

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Community and Public Health Committee Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Community and Public Health Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Shirlee Zane, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Shirlee Zane; Vice Chairperson Mark Ross; and Directors Teresa Barrett, David J. Canepa, John Gioia, Scott Haggerty, Liz Kniss, and Brad Wagenknecht.

Absent: Directors Nate Miley, Katie Rice, and Lori Wilson.

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 MARCH 14, 2019

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Wagenknecht made a motion, seconded by Director Canepa, to **approve** the Minutes of March 14, 2019; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

4. UPDATE ON THE WEST OAKLAND COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

Henry Hilken, Director of Planning and Climate Protection, gave the staff presentation *West Oakland Community Action Plan Update*, including: Community Air Risk Evaluation (CARE) set foundation for Assembly Bill (AB) 617; AB 617 communities; community engagement - developing the Steering Committee and getting up to speed; West Oakland technical assessment summary; local cancer risk; impacts of local sources on residential cancer risk; goal and targets; West Oakland proposed strategies overview; dovetails with related plans, multi-jurisdictional approach; and what's next?

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether the local, residential cancer risk data in this presentation is interpreted in a way the public can understand; contributing factors/sources of regional and local cancer risks, and how this type of data can be collected on a broader scale; which local sources of pollution (highway, street, port, rail, permitted facilities, etc.) pose the most public health risk, and which are the most receptive to mitigation; whether ships are running their diesel generators when docked at the Port of Oakland; potential strategies to address idle truck engines at the Port of Oakland, and whether the Air District has data to show progress from these strategies; the proposed ballpark and possible commercial and residential parcels at the Port of Oakland's Howard Terminal, and how these developments may impact human health and the Port's operations; potential health impacts of transit-oriented development; the hope that land-use planners will refrain from approving pollution sources to be located adjacent to existing, sensitive receptors; how it would be helpful to know whether policies that have been passed have been effective; contributing factors of the difference between the progression of the West Oakland Community Action Plan and Richmond-San Pablo Area Community Air Monitoring Plan; whether air districts should request (through legislation) federal funds for Tier four (4) locomotives used by national rail operators; the feasibility of specially-designated lanes at the Port of Oakland reserved for cleaner heavy-duty trucks or passenger vehicles, as an incentive to retrofit or upgrade their engines; and anticipated amendments to the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Auxiliary Diesel Engines Operated on Ocean-Going Vessels At-Berth in a California Port Regulation, and how making a once-voluntary action a mandate will eliminate the opportunity to receive grants for that action.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

5. AVAILABLE COMMUNITY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES: JAMES CARY SMITH COMMUNITY GRANTS AND ASSEMBLY BILL 617 COMMUNITY HEALTH PROTECTION GRANTS

Elizabeth Yura, Community Health Protection Officer, introduced Luz Gomez, Community Engagement Manager, and Staff Specialists, Ana Vasudeo and Sonam Shah-Paul, who gave the staff presentation *Grant Opportunities Available to Communities*, including: two new grants available; James Cary Smith Grant Program - eligible activities and timeline; and Community Health Grant Program – AB 617 high-priority communities, eligible activities, and timeline.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed why public agencies are currently ineligible for either grant program, and disadvantages and concerns about that; the need for a grant program specifically for County Public Health Officers; types of potential applicants for each grant program; program requirements that must be met by applicants who are awarded grants; the amount of time an applicant has to complete their project, and whether contract extensions can be granted; anticipated average grant amounts for each program; the request that the final reports for both programs include a summary page for each funded project within the current funding cycle; how non-AB 617 communities can learn from Community Health Protection Grant projects, which can only be awarded to community-based groups and local non-profits based in East Oakland, San Leandro, Eastern San Francisco, Pittsburg-Bay Point area, San Jose, the Tri-Valley, and Vallejo; how awarded projects are evaluated upon completion; subsequent-year funding; the length and level of detail of each program application; and the request for methods of outreach that can be utilized by the Board Members.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. REGIONAL WILDFIRE COMMUNICATION EFFORT

Dr. Judith Cutino, Health Officer, gave the staff presentation *Regional Wildfire Communication Effort*, including: history; “prepare now” messages; “smoke harm” messages; “during smoke events” messages; and next steps.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the Association of Bay Area Health Officers (ABAHO); the request that emergency services offices of each Bay Area county and large businesses or public

agencies that work out of older buildings are included in this effort; differing opinions of the efficacy of (N95) respirators, and how choosing to wear or not wear one during a wildfire incident could directly impact the health of the general public; reasons why people may not benefit from wearing respirators; the suggestion that the Air District communicates to the public that the majority of people would benefit from using respirators; various Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) ratings for indoor air filters; the request that Air District staff provide Board Members with a list of acceptable respirators for Particulate Matter (PM); the need for year-long promotions of respirators and air filters (during non-wildfire seasons), and set times during the year to replace those devices; the multi-agency coordination workshop that will be hosted by ABAHO at the end of May, and the Committee's request to be included and for more advanced notice for similar events; and Pacific Gas & Electric's plan to shut down parts of the grid in anticipation of wildfires, preventing residents' activation of indoor ventilation systems that require electricity.

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

Thursday, June 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 11:30 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards