

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Board of Directors Special Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

APPROVED MINUTES

*Note: Audio recordings of the meeting are available on the website of the
Bay Area Air Quality Management District at
www.baaqmd.gov/bodagendas*

This meeting was conducted under procedures authorized by executive order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom. Members of the committee participated by teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Opening Comments:** Board of Directors (Board) Chairperson, Rod Sinks, called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Rod Sinks; Vice Chairperson Cindy Chavez; Secretary Karen Mitchoff; and Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, Teresa Barrett, John Bauters, David Canepa, Pauline Russo Cutter, John Gioia, Carole Groom, Scott Haggerty, David Hudson, Davina Hurt, Tyrone Jue, Liz Kniss, Nate Miley, Katie Rice, Mark Ross, Jim Sperring, Brad Wagenknecht, Shamann Walton, Lori Wilson, and Shirlee Zane.

Absent: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. **Authorization to Amend Contract for Odor Attribution Study in the South Bay**

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

None.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Zane was noted present at 11:15 a.m.

Board Action

Director Wagenknecht made a motion, seconded by Director Kniss, to **authorize** the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to amend a contract with Jacobs Engineering Group, to increase the contract amount by \$6,000 to account for increased costs due to delays from wildfires, for an amended contract amount of \$506,000.; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Barrett, Bauters, Canepa, Chavez, Gioia, Groom, Haggerty, Hudson, Hurt, Jue, Kniss, Mitchoff, Rice, Sinks, Spering, Wagenknecht, Wilson, Zane.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Cutter, Miley, Ross, Walton.

PRESENTATION

3. Overview of Governor's Executive Order N-79-20

Damian Breen, Deputy APCO of Technology, gave the staff presentation *Overview of Governor's Executive Order*, including: overview; highlights; other commitments worldwide; intersection with Air District programs; climate strategy – Bay Area greenhouse gas emissions; equity and Assembly Bill (AB) 617; grants and incentives; Technology Implementation Office; Permitting and Enforcement; strategic partnerships; market and technology status – regulations, battery costs, light-duty vehicles, trucks and buses, and off-road vehicles and equipment; results from 2011-2019; and challenges and opportunities.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; Tony Fisher, Clean Air Coalition; Bill Whitney, Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council; Che Timmons, Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union 342; Greg Feere; Kevin Wright, International Union of Elevator Constructors Local Union 8; Mike Miller, United Steelworkers Local Union 326; Ted Wickers, United Steelworkers Local Union 326; Tom Hansen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 302; Treston Shull, Laborers' Local Union 324; Tyson Bagley, United Steelworkers Local Union 326; James Poetzsch; and Constance Beutel, Air Watch: Bay Area.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Cutter was noted present at 11:40 a.m.; Director Miley was noted present at 11:45 a.m.; Director Walton was noted present at 11:50 a.m.; and Director Ross was noted present at 11:55 a.m.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed the types of sales (new or used) and vehicles that are specified in the Order; why electric vehicle (EV) sales increased in the Bay Area recently; how the Air District identifies which emerging technologies to pursue, and the businesses that will be featured in the Air District's upcoming Climate Tech Marketplace 2020 event; the suggestion of asking jurisdictions what their needs are regarding improvements to mobility; how soon electric vehicles and heavy-duty trucks will have 600 + mile range capability; how soon charging stations that charge up to 200 miles in 10 minutes will be available in California; how the renewable diesel fuel that will be manufactured by Phillips 66

will affect the Air District's Diesel Free by '33 initiative, how that initiative compares with the State's objectives within the Order, and whether the Air District's goals will be met by 2033; whether all makes and models of passenger vehicles will have to convert to electric; the concern that EVs are not prevalent in Community Air Risk Evaluation program areas of the Bay Area; the public's concern about EV range anxiety; how quickly California's authority to set more stringent vehicle emission rules could be restored if the Trump Administration is no longer in power; whether Governor Newsom has indicated how the elements of the Order will be funded, and whether the Air District's authority would be increased to achieve the Order's objectives; whether interim goals or targets were stated in the Order, prior to 2035 and 2045; battery storage decommissioning; the request for more information on hydrogen storage; difficulties presented by the fact that some jurisdictions do not make much progress quickly, nor plan more than ten years out; projections of energy demand by 2035 and how much will be produced in California: whether vehicle manufacturers will allow EV owners to supply their homes with energy from their EV battery (car to home interface) during power shutoffs; the desire for the Air District to be focused on the right things and not be blindsided by false promises from the State; the suggestion of forming a regional working group that focuses on energy, and which regional agency should oversee it; the suggestion for a carbon tax; and whether people care more about how much something costs or having to change their behavior.

Board Action

None; receive and file.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3

No requests received.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

5. Board Members' Comments

Director Sperring expressed concern over the Air District's current practice of accepting written public comments and having staff read them aloud.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. Report of the Executive Officer/APCO

Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer/APCO, had nothing to report.

7. Chairperson's Report

Chair Sinks announced the following:

- Director Cutter was reappointed to the Board by the Alameda County Mayors' Conference for another 2-year appointment, expiring in November 2022.

- The Air District is hosting Climate Tech Marketplace 2020 on October 22, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This free online event will showcase emerging technologies that reduce greenhouse gases, bringing together technology developers, local governments, investors, and potential technology customers. The event will also feature panel discussions on climate resilience, equity, and government innovation, as well as a live technology exhibitor showcase. Registration can be found on the Air District's website.
- Nominations for 2021 Board officers are being accepted by Chair Sinks until close of business on November 6, 2020.

8. Time and Place of Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards