

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Climate Protection Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 20, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Climate Protection Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Teresa Barrett, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Present: Chairperson Teresa Barrett; Vice-Chairperson Rod Sinks; and Directors John Gioia, Scott Haggerty, Katie Rice, and Mark Ross.

Absent: Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, David Hudson, and Brad Wagenknecht.

2. BAY AREA MODEL SOLAR ORDINANCE PROJECT (OUT OF ORDER, ITEM 5)

Henry Hilken, Director of Planning and Climate Protection, introduced Yvette DiCarlo, Advanced Projects Advisor, who gave the staff presentation *Bay Area Model Ordinance Project*, including: today's overview; why rooftop solar, why now; solar initiatives in California; solar energy in the Bay Area; the Model Solar Ordinance Project; regional partners; stakeholder input; supporting toolkit (contents, benefits, launch); and next steps.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Rice was noted present at 9:46 a.m., and Director Ross was noted present at 9:49 a.m.

Public Comments:

Public comments were given by Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area, David McCoard, Sierra Club; and Janet Stromberg, City of Berkeley Energy Commission.

Committee Comments:

The Committee and staff discussed the status of the first draft; the contents of the user guide; overproduction of solar energy in California and subsequent negative wholesale electricity prices; projected shifts in the correlation between wholesale availability and demand; the cost-effectiveness study commissioned by PG&E to monitor installation capacity and grid reliability for this ordinance; the feasibility of adding a provision for energy storage into the ordinance; the anticipated timelines for ordinance adoption and the toolkit launch; how local government ordinances that exceed the State's Title 24 building standard must be approved by the California Energy Commission; the District's lack of authority to impose regional *residential building code* regulations on jurisdictions, and why a model ordinance is the appropriate approach to implement solar power; the feasibility of creating a regional "initiative" at the county level in the Bay Area to

accelerate the mandatory implementation of solar power, and which would be the appropriate regional agency to coordinate a coalition of cities to support that initiative; the feasibility of adding a provision for rooftop solar thermal capture, and the District's current coordination with an organization that has developed a model solar thermal ordinance; the types of residences that are eligible for this ordinance; the need for additional public outreach regarding existing tax incentives and for new incentives for residents; and how the installation of new ready-to-use electric vehicle chargers would require an entirely separate model ordinance.

Committee Action:

None; receive and file.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2017

Public Comments:

No requests received.

Committee Comments:

None.

Committee Action:

Director Rice made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Sinks, to approve the minutes of May 18, 2017; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS (OUT OF ORDER, ITEM 2)

Public comments were made by Janet Stromberg, this time, representing 350 Bay Area.

5. AIR DISTRICT SUPPORT FOR PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT (ITEM 4)

David Burch, Principal Environmental Planner, gave the staff presentation *Air District Support for Paris Climate Agreement*, including: global cooperation on climate change; Trump Administration action; response to Trump announcement; action by Bay Area governments; potential Air District response; Air District response; and recommendation.

Public Comments:

Public comments were made by Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area.

Committee Comments:

The Committee and staff discussed whether the United States will be accountable to pay the remainder of the financial contributions that it agreed to under the Obama Administration, now that President Trump has withdrawn the United States from the agreement.

Committee Action:

Director Haggerty made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Sinks, to recommend that the Board of Directors demonstrate continuing Air District support for the Paris Climate Agreement by supporting the “Under2” Memorandum of Understanding and the “We Are Still In” sign-on letter; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

Vice Chair Sinks asked for staff’s reaction to the Governor’s signing AB 398, which extends the Cap and Trade Program to 2030. The Committee and staff discussed the District’s unsuccessful attempts to amend AB398 (E. Garcia) and AB617 (C. Garcia); the preemption of local air district authority to regulate greenhouse gases and carbon dioxide from stationary sources the under Cap and Trade program; the District’s concern about additional air monitoring program efforts and cost recovery; the joint efforts of the local Air District Board members who also serve as California Air Resources Board members, to advocate for funding for local Air Districts; the fact that the District is not precluded from implementing criteria pollutant and toxic regulations that have GHG reduction co-benefits; and staff’s appreciation of Tom Addison, Senior Policy Advisor.

Director Rice announced that the County of Marin filed a lawsuit against 37 oil and coal companies, alleging that these companies had foresight of their products emitting GHG and impacting climate change.

7. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 21, 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 10:58 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards