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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Mobile Source Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 24, 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

Mobile Source Committee (Committee) Chair, David Canepa, called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Present: Chairperson David Canepa; Vice Chair Tyrone Jue; and Directors Pauline Russo Cutter, Scott Haggerty, David Hudson, Liz Kniss, Karen Mitchoff, Katie Rice, and Lori Wilson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Board Chairperson Rod Sinks.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2020

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Kniss made a motion, seconded by Director Mitchoff, to **approve** the Minutes of June 18, 2020; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Canepa, Haggerty, Hudson, Kniss, Mitchoff, Rice, Sinks, Wilson.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Cutter, Jue.

3. PROJECTS AND CONTRACTS WITH PROPOSED GRANT AWARDS OVER \$100,000

Karen Schkolnick, Division Director of Strategic Incentives, introduced Alona Davis, Air Quality Programs Manager, who gave the staff presentation *Projects and Contracts with Proposed Awards Over \$100,000*, including: overview; Carl Moyer Program (CMP), Mobile Source Incentive Fund (MSIF), Community Health Protection (CHP), and Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) project recommendations over \$100,000; Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) project recommendations over \$100,000; incentive funding awarded and recommended since July 2020 by funding source, project category, and county; incentive funding offered by Air District; and recommended actions.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Cutter was noted present at 11:44 a.m., and Vice Chair Jue was noted present at 11:50 a.m.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether all of the available funding (for all funding sources/programs) typically gets allocated by the end of each program’s funding cycle; whether there is a lack of applicants for any of the programs; which programs are included in the recommended action; whether the Air District has considered enhancing its Agricultural Waste Chipping program so as to decrease open burning activity, especially in areas nestled in canyons in the Bay Area, and the need for the Air District to be cognizant of the green waste that is produced; and the need for the Air District to play a more active role in fire prevention.

Committee Action

Director Kniss made a motion, seconded by Director Cutter, to recommend that the Board **approve** recommended projects with proposed grant awards over \$100,000 and **authorize** the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer to enter into all necessary agreements with applicants for the recommended projects;

AYES: Canepa, Cutter, Haggerty, Hudson, Kniss, Mitchoff, Rice, Sinks, Wilson.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: Jue.
ABSENT: None.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR CLEAN AIR’S REGIONAL FUND AND COUNTY PROGRAM MANAGER FUND POLICIES FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING (FYE) 2018, 2019, 2020, AND 2021

Ms. Schkolnick introduced Linda Hui, Senior Staff Specialist, who gave the staff presentation *Amendments to Transportation Fund for Clean Air’s Regional Fund and County Program Manager Fund Policies for FYE 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021*, including: overview; TFCA;

COVID-19 effects and timeline; proposed TFCA policy amendments for FYE 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021; and recommended action.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Michael Stevenson, San Mateo County Transit District; and Andy Burke, Valley Transportation Authority.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the reason for the proposed removal of restrictions regarding matching funding for Regional Fund Policy #28, and whether this amendment would impact shuttle operators; and the need to reduce administrative costs where they are not warranted.

Committee Action

Board Chair Sinks made a motion, seconded by Director Cutter, to recommend that the Board **approve** proposed amendments to the Transportation Fund for Clean Air’s Regional Fund and County Program Manager Policies for Fiscal Years Ending 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, to **allow** up to 24 months for projects to commence, and to **remove** restrictions regarding match funding requirements for the Existing Shuttle/Feeder Bus Service project category; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Canepa, Cutter, Haggerty, Hudson, Jue, Kniss, Mitchoff, Rice, Sinks, Wilson.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

No requests received.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

The Committee and staff discussed Executive Order N-79-20, issued on September 23, 2020 by Governor Newsom. The Order focuses on climate change, vehicular transportation emissions, and fossil fuel production in California.

- Chair Canepa thanked Air District staff for its progressive and bold programs and initiatives, such as Diesel Free by ‘33.
- Board Chair Sinks appreciated the partnership that the Air District has with the California Air Resources Board and added that people need to transition off of gas-powered kitchen appliances.
- Director Cutter suggested that more funds be allocated to the Air District’s Wood Smoke Reduction Incentive program.

- Director Rice requested that Air District staff provide the Board with an analysis of the items in Executive Order N-79-20, specifying whether the aspirations within are aggressive enough, mentioning historical fleet turnover, and how can the Air District can help accelerate adoption.
- Director Kniss asked what authority the Air District has regarding improving indoor air quality, especially with the presence of COVID-19.
- Vice Chair Jue remarked that sustainable, multi-modal transportation options are just as important to prioritize as vehicle electrification.

7. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Originally, the next meeting of the Mobile Source Committee was to be on Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. At the conclusion of the meeting, the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards