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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Community and Public Health Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Community and Public Health (formerly “Public Engagement”) Committee (Committee)
Chairperson, Shirlee Zane, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Shirlee Zane; Vice Chairperson Mark Ross; and Directors Teresa Barrett, David J. Canepa, Scott Haggerty, Brad Wagenknecht, and Lori Wilson.

Absent: Directors John Gioia, Liz Kniss, Nate Miley, and Hillary Ronen.

Also Present: None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3

No requests received.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Vice Chair Ross made a motion, seconded by Director Canepa, to **approve** the Minutes of February 21, 2019; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Barrett, Canepa, Haggerty, Ross, Wilson, Zane.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Gioia, Kniss, Miley, Ronen, Wagenknecht.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Wagenknecht was noted present at 9:40 a.m.

4. BAY AREA SMOKE IMPACTS FROM WILDLAND FIRES AND LESSONS LEARNED

Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer, gave the staff presentation *Responding to our Wildfire Smoke Public Health Crisis: Lessons Learned on Protecting Our Future*, including: Bay Area smoke; Bay Area Particulate Matter (PM)_{2.5} exceedance trends; 2017/2018 Northern California wildfires; Sonoma/Napa Fires and Camp Fire; North Bay fires; Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) -16 imagery; hourly PM_{2.5} concentrations during North Bay fires; Northern California wildfires in October 2017; summer 2018 California fires; Camp Fire: GOES-16 imagery; Camp Fire impacts on November 16, 2018; PM_{2.5} concentrations; health messaging; health impacts; Emergency Room visits before and after the Tubbs Fire; Bay Area leadership; messaging; lessons learned; and next steps.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether an additional air quality monitoring site in Sonoma County (other than in Sebastopol) is needed; how adequately remaining indoors and wearing respirators protects against inhaling PM during wildfire events; how the transport of wildfire smoke can fail to be captured in satellite images; the need for a consensus among county Public Health Departments on the efficacy of respirators, the request for research data on their effectiveness, and whether the Air District should let counties decide whether to have their own mask distribution program; the increase of public awareness and appreciation for the Air District's Spare the Air programs that result after a wildfire; the advantages and disadvantages of controlled/prescribed burn; and the suggestion of using microsatellite technology to identify wind patterns and airsheds.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

5. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TO FURTHER DEVELOP AN AIR QUALITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER FOR THE BAY AREA

Eric Stevenson, Director of Meteorology and Measurements, gave the staff presentation *Approval of Contract to Further Develop an Air Quality Technical Assistance Center for the Bay Area*, including: many needs to technical assistance; example - building capacity; Technical

Assistance Center overview; center development process; Technical Assistance Center services and resources; next steps and timeline; funding source; and recommended action.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the request that the Board members receive information about the development of the center to send to their constituents; whether this center's use will be limited to/reserved for Assembly Bill (AB) 617 communities only; and how the Air District can recommend specific devices to mitigate conflicting readings from various low-cost air quality sensors utilized by members of the public.

Committee Action

Director Canepa made a motion, seconded by Director Wilson, to **authorize** the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer to execute a contract with Kearns and West in an amount not to exceed \$540,000, to further develop an air quality technical assistance center for the Bay Area; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Canepa, Haggerty, Ross, Wagenknecht, Wilson, Zane.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barrett, Gioia, Kniss, Miley, Ronen.

6. UPDATE ON THE JAMES CARY SMITH COMMUNITY GRANTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING (FYE) 2019-2020 AND UPCOMING ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 617 CAPACITY BUILDING COMMUNITY GRANTS

Chair Zane announced that this item would no longer be an action item, but an informational item only.

Greg Nudd, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Policy, introduced Luz Gomez, Community Engagement Manager, who gave the staff presentation *Update on the James Cary Smith Community Grants for FYE 2019-2020 and Upcoming AB 617 Capacity Building Community Grants*, including: why grants; James Cary Smith Community Grants - FYE 2019 update; Education and Engagement: School Community Grants Program and results; upcoming local air pollution capacity building projects; and AB 617 community-led capacity building grants.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the request that the Board members receive the information about the upcoming funding cycle so that they may circulate the announcement within their jurisdictions, in addition to samples of social media and newsletter language.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 20, 2019, Bay Area Air Quality Management District Office, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California 94105 at 9:30 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards