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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Executive Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Katie Rice, called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Committee Chairperson Katie Rice; Committee Vice Chair Rod Sinks; and Directors Cindy Chavez, Scott Haggerty, and David Hudson.

Absent: Directors Teresa Barrett, John Gioia, Carole Groom, Tyrone Jue, Jim Spering, and Brad Wagenknecht.

Also Present: None.

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

No requests received.

3. HEARING BOARD QUARTERLY REPORT: JULY 2019 – SEPTEMBER 2019 (OUT OF ORDER, ITEM 4)

Hearing Board Chairperson, Valerie J. Armento, Esq., presented this report.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the status of Hearing Board Docket No. 3714 (Request for Variances submitted by Tesla Motors, Inc.)

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Hudson was noted present at 9:45 a.m.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 (ITEM 3)

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Haggerty made a motion, seconded by Director Hudson, to **approve** the minutes of September 5, 2019; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES:	Haggerty, Hudson, Rice, Sinks.
NOES:	None.
ABSTAIN:	None.
ABSENT:	Barrett, Chavez, Gioia, Groom, Jue, Spering, Wagenknecht.

5. BAY AREA REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE (BARC) UPDATE

Allison Brooks, Executive Director of BARC, gave the presentation *BARC Executive Director's Update*, including: BARC Work Plan 2020-2022; Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (Community Air Protection Program) implementation: West Oakland Community Action Plan and activities to date; and building electrification.

Public Comments

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

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the need to align business plans of all BARC member agencies; the need for the coordinated efforts of multiple agencies regarding AB 617 implementation; BARC's outreach methods to jurisdictions; the need for more frequent interactions between jurisdictions; and the value of the member agencies' combined expertise.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. REPORT ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING FROM OCTOBER 28, 2019

Stan Hayes, Chairperson of the Air District's Advisory Council (Council), gave the presentation *Particulate Matter (PM) Health Protection Symposium*, including: context of PM focus; PM Symposia overview, key points from October 28, 2019 symposium, speakers, Air District's questions, discussion questions, and Council's initial deliberation; and PM symposium series.

Public Comments

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

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the suggestion the Board attend future meetings within this symposium series; actions of the Independent Particulate Matter Review Panel since the disbanding of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, and whether the current EPA Administrator has responded to those actions; Air District staff's appreciation for the help of the Advisory Council prior to/at the October 28, 2019, PM Symposium; Gina McCarthy's appointment as the new Executive Director of the Natural Resources Defense Council; the request to use the video recording of the October 28, 2019, PM Symposium as publicly-available promotional material; the fact that the Air District commissioned an official summary report of the October 28, 2019, PM Symposium, and how that report will be considered for the Council's approval in December 2019; and whether the Council, at its December 2019 meeting, plans to develop any recommendations for the Board regarding PM.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

7. ASSEMBLY BILL 617 IMPLEMENTATION INTO 2020

Greg Nudd, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Policy, introduced Elizabeth Yura, Director of Community Engagement and Policy, who gave the staff presentation *Assembly Bill 617 Implementation: Update and Next Steps*, including: 2019 accomplishments; AB 617 2020: regional and community; and next steps in program management.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Mykela Patton and Jill Ratner, Rose Foundation; and Janet Johnson, Richmond-San Pablo Area Community Air Monitoring Plan Steering Committee.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the concern that certain Bay Area communities are more engaged with the Air District's than others, and the suggestion that community engagement becomes more evenly distributed; the suggestion that the Air District develops a workplan that describes how it will engage the community in high-priority communities; and the need for jurisdictions to outline their needs and ideas, so existing resources can be used efficiently to address issues without duplicating efforts.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

8. **REPORT ON RECENT INCIDENT RESPONSE EVENTS**

Wayne Kino, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Operations, gave the staff presentation *Report on Recent Incident Response Events*, including: NuStar Energy LP October 15, 2019 incident; wildfire status report; and Sonoma County Kincadee Wildfire.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Nancy Rieser, Crockett Rodeo United to Defend the Environment.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the request for the Air District’s procedure responding to such incidents; the clarification that the Air District is not a first responder agency, despite the public’s desire to see the Air District perform that role; and how the public’s behavior may be changing in response to wildfires, given previous events.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

9. **REQUEST TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING (FYE) 2020 BUDGET TO INCREASE STAFFING**

Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer, gave the staff presentation *Fiscal Year Ending 2020 Staffing Augmentation*.

Public Comments

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

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed retirement trends at the Air District; the request for a chart comparing staff lists from other California air districts, and their corresponding budgets and programs; how the Air District plans to pay for these positions, should the state disagree with the Air District’s priority of AB 617 funding; the request that Air District culture places equal value on its “organizing” divisions (Planning and Community Engagement) and its “regulating” divisions (Compliance & Enforcement and Engineering); the status of current vacancies within the Air District’s Compliance & Enforcement and Engineering divisions; the concern that AB 617 funding will not be sustained long-term, let alone be increased every year; the appreciation of how the Air District, a science-based agency, prioritizes community engagement.

Committee Action

Director Haggerty made a motion, seconded by Director Hudson, to **amend** the FYE 2020 Budget to authorize the creation of ten additional full-time regular positions; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Chavez, Haggerty, Hudson, Rice, Sinks.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barrett, Gioia, Groom, Jue, Spering, Wagenknecht.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

11. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

- Director Hudson said that he attended the 26th Intelligent Transport Systems World Congress in Singapore in October 2019. He added that the 2020 Congress will take place in Los Angeles, and suggested that the Air District send a representative (or Allison Brooks from the Bay Area Regional Collaborative) to that event.
- Vice Chair Sinks said that it is predicted that global temperatures will rise four degrees Celsius or higher, and that the need for innovation and education for best practices is imperative.
- Chair Rice said that she would ask Director Barrett, Chairperson of the Climate Protection Committee, to agendaize Marin County's Low Carbon Concrete Ordinance (funded by the Air District's Climate Protection Grant Program) at an upcoming Climate Protection Committee meeting.
- Chair Rice announced that a joint powers authority agency will be put on the ballot in Marin County to address the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Initiative.
- Chair Rice remarked that wildfire prevention-associated power shutoffs are causing people to be even more cautious of transitioning to electric vehicles and requested that the Air District take proactive action to address backup power alternatives to the public, perhaps through the Mobile Source Committee.
- Vice Chair Sinks announced that East Bay Community Energy, Peninsula Clean Energy, Silicon Valley Clean Energy & Silicon Valley Power Distributed Resource Adequacy Capacity released a Request for Proposals regarding Resource Adequacy capacity and resilience to the load serving entities' residential and commercial customers through the development of customer-sited Distributed Energy Resources.

10. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was announced that the next meeting would take place at the Call of the Chair.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards