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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Community and Public Health Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 30, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Community and Public Health Committee (Committee) Vice Chairperson, Mark Ross, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Chairperson, Shirlee Zane, participated via conference call, and served as a non-voting member.

Roll Call:

Present: Vice Chairperson Mark Ross; and Directors John Gioia, Scott Haggerty, Liz Kniss, Katie Rice, and Brad Wagenknecht. Chairperson Shirlee Zane (non-voting today).

Absent: Directors Teresa Barrett, David J. Canepa, Nate Miley, and Lori Wilson.

Also Present: None.

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

No requests received.

At this time, Vice Chair Ross asked Chair Zane to provide an update on the Kincade Fire in her jurisdiction of Sonoma County. Chair Zane reported the following:

- (At the time of her comment) the Kincade Fire had been 15% contained and eviction areas were being repopulated.
- 22 evacuation shelters were erected and over 2,000 people are still in the shelters. 20 veterinarians volunteered at the shelter that allowed pets.
- The elderly population shows physical effects from the fire and providing health care for them is difficult, especially because of the inconsistent power supply.
- There is a continual need for self-care and mental health awareness; the Kincade Fire triggered post-traumatic stress in residents who experienced loss in the 2017 Tubbs Fire.
- Firefighters are having difficulty with the rugged terrain in northern Sonoma County.
- Chair Zane and Congressman Jared Huffman traveled to the burn area to rescue cats.
- The World Central Kitchen provided 6,000 meals to those in need at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa on Sunday, October 27, 2019.

- Not many people were observed wearing respirators; many people are staying indoors.
- Assembly Bill 836 (Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Centers for Vulnerable Populations Incentive Pilot Program), recently signed by the Governor, is exciting and needed.
- The American Red Cross is in need of volunteers.
- The communities of Windsor and Santa Rosa are in need of high-tech air monitors that can inform the public of when changes in air quality occur, as well as air scrubbers. Technologies such as PurpleAir may be confusing the public with their data.
- Backup generators should not run during wildfires.
- Pacific Gas & Electric's re-charging stations are not community-friendly.
- www.SOCOemergency.org is a good resource (Sonoma County Emergency and Preparedness Information).

The Committee and staff discussed how to register as an American Red Cross volunteer for the Kincade Fire relief; news reporters have been seen wearing masks while reporting and need to be educated on how to properly wear them; how power outages may affect AB 836 (Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Centers for Vulnerable Populations Incentive Pilot Program), and how this problem forced people out of their homes the past weekend; the potential of hydrogen fuel cell and solar generators as zero-emission technologies; an influx of visitors at the Napa County Library due to the Kincade Fire, and the need for clean filtration systems at public buildings and additional clean air centers; a technology deployed by San Diego Gas & Electric that minimizes the impact of power outages during wildfires; how jurisdictions can assist and support their small businesses that are suffering due to the power outages; an Air District staff summary of Bay Area fires (currently burning and from this past week), and the Air District's role in such incidents; the Air District's partnership with the Association of Bay Area Health Officials and joint messaging with agencies and jurisdictions; the Air District's plan to deploy High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters in lieu of respirators; and transported wildfire smoke within the Bay Area.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Wagenknecht was noted present at 9:43 a.m.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Kniss made a motion, seconded by Director Haggerty, to **approve** the Minutes of September 12, 2019; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

4. YOUTH FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY (YES) CONFERENCE UPDATE

Gregory Nudd, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Policy, introduced Kristina Chu, Senior Public Information Officer, who gave the staff presentation *2020 Youth for the Environment and Sustainability (YES) Conference*, including: Spare the Air Youth Program; 2020 YES Conference Draft agenda and outreach; and 2019-2020 Student Advisory Council (SAC) members.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed why this event will be held at the end of March in 2020, when it has historically been held earlier; the request for a list of residency of the SAC members; whether it is too late for new SAC members to be added; SAC composition and selection process; and the need to consider socioeconomic variation within a given Bay Area county when selecting SAC members.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

5. ASSEMBLY BILL 617 IMPLEMENTATION INTO 2020

Mr. Nudd introduced Elizabeth Yura, Director of Community Engagement and Policy, who gave the staff presentation *Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Implementation: Update and Next Steps*, including: 2019 accomplishments; AB 617 2020: regional and community (West Oakland and Richmond/San Pablo and other high-priority communities); and next steps in program management.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Katherine Funes, Anthony Bibiano, David Belle, Mykela Patton, and Jill Ratner, Rose Foundation; and Eliza Nemser, San Francisco resident.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the concern that not all recommended strategies in an approved AB 617 Community Action Plan will be implemented, as they are not *required* to be implemented by the affected jurisdiction, and whether the Air District is encouraging the City of Oakland to implement the approved strategies in the recently approved West Oakland Community Action Plan; the development of the Bay Area AB 617 Regional Environmental Justice Working Group and the inter-agency member selection process; the history of AB 617 funding and its current status; the fact that increasing the number of Bay Area AB 617 communities increases the permanent workload at the Air District; the need for communities and elected officials to advocate for long-term AB 617 funding; how the Air District plans to monitor

West Oakland Community Action Plan implementation progress; how to sustain motivation to continue implementing approved strategies in AB 617 communities after the Air District has shifted its focus to a new community; whether East Oakland may be considered a future AB 617 community; the suggestion that California air districts send a collaborative letter to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) requesting flexibility on how AB 617 funding may be spent; Air District staff's opinion on the development of air pollution sensor technology; the suggestion that the Air District educates all Bay Area communities of strategies that have been devised to reduce air pollution in approved AB 617 (Community Health Protection Program) community action plans, despite the lack of program funding; and the variability of the benefits of children remaining in their homes, versus attending school, during smoke incidents.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. REPORT ON THE NUSTAR TERMINAL INCIDENT ON OCTOBER 15, 2019

Wayne Kino, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Operations, displayed a screenshot of media coverage of the NuStar Energy explosions and fire incident that occurred on October 15, 2019. Mr. Kino summarized possible contributing factors to the incident; the Air District's role during such incidents; documented Air District violations of the facility since the incident; the current operating status of the facility; and the Air District's joint investigation with other agencies.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the request for copies of the Notices of Violation issued to the facility by the Air District after the incident; potential amendments to Contra Costa County's Industrial Safety Ordinance to include aboveground petroleum storage facilities located outside petroleum refineries or chemical plants; and whether the Air District has Material Safety Data Sheets for each permitted facility.

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, November 21, 2019, at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105 at 9:30 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hirtzka
Marcy Hirtzka
Clerk of the Boards