

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Board of Directors Special Meeting
Wednesday, December 16, 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 9:03 a.m. Chair Sinks said that he would like the Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access, and Inclusion to become a standing committee, and that he would like to see an Ad Hoc Committee on Governance created.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Rod Sinks; Vice Chairperson Cindy Chavez; Secretary Karen Mitchoff; and Directors Teresa Barrett, John Bauters, Pauline Russo Cutter, John Gioia, Carole Groom, Scott Haggerty, David Hudson, Davina Hurt, Nate Miley, Katie Rice, Mark Ross, Shamann Walton, Lori Wilson, and Shirlee Zane.

Absent: Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, David Canepa, Tyrone Jue, Liz Kniss, Jim Sperring, and Brad Wagenknecht.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS 2 – 8)

2. Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting of December 2, 2020
3. Board Communications Received from December 2, 2020 through December 15, 2020
4. Air District Personnel on Out-of-State Business Travel
5. New Grant Program Revenues from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Targeted Airshed Grant Award
6. Authorization to Amend Community Health Protection Grants
7. Authorization to Enter into a Contract Agreement with Lores Maintenance in an Amount Not to Exceed \$126,840.00
8. Request to Approve the Proposed Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Employees' Association

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

None.

Board Action

Director Bauters made a motion, seconded by Director Wilson, to **approve** the Consent Calendar Items 2 through 8, inclusive; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Report of the Mobile Source Committee Meeting of December 3, 2020

Chair Sinks read the following report:

The Mobile Source Committee met on Thursday, December 3, 2020, and approved the minutes of October 19, 2020. 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.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the staff presentation Projects and Contracts with Proposed Awards Over \$100,000. The Committee recommends the Board:

- 1) Approve recommended projects with proposed grant awards over \$100,000; and*
- 2) Authorize the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer to enter into all necessary agreements with applicants for the recommended projects.*

The Committee then reviewed and discussed the staff presentation Report on Transportation Fund for Clean Air Projects Expenditures and Effectiveness for Fiscal Year Ending 2020.

Finally, the Committee reviewed and discussed the staff presentation Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program Regional Fund Projects - Audio #21 Results.

The next meeting of the Mobile Source Committee will be held at the Call of the Chair. This concludes the Chair Report of the Mobile Source Committee.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

None.

Board Action

Chair Sinks made a motion, seconded by Director Cutter, to **approve** the recommendations of the Mobile Source Committee; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

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

10. **Report of the Advisory Council Meeting of December 3, 2020**

Advisory Council Board Liaison, Chair Sinks, read the following report:

The Advisory Council met on Thursday, December 3, 2020, and approved the minutes of November 9, 2020. This meeting was conducted under procedures authorized by executive order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom. Members of the Council participated by teleconference.

The Council concluded its deliberations on reducing fine Particulate Matter in the Bay Area and finalized its recommended measures to further protect public health, which will be presented to the Air District's Board of Directors on December 16, 2020 at a joint Board of Directors and Advisory Council meeting.

The Council then received a presentation from Council Chairperson, Stan Hayes, regarding how the Council would present their findings, framework, and recommendations to the Board, via the Council's Particulate Matter Reduction Strategy.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at a joint meeting of the Board of Directors and Council, via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom. This concludes the Chair Report of the Advisory Council meeting.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

None.

Board Action

None; receive and file.

11. **Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access, and Inclusion Meeting of December 14, 2020**

The Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access, and Inclusion, Davina Hurt, read the following report:

The Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access, and Inclusion met on Monday, December 14, 2020, and approved the minutes of November 5, 2020. 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.

The Committee then heard a report from the Chair regarding a joint meeting with staff and community advocates from Vallejo, Bayview/Hunters Point, Richmond, and East and West Oakland on December 1, 2020. As part of the meeting, the proposed Air District Community Advisory Council, Community Benefit Fund, and Richmond/San Pablo Community Design Team process were discussed.

The Committee then welcomed Katherine Funes and Jada Delaney from New Voices are Rising, a program under the Rose Foundation, to speak under the Committee's standing agenda item "Community Perspective". Ms. Funes and Ms. Delaney gave the presentation Youth and Oakland's Air Quality, which included how youth are engaging in Assembly Bill (AB) 617 activities in East Oakland.

The Committee then reviewed and discussed the staff presentation Assembly Bill 617 Richmond/San Pablo Path to Clean Air Action Items. The ten members of the Community Design Team for Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo were invited to share their experiences of working with Air District staff to develop a Community Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee. Their concerns and frustrations were heard by the Committee, who also had to decide whether to make the proposed Steering Committee a Ralph M. Brown Act Committee. The Committee recommends the Board:

- 1) *Create the Richmond/San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee to be governed by the Ralph M. Brown Act, and appoint the Steering Committee members, **including two voting Co-Chairs who must be members from the community**, who have equal authority over planning and facilitating meetings.*

Finally, the Committee was to receive the staff presentation Assembly Bill 617 Richmond/San Pablo Path to Clean Air Discussion Items. However, rather than asking Air District staff to give the presentation, the consensus of the Committee members present was that the matter should be postponed. There was discussion concerning the level of involvement that the industry should have on the proposed Steering Committee, and which of the Board's committees would be most appropriate to interview the Steering Committee candidates prior to making recommendations on selections to the Board. The Committee requested that this item be returned on a future agenda following further discussion with the Richmond and San Pablo Communities.

The next meeting of this committee will be held at the Call of the Chair. I move that the Board approve the Committee's recommendation. This concludes the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access, and Inclusion.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed which of the Board's committees will interview and recommend Richmond/San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee candidates to the Board.

Board Action

Director Hurt made a motion, seconded by Director Cutter, to **create** the Richmond/San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee to be governed by the Ralph M. Brown Act, and **appoint** the Steering Committee members, including two voting Co-Chairs who must be members from the community, who have equal authority over planning and facilitating meetings; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Barrett, Bauters, Chavez, Cutter, Gioia, Groom, Haggerty, Hudson, Hurt, Miley, Mitchoff, Ross, Sinks, Walton, Wilson.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Abe-Koga, Canepa, Jue, Kniss, Rice, Spring, Wagenknecht, Zane.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

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

No requests received.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

13. Board Members' Comments

Director Bauters thanked Air District staff for working with him to develop an active transportation incentive for Board members. He noted that the tentative upcoming Legislative Committee schedule may pose scheduling conflicts for him and requested that Air District staff finds a way for him to communicate with the Legislative Committee if he has to miss meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

14. Report of the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer

Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer, announced the following:

- The Air District has called three Spare the Air alerts during the Winter Spare the Air season thus far in 2020. It is unknown whether such alerts will be issued on December 25 and 31.
- Regarding Board member compensation/reimbursement, an active transportation reimbursement rate for Board members has been established, which will require the Air

District's Administrative Code to be amended. Legislation will be pursued to implement the aforementioned proposed active transportation *incentive* for Board members, perhaps not limited to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District but extended to other California air districts as well.

- Due to the broadcasting of the presidential inauguration on January 20, 2021, the Air District's Annual Board of Directors Retreat will begin at 1:00 pm on that day, virtually.

Public Comments

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

15. **Chairperson's Report**

Chair Sinks announced the following:

- The Contra Costa City Selection Committee reappointed Director Ross to the Air District's Board on December 3, 2020. His new two-year term expires January 6, 2023.
- The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors reappointed Director Groom to the Air District's Board on December 8, 2020. Her new term begins January 1, 2021 and expires until December 31, 2022, which is the end of her supervisorial term. She will term out of both offices at the same time.
- Chair Sinks noted key accomplishments of the Air District in 2020, which included the AB 617 West Oakland Community Action Plan; the Air District's Wildfire Response program; the South Bay Odor Study; building decarbonization efforts; the hiring of Veronica Eady as Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy & Equity; the formation of the Air District Board's Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access, and Inclusion; and the Air District's Advisory Council's Particulate Matter Reduction Strategy Report.

16. **Time and Place of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

17. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards