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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Legislative Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 12, 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.

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Legislative Committee (Committee) Chairperson, Margaret Abe-Koga, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Present: Chairperson Margaret Abe-Koga; Vice Chairperson Brad Wagenknecht; and Directors David Canepa, Pauline Russo Cutter, John Gioia, Scott Haggerty, Davina Hurt, Tyrone Jue, and Karen Mitchoff.

Absent: Director John Bauters.

Also Present: Board Chair Rod Sinks.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Canepa made a motion, seconded by Director Mitchoff, to approve the Minutes of September 30, 2020; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Abe-Koga, Canepa, Cutter, Haggerty, Hurt, Jue, Sinks.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Bauters, Gioia, Mitchoff, Wagenknecht.

3. 2021 LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

Mr. Abbs stated that after the November 3, 2020 election, the California State Senate had moved to a super democratic majority, and the California State Assembly remains in a democratic majority. He added that Alex Lee won the 25th California Assembly seat, replacing Kansen Chu, and that on December 7, 2020, the Legislature will swear in its new members and start another session in January 2021.

Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, described several of the Air District's legislative priorities, which are currently being pursued and developed. These include:

- Identifying a new author and updating the language for failed Assembly Bill 3211 (Bauer-Kahan), which would allow air districts to adopt local rules related to toxic air contaminants at indirect sources of air pollution, and allow collection of data that will help air districts work with these sources and communities to reduce health impacts;
- Composition of Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board membership;
- Reauthorization of the Carl Moyer Program, which provides grant funding for cleaner-than-required vehicular engines and equipment. This program is scheduled to sunset in 2023, and program allocations to air districts specifically, have been reduced, due to a State budget cap;
- Maintaining *and* increasing multi-year, Assembly Bill 617 funding for implementation *and* incentives. This is contingent upon Cap and Trade auction revenues that are being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Identifying a new author and updating the language for failed Assembly Bill 2882 (K. Chu), which would require that private schools and charter schools meet the same siting requirements as public schools; and
- Working with the California Air Resources Board to procure the funding promised for the Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Centers for Vulnerable Populations Incentive Pilot Program, derived from Assembly Bill 836 (Wicks), which the Governor passed in 2019. This bill provides funding to retrofit ventilation systems to create a network of clean air centers to mitigate adverse health impacts due to wildfires and other smoke events.
- Monitoring a new climate change and clean air bond that is under development and would be on the statewide ballot in 2022.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jed Holzman, 350 Bay Area; and Dr. Stephen Rosenblum, Palo Alto resident.

NOTED PRESENT: Vice Chair Wagenknecht was noted present at 10:00 a.m.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed actions that agencies are taking in other parts of the world to improve air quality, their interaction with the Air District, and the Air District's monitoring of the UN Conference on Climate Change; the future of California's Cap and Trade program auctions; challenges in pursuing indirect source authority; forecasted activities concerning the

Carl Moyer program reauthorization, and the California Energy Commission and CalRecycle's anticipated involvement in the process; whether the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's legislative priorities align with those of the Air District; the development of the Air District's bill that would change the composition of its membership to include a member from the environmental justice community, and how the formation of the Air District's first Community Advisory Council may help advise this undertaking; and the suggestion that the Air District holds virtual meetings with new and existing Legislators to apprise them of the Air District's upcoming and ongoing legislative objectives.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

Director Mitchoff noted that global warming and climate change issues that were addressed in the television series, *The West Wing*, in the early 2000s, have yet to be remedied or took a long time to implement. She hopes that things move faster, moving forward.

6. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

At the conclusion of the meeting, the next meeting date was to be Thursday, December 3, 2020. After the meeting adjourned, the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards