Also Present: Board of Directors (Board) Chairperson Nate Miley.

2. Public Comment Period: No requests received.

3. Approval of Minutes of July 28, 2014

Committee Comments: None.

Public Comments: No requests received.

Committee Action:

Director Hudson made a motion, seconded by Director Adams, to approve the Minutes of July 28, 2014; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Adams, Hudson, Klatt, Spering and Wagenknecht.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Groom, Haggerty, Mar and Piepho.

4. Appeal of Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) Decision on Douglas W. Hall's Complaint of Violation of the Air District's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy

NOTED PRESENT: Director Mar was noted present at 9:31 a.m.

Brian Bunger, District Counsel, introduced the topic and delivered the staff report *Appeal of APCO/Executive Officer Decision on Douglas W. Hall's Complaint of Violation of the Air District's EEO Policy*, including background on the complaint, staff responses, and the written appeal of Mr. Hall.

Mr. Hall gave the presentation, BAAQMD [Bay Area Air Quality Management District] Engineering Division Hiring Managers Justice.

NOTED PRESENT: Board Chairperson Miley was noted present at 9:49 a.m.

Committee Comments:

The Committee and staff discussed the scope of the current appeal; the reorganization efforts underway within the Engineering Division; the Air District internal notification process for employee recruitments; the Air District interview practice relative to those applicants meeting the minimum qualifications; the weight of consideration given to seniority during the screening process; the staff recommendation set forth in the staff report; the comparison of qualifications listed in Mr. Hall's presentation, slide 4, *Promotional Recruitment Air Quality Engineering Manager*, and their relevance to the recruitment process; and a summary of the investigations done by and at the behest of staff.

Public Comments: No requests received.

Committee Action:

Director Adams made a motion, seconded by Director Klatt, that the Committee deny the appeal and take no further action because the allegations in Mr. Hall's complaint and appeals lack merit.

Committee Comments (continued):

The Committee and staff discussed the level of scrutiny in the investigations done by and at the behest of staff; the relevancy of prior complaints; the remaining remedies available to Mr. Hall; the Air District Affirmative Action Plan, if any, and the Committee's desire to review it; and a review of Mr. Hall's presentation, slide 12, *Action by Personnel Committee*.

Committee Action (continued):

Director Adams made an amended motion that the Committee deny the appeal and take no further action because the allegations in Mr. Hall's complaint and appeals lack merit; that staff present an update on the Air District EEO Plan to the Committee; and that staff present a summary to the Committee of how the Air District prevents favoritism during the hiring process. The motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Adams, Hudson, Klatt, Mar, Miley, Spering and Wagenknecht.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Groom, Haggerty and Piepho.

- 5. Committee Member Comments/Other Business: None.
- **6. Time and Place of Next Committee Meeting:** At the call of the Chairperson.
- **7. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Sean Gallagher Clerk of the Boards

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairperson Brad Wagenknecht and Members

of the Personnel Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Date: December 3, 2014

Re: Discussion Regarding Advisory Council Structure for 2015

BACKGROUND

Existing law establishes the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, which is vested with the authority to regulate air emissions located in the boundaries of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara and portions of the Counties of Solano and Sonoma. Existing law establishes a district board to govern the district.

Existing law also establishes the Bay Area Air Quality Management Advisory Council, which consists of the chair of the district board and 20 members appointed by the district board, as specified, for the purposes of advising and consulting with the district board and air pollution control officer in the implementation of their authority to regulate air emissions.

Senate Bill 1415 (SB 1415), beginning July 1, 2015, abolishes the membership of the Council, reconstitutes the membership of the council to include seven appointed members, and requires the members to be skilled and experienced in the fields of air pollution, climate change, or the health impacts of air pollution and to include a diversity of perspectives, expertise, and backgrounds.

DISCUSSION

Staff will describe processes associated with initiation and maintenance of the new Council including recruitment, meeting calendars and Council deliverables.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: <u>Jeff McKay</u>

AGENDA: 5

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairperson Brad Wagenknecht and Members

of the Personnel Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Date: November 20, 2013

Re: Consider Recommending Board of Directors Approval of Incumbent Reappointments

to the Air District's Advisory Council

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consider recommending Board of Directors approval of incumbent reappointments to the Air District's Advisory Council.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section 40261 of the California Health and Safety Code the Air District is required to maintain an Advisory Council consisting of 20 members. Further, section 40262 requires that the member categories consist of at least three representatives of public health agencies; at least four representatives of private organizations active in conservation or protection of the environment within the bay district; at least one representative of colleges or universities in the state; and at least one representative of each of the following groups within the bay district: regional park district, park and recreation commissions or equivalent agencies of any city, public mass transportation system, agriculture, industry, community planning, transportation, registered professional engineers, general contractors, architects, and organized labor. To the extent that suitable persons cannot be found for each of the specified categories, council members may be appointed from the general public. Advisory Council members serve a term of two years.

DISCUSSION

The terms of office for eleven members in the following categories will expire on December 31, 2014: Agriculture (1), Mass Public Transportation (1), Conservation Organization (3), Registered Professional Engineer (1), General Contractor (1), College and Universities (1), Public Member (1), and Public Health Agency (2). Eight incumbent members reapplied for their respective categories. These incumbents have demonstrated excellent attendance and participation at the Advisory Council meetings. As such, Air District staff recommends the Personnel Committee to recommend their reappointment.

The eight incumbents are:

Sam Althsuler (Registered Professional Engineer)
Bob Bornstein (Colleges and Universities)
Stan Hayes (Public Member)
Frank Imhof (Agriculture)
Liza Lutzker (Public Health Agency)
Rick Marshall (Mass Public Transportation)
Bruce Mast (Conservation Organization)
Timothy O'Connor (Conservation Organization)

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: <u>Maricela Martinez</u>

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BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairperson Brad Wagenknecht and Members

of the Personnel Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Date: December 1, 2014

Re: Presentation of the Air District's Administrative Code Division III Personnel Policies

and Procedures - Section 2 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and (2) Equal

Employment Opportunity Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None; receive and file.

BACKGROUND

At its March 24, 2014, Meeting, the Personnel Committee considered and denied an appeal to the Air District's Equal Opportunity Policy (EEOP or Policy) and Plan. Following that appeal, the Board of Directors directed staff to amend the Air District's Administrative Code to remove the appeal of the Air Pollution Control Officer/Executive Officer's decision on such complaints to the Personnel Committee. The Administrative Code was amended on May 21, 2014. At its September 22, 2014 meeting, the Personnel Committee considered and denied a second appeal that was filed prior to the Administrative Code revision removing the appeal to the Board. Following that appeal, the Board of Directors directed staff to provide a presentation of the Air District's EEOP and Plan at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION

The Air District's EEOP and Plan have been in place since the late 1960's. The Policy and the Plan ensure equal opportunity for all people to be recruited, employed, placed, selected for training, trained, evaluated, promoted, demoted, laid off, terminated, compensated, and otherwise treated within the workplace. The Plan is designed to implement the Policy. The Policy and Plan have been revised several times over the years, with a revision occurring on September 12, 2011. The 2011 revision changed all references from "affirmative action" to "equal employment opportunity" and deleted items that referred to affirmative action plan activities, (i.e., those activities that would favor applicants or employees based on gender or ethnic status) to update the policy and plan to comply with Proposition 209. Proposition 209 (also known as the California Civil Rights Initiative or CCRI) is a California ballot proposition which, upon approval in November 1996, amended the state constitution to prohibit state governmental institutions from considering race, sex, or ethnicity, specifically in the areas of public employment, public contracting, and public education. The most recent revision of the policy

and plan occurred May 21, 2014 and removed the appeal of the Air Pollution Control Officer/Executive Officer's decision on EEOP complaints to the Personnel Committee.

The Equal Opportunity Policy and Plan place the responsibility for implementation with the Director of Administrative Services acting as the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer and the Air Pollution Control Officer/Executive Officer and provide that division directors are responsible for implementation within a division.

The Policy and Plan ensure equal opportunity for all people to be recruited, employed, placed, selected for training, trained, evaluated, promoted, demoted, laid off, terminated, compensated, and otherwise treated within the workplace.

The recruitment process is an important area where Policy implementation is important in meeting the goals of the policy. The Air District's recruitment process includes the following steps to meet these goals:

Recruitment Steps

- 1. Vacancy Announcement create the job description for each class to determine that the qualifications are job related and nondiscriminatory
- 2. Applications Accepted personal information (gender and ethnicity) are optional information completed by the applicant but filed separately and are not included as part of the application materials
- 3. Minimum Qualifications Reviewed applicants are screened based on the education and experience relative to the position
- 4. Application Screening Panel personal information (name, address, references) are blinded prior to expert screening
- 5. Panel/Hiring Interview questions are merit based and developed by a hiring manager and the Human Resources Office to determine the applicants' skills, qualifications, and experience
- 6. Disability Accommodations are made when requested by the applicant.

The Administrative Code has other EEOP related provisions, including the following section: Admin Code Division III, Section 13 (3), "Questions related to race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, religious creed, political affiliation, medical condition, or physical or mental disability shall not be asked during an examination interview or interview for appointment."

The Human Resources Office monitors and oversees the entire process to ensure that the recruitment is conducted in a fair, consistent way. Staff involved in the recruitment process are trained on the Policy and these processes.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Rex Sanders
Reviewed by: Brian Bunger

Attachments:

- A) Administrative Code Division III Personnel Policies and Procedures, Section 2 Equal Employment Opportunity Policy
- B) Equal Employment Opportunity Plan

Air District Administrative Code Division III, Section 2 Equal Opportunity Policy (Revised 10/5/11, 05/21/2014)

SECTION 2 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY (Revised 10/5/11, 05/21/2014)

The Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District affirms its policy to provide equal employment opportunities for all persons to be recruited, employed, placed, selected for training, trained, evaluated, promoted, demoted, laid off, terminated, compensated, assigned work and otherwise treated without regard to race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age or sexual orientation.

The District is committed to maintaining a meaningful Equal Employment Opportunity Plan. It is the responsibility of the Human Resources Office, under the direction of the Director of Administrative Services and under the general direction of the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer, to ensure the spirit and intent of the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan is carried out.

2.1 OBJECTIVES. (Revised 10/5/11, 05/21/2014)

- (a) The District will insure that each employee and applicant is afforded an equal opportunity in all aspects of the employment process without regard to race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age or sexual orientation.
- (b) The District will analyze its work force and the population of the Bay Area.
- (c) The District will focus its equal opportunity efforts on enhanced outreach and training programs.
- (d) The District will establish and administer programs for employment, training and promotion of all employees without regard to race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age or sexual orientation.
- (e) The District will be responsible for Equal Employment Opportunity Plan and designate an Equal Employment Opportunity Officer.
- (f) The District is committed to making a good faith effort to successfully achieve Equal Employment Opportunity.
- (g) Sexual harassment is contrary to basic standards of conduct between individuals and is prohibited by EEOC regulations. The District will therefore insure that the workplace is free from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is defined in EEOC regulations, and includes, but is not limited to, the following: unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when such conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment, is used as a basis for employment decisions, or has the purpose or effect of interfering with work performance or creating an otherwise offensive working environment.
- (h) The District will insure that no qualified person will be discriminated against on the basis of a disability. All qualified persons that can perform the essential functions of the job, with or without reasonable accommodation that does not create "undue hardship" for the District, shall be provided an equal opportunity for employment and promotion. All terms used in this section are defined in the regulations implementing the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

2.2 RESPONSIBILITY FOR EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. (Revised 10/5/11)

- (a) The Air Pollution Control Officer of the District has the overall responsibility to the Board of Directors for actions by the staff in planning, coordinating, implementing, evaluating and reporting on all phases of the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.
- (b) The responsibilities of the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer are listed in the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.

2.3 DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT PROCEDURE (Revised 10/5/11; 05/21/2014)

Unlawful discrimination refers to discrimination based on race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, or sexual orientation.

An employee or group of employees who believes an incident involving a violation of the District's equal employment opportunity policy has arisen, may submit the complaint (in writing) to the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer.

- STEP 1 The written complaint must be received by the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer within 30 days of the alleged discrimination and must specify the particulars of the alleged discrimination, including specific acts and/or statements. Although the specific act must have occurred within 30 days, supplementary or background information supporting the complaint may be included. If a complaint is received in an incomplete form, the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer will advise the complainant that help in its preparation can be arranged. A group of employees filing at the same time must allege acts of similar nature to be considered for class action.
- STEP 2 The Equal Employment Opportunity Officer will evaluate the complaint and, if necessary, conduct an investigation.
- STEP 3 Discrimination complaints found by the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer to be valid will be forwarded to the APCO for appropriate action. Complaints found by the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer to be invalid may be appealed to the APCO within ten (10) working days of the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer's decision. Any complaint decision forwarded or appealed to the APCO shall be acted upon within ten (10) working days of receipt.

for

Bay Area Air Quality Management District 939 Ellis Street San Francisco, CA 94109 (415) 749-4980

EEO Contact:

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FOR BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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BACKGROUND

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) is a regional government agency responsible for improving air quality in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Air District employs approximately 350 full-time employees in a variety of jobs ranging from Air Quality Engineers and Inspectors, to clerical and administrative support staff. Most of the Air District's employees work in the main office located in San Francisco, California.

The Air District affirms its policy to provide equal employment opportunities for all persons to be recruited, employed, placed, selected for training, trained, evaluated, promoted, demoted, laid off, terminated, compensated assigned work and otherwise treated without regard to race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age or sexual orientation.

To affect its policy of equal employment opportunity, the Board commits itself and the Air District to implementing an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan. The plan is designed to analyze the Air District's workforce and the population of the Bay Area and to set forth specific plans and procedures to ensure equal employment opportunity.

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

The Air District's Equal Employment Opportunity Plan has been prepared according to the Air District's Administrative Code Division 3, Section 2: Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

Federal and State equal employment opportunity laws and regulations include Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Equal Pay Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.

For purposes of the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan, the Air District collects data on gender, race or ethnic groups.

CHAPTER 1: COMMITMENT TO EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District reaffirms its commitment to a policy of equal employment opportunity. The Air District will continue to administer its personnel policies and conduct its employment practices in a manner that treats each employee and applicant for employment on the basis of merit, experience, and other work related criteria, without regard to race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, or sexual orientation.

The Air District is committed to maintaining a meaningful, result-oriented Equal Employment Opportunity Plan. It is the responsibility of the Human Resources Office, under the general direction of the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer, to ensure the spirit and intent of the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan is carried out.

The Air District will designate the Human Resources Officer to also serve as the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, and will focus its equal employment opportunity efforts on enhanced outreach and training programs. The Air District is committed to making a good faith effort to successfully achieve equal employment opportunity.

(Signature)

Jack P. Broadbent
Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer

CHAPTER 2: ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

Workforce Analysis/Lines of Progression

The Air District conducts a workforce analysis to identify employees by gender and race/ethnicity in each job title. The data is collected from payroll records.

Job titles are listed by organizational unit. Job titles are listed from lowest to highest paid. The list includes all job titles, including departmental supervision, exempt, and nonexempt titles.

For each job title, the lower threshold of the salary range is provided, as well as the EEO Category to which the title is assigned. For each job title, the Air District identifies the total number of employees, the number of male and female employees, the total number of White, Black, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaskan Native employees, and the male and female employees within each of these race/ethnic groups.

Lines of Progression

In conjunction with the workforce analysis, the Air District develops lines of progression. Lines of progression (career ladders/career paths) identify the job titles through which an employee can move to the top of a line. For each line of progression, applicable departments are identified. These are the departments that employ persons in the job titles in the specified line of progression. Some lines of progression are limited to only one department, while others are found throughout several departments.

The lines of progression provide useful information regarding patterns of vertical and horizontal movement throughout our workforce. These patterns are evaluated to ascertain whether they provide to our employees the optimum career mobility and opportunities for advancement.

CHAPTER 3: JOB GROUP ANALYSIS

The Air District conducts the workforce analysis individually for every job title. The job titles are grouped for the comparison of incumbency to availability. There are several reasons for grouping jobs.

Many job titles are similar in content such that handling them individually in the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan is not necessary. Grouping together these very similar titles is appropriate for the comparison of incumbency to availability.

For many job titles, there is limited data available and the same data must be used for several related jobs. Therefore, grouping these related titles together is logical.

Many job titles have few incumbents. A meaningful comparison is conducted by grouping several similar titles and increasing the number of employees involved.

The most critical guideline in creating job groups is that job titles discuss "similar" or "related" jobs. Above all, the job titles placed into a job group must be more similar or related to each other than the job titles in other job groups.

Listed below are the guidelines that are followed in developing the job groups.

Job Grouping Guidelines

- 1. The content of the jobs in a group must be similar. Similar content refers to job responsibilities and requisite skills required.
- 2. The wage or salary rate for the jobs in a group must be similar. Pay rates are considered in conjunction with job content. Large apparent differences in pay, when associated with differences in job title and/or location within an organization, suggest an unacceptable job grouping.
- 3. Job titles placed in a job group should be similar in opportunity. Opportunity refers to the ability to take advantage of training, transfers, promotions, mobility to desirable situations, and other employment benefits. Ideally, each job within a job group should have opportunities similar to other job titles within the same job group.
- 4. The groups should not include jobs with clearly different representation patterns. For example, jobs predominately filled with males should not be combined in the same group with jobs predominately filled with females.
- 5. Many job groups, if appropriately constructed, should cut across departmental or organizational units, but not across EEO Categories.

- 6. Employers with over 150 employees should not use EEO occupational categories as the only job groups in an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan. EEO categories are generally much too broad for proper availability analysis purposes. However, jobs placed in a group should generally belong to the same EEO Category.
- 7. Employers with less than 150 employers may use EEO categories as the only job groups.
- 8. The size of the employer's workforce is a major factor in determining how well the criteria above can be met in creating job groups.
 - A. Job groups must have enough incumbents to permit meaningful comparisons of incumbency to availability. No minimum size has been established for this purpose, however, since it is dependent not only on the size of the job group, but also on the size of the availability percentage.

Although the Air District recognizes that it is not possible to adhere to every guideline above when creating job groups, the Air District does not combine job titles with different content, wages, or opportunities.

CHAPTER 4: PLACEMENT OF INCUMBENTS IN JOB GROUPS

Each job group appears on a Job Group Report with a job group name and number. The report lists each job title in the job group. For each job title, the worksheet provides the following information: EEO reporting category, pay grade, job title, employee headcounts for each job title, and overall percentages by gender and race/ethnicity.

CHAPTER 5: DETERMINING AVAILABILITY

"Availability" is an estimate of the proportion of each sex and race/ethnic group available and qualified for employment at the Air District for a given job group in the relevant labor market during the life of the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan. Availability indicates the approximate level at which each race/ethnic and sex group could reasonably be expected to be represented in a job group if the Air District's employment decisions are being made without regard to gender, race, or ethnic origin. Correct comparisons of incumbency to availability depend on competent and accurate availability analyses. With valid availability data, we can compare the percentages of those who could reasonably be expected to be employed versus our current employment (from the workforce analysis).

Steps in Comparison of Incumbency to Availability

Identify Availability Factors

The following availability factors are for consideration when developing availability estimates for each job group:

- 1. External Factor: The external requisite skills data comes from the most recent Census of Population.
 - a. Local labor area: An employee residence zip code analysis was conducted to identify the local labor areas.
 - b. Reasonable labor area: National: 100.0%
- 2. Internal Factor: The percentage of employees promotable, transferable, and trainable within the Air District.

Assign Internal and External Factor Weights: Weights are assigned to each factor for each job group. A combination of historical data and experience are used to determine the weights. Weights are never assigned in an effort to hide or reduce problem areas.

Identify Final Availability: Weights are multiplied by the component-specific data to produce weighted data for each component. Weighted data for each component are summed. This produces a final availability estimate for each sex and race/ethnic group.

CHAPTER 6: COMPARING INCUMBENCY TO AVAILABILITY

Availability estimates are made for each job group. The Air District compares the percentage of incumbents in each job group to their corresponding availability. A comparison is made between the percentage and that group's final availability.

CHAPTER 7: DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer of the Air District has the overall responsibility to the Board of Directors for actions by the staff in planning, coordinating, implementing, evaluating and reporting on all phases of the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan. The Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer or his designee reports to the Board of Directors on the progress and objectives of the plan.

The Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer designates the Human Resources Officer to also serve in the role of Equal Employment Opportunity Officer and be responsible to ensure that the equal employment policies and programs are implemented.

Division Directors are responsible to implement the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan within a division, including informing all supervisory personnel of the Air District's Equal Employment Opportunity policy and ensuring hiring, promotion, and employee development are consistent with program objectives.

It is the responsibility of Management to ensure that the workplace is free of sexual harassment and that the Air District takes corrective action when an employee is determined to have violated the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan's objective regarding harassment.

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer

The responsibilities of the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer will include:

- 1. Reviewing the Air District's personnel policies to ensure they are consistent with the equal opportunity laws and the Air District's Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.
- 2. Reviewing, evaluating, and updating the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan as necessary, and with the approval of the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer.
- 3. Providing assistance to divisions in implementing the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.
- 4. Reporting progress of equal employment opportunity programs to the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer.
- 5. Advising divisions on training needs and encouraging development of training programs.
- 6. Recommending revision of job description forms when necessary so forms accurately reflect duties, responsibilities, and qualifications required for each job.

Human Resources Officer

The responsibilities of the Human Resources Officer will include:

- 1. Disseminating the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan to all employees and other interested parties.
- 2. Providing all recruiting and hiring data to aid in monitoring the equal employment opportunity program, including the number hired, the number of terminations, the number of promotions, the number of persons trained, the number of persons interviewed, and other relevant data.
- 3. Providing the liaison between the Air District and school, community, and professional organizations, both inside and outside the Air District.
- 4. Providing the liaison between the Air District and compliance agencies.
- 5. Developing and implementing training programs that support the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.
- 6. Reviewing all recruiting procedures, to ensure that they conform to equal opportunity and employment practice guidelines.
- 7. Providing various training programs.
- 8. Advising employees on availability of training inside and outside the Air District with emphasis on individual career development and training.
- 9. Submitting employment pattern reports to the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer.
- 10. Reviewing hiring and promotion procedures to ensure equal employment opportunity-guidelines are followed.
- 11. Reviewing the desirable qualifications on job descriptions to ensure that job requirements are non-discriminatory.
- 12. Reviewing the effectiveness of the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan from time to time and suggest changes as necessary.

CHAPTER 8: ACTION-ORIENTED PROGRAMS

The following programs have been developed to meet the Air District's Equal Employment Opportunity Plan:

A. SELECTION PROCESS

- 1. Review all class descriptions to ensure that they accurately reflect the position functions and contain the essential functions of the position in order to conform with the Americans With Disabilities Act.
- 2. Review the qualifications for each class to determine that the qualifications are jobrelated and nondiscriminatory.
- 3. Distribute class descriptions to management staff involved in recruiting, screening, selection, and promotion process.
- 4. Train all personnel involved in a selection process.
- 5. Evaluate selection tests to ensure that they are based on valid job-related criteria.

B. RECRUITMENT PROCEDURES

- 1. Maintain an extensive recruitment list of state and local community and professional organizations, state and local organizations representing persons with disabilities, state employment development departments, state vocational agencies, local sheltered workshops, college placement offices, and state and local educational institutions.
- 2. Actively encourage employees to refer applicants.
- 3. Make employees available for participation in Career Days, Job Fairs, and related activities in the community.
- 4. Maintain active interest file of applicants and distribute position announcements.
- 5. Contact community and professional organizations representing persons with disabilities for referrals.
- 6. Remain active in community organizations and encourage Air District employees to participate.
- 7. Advertise in various Bay Area newspapers and publications.
- 8. Continue recruitment efforts at colleges and schools. Provide brochures, conduct

informational presentations, and participate in career day activities.

9. Participate in career fairs.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND TRAINING

- 1. Post job announcements for promotional opportunities on bulletin boards, electronic bulletin boards, and distribute to all personnel.
- 2. Provide training to employees for positions of greater responsibility and afford employees the opportunity to demonstrate leadership and supervisory capabilities.
- 3. Inform employees about the Air District's Educational Reimbursement Program and Leave Policy for educational purposes.
- 4. Provide educational courses that will aid employees in obtaining mobility through promotions.
- 5. Provide career counseling to employees.
- 6. Continue to offer speech classes to employees who are non-native speakers of English.

CHAPTER 9: INTERNAL AUDIT AND REPORTING

To assure that the Air District's Equal Employment Opportunity Plan is fully implemented, the following internal audit system has been established.

- 1. The Human Resources Office will maintain and monitor accurate records of all employment activities, including, but not limited to, applicants, hires, promotions, transfers, and terminations.
- 2. The Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer will review reports provided by the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer to ensure that the Air District's Equal Employment Opportunity program is being carried out.
- 3. The Human Resources Officer will file an EEO-4 Report as required by the federal guidelines.
- 4. The Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer or his designee will present the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.
- 5. The Equal Employment Opportunity Plan will be provided to interested parties upon request.
- 6. The reporting and auditing system will be utilized to measure the status and effectiveness of the Air District's Equal Employment Opportunity Plan.