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## **APPROVED MINUTES**

Summary of Board of Directors  
Climate Protection Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, March 22, 2017

### **1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Climate Protection Committee (Committee) Vice Chairperson, Rod Sinks, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Vice-Chairperson Rod Sinks; and Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, David Hudson, Katie Rice, Mark Ross, and Brad Wagenknecht.

Absent: Chairperson Teresa Barrett; and Directors John Gioia, and Scott Haggerty.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

Public comments were made by the following speakers:

Janet Stromberg, 350 Bay Area; Keasley Jones, Berkeley resident; Paula Baker, Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association; Cate Leger, Berkeley resident; Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; Kathy Diehl, 350 Bay Area; Lisa Chang Mason, Alamo resident; and Teresa Hardy, Sierra Club.

Jack Broadbent, Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer, reported that staff presented the District's Draft 2017 Clean Air Plan to the Board of Directors at the Annual Board Retreat on January 18, 2017, to the Advisory Council on February 6, 2017, to the Stationary Source Committee on March 20, 2017, to the Board again on March 15, 2017, and that the Board will consider the Plan's adoption at its April 19, 2017 Board meeting. Mr. Broadbent noted that staff has revised the Plan based upon the many public comments that were received, and that the Final Draft of the Plan will be available in about a week. Staff acknowledged the public's interest in helping shape the plan.

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2017**

#### Public Comments:

No requests received.

#### Committee Comments:

None.

Committee Action:

Director Ross made a motion, seconded by Director Rice, to approve the minutes of November 17, 2016; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Hudson, Rice, Ross, Sinks, and Wagenknecht.  
NOES: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Barrett, Gioia, and Haggerty.

**4. SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING AND URBAN RESEARCH'S REPORT, "FOSSIL-FREE BAY AREA"**

Jean Roggenkamp, Deputy Executive Officer, introduced Laura Tam, Sustainable Development Policy Director for the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (SPUR), who gave the presentation *Fossil-Free Bay Area*, including: what can the Bay Area do to end our fossil fuel dependency; three big ideas; global temperature change (1850-2016); reaching the Bay Area's emissions goals requires new policies and programs; cleaner air is a direct local benefit of going fossil-free; California consumes more petroleum than any other energy source; key observations; more than 50% of Bay Area electricity is fossil-free, and about 27% is renewable; rooftop solar is growing exponentially; top sources of Bay Area greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; California has a very robust climate policy framework; what can the Bay Area do; and solutions.

Public Comments:

Public comments were given by: Greg Karras, Communities for a Better Environment (CBE); Janet Stromberg, 350 Bay Area; and Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area.

Committee Comments:

The Committee and staff discussed SPUR's belief that solar should be a consideration for underutilized open public spaces; the energy that is required to pump, move, heat, and treat water; the need to emphasize to the public that the production of fossil fuels would decrease if humans did not create a demand for it; SPUR's assistance in helping implement the District's 2017 Clean Air Plan; the implications that may result if California's existing vehicle emissions standard waiver is revoked, the number of states that also use California's standard, and California's request for a new waiver; the difficulty of increasing energy efficiency in buildings; whether community choice aggregation should pursue carbon-free energy or renewable energy; the amount of energy consumed by plug-in household devices; whether the District's new Technology Implementation Office (TIO) will be involved with decarbonization demonstration projects; and whether the Stationary Source Strategy should include combustion-reduction solutions for small and mid-sized sources.

Committee Action:

None; receive and file.

**5. AIR DISTRICT SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLIMATE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES**

Ms. Roggenkamp introduced Abby Young, Climate Protection Program Manager, who gave the staff presentation *Air District Support for Local Government Climate Protection Activities*, including: background; support climate action plans; grant support; long-term impacts of grants; where we are today; implementing *Spare the Air, Cool the Climate*; looking to the future; and yes, we can.

Public Comments:

Public comments were given by Greg Karras, CBE; and Lisa Chang Mason, Alamo resident.

Committee Comments:

The Committee and staff discussed the necessity for elected officials' dedication to make these efforts successful; the Committee's desire to see the District help coordinate the control measures that are being used in each of the Bay Area counties so that a template exists when a county is ready to implement something for the first time; and the success of California's first community choice aggregation program in Marin County, and how it has set a precedence that many other counties are adopting.

Committee Action:

None; receive and file.

**6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

Vice Chair Sinks announced that Silicon Valley Clean Energy will commemorate its first official day of supplying 100% carbon-free electricity to customers in Silicon Valley. This event will be held on Monday, April 3, 2017, at Cupertino Community Hall at noon.

**7. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, May 18, 2017, Bay Area Air Quality Management District Office, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California 94105 at 9:30 a.m.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 a.m.

*/s/ Marcy Hiratzka*  
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Clerk of the Boards