

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Board of Directors Special Meeting/Board Orientation
Wednesday, January 13, 2021

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, Cindy Chavez, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Cindy Chavez; Vice Chairperson Karen Mitchoff; Secretary John Bauters; and Directors Teresa Barrett, David Canepa, Rich Constantine, Pauline Russo Cutter, John Gioia, Erin Hannigan, David Haubert, David Hudson, Davina Hurt, Tyrone Jue, Nate Miley, Katie Rice, Mark Ross, Rod Sinks, Brad Wagenknecht, Shamann Walton, and Lori Wilson.

Absent: Directors Margaret Abe-Koga and Carole Groom.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS 2 – 4)

2. Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting of December 16, 2020
3. Minutes of the Board of Directors and Advisory Council Joint Meeting of December 16, 2020
4. Report of the Stationary Source Committee Meeting of December 17, 2020

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

None.

Board Action

Director Wagenknecht made a motion, seconded by Director Cutter, to **approve** the Consent Calendar Items 2 through 4, inclusive; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

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

BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

NOTED PRESENT: Directors Haubert and Miley were noted present at 9:36 a.m., and Director Jue was noted present at 9:45 a.m.

5. Opening Comments and Board Structure

Director Chavez gave the presentation *Opening Comments and Board Structure*, including: requested Board action; overview; consolidated the number of committees; consistent committee management; and transparency and accessibility for the public.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; Frances Keeler, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance; Bob Brown, Western States Petroleum Association; Steve Nadel, Sunflower Alliance; and Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed the proposed change of appointing two co-chairs per Air District Board Committee, and how that would differ from the existing format of a committee chair and vice-chair; the proposed consolidation of the existing Stationary and Climate Protection Committees; the anticipated frequency of (consolidated) committee meetings; whether comments from members of the public should be heard before comments from Board/committee, after a presentation is given; the request to prioritize the improvement of indoor air quality, and which (consolidated) committee(s) would be most appropriate to discuss that issue; and whether Board/committee members will be allowed to ask “clarifying questions” after presentations are given, before the public provides their comments.

A. Introduction of the Air District

Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO), gave the staff presentation *Introduction to the Air District*, including: requested Board action; mission statement; Air District background; high-level air quality overview; air monitoring network; Air District overview; Air District organizational chart; Senior Deputy Executive Officers; Deputy APCOs; and accessing Board materials.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed challenges of implementing Air District regulations; challenges due to the Air District's lack of land use authority; and how the Air District weighs information, when science is unsettled on a matter it is deliberating on.

B. Air District Financial Overview

Dr. Jeff McKay, Chief Financial Officer, gave the staff presentation *Overview of Air District Finances*, including: requested Board action; outline; actual reserves and policy; staffing trend-filled positions; General Fund revenue and expenditure trends; medical retirement Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB); General Fund revenue sources and expenditures from Fiscal Year Ending 2021 Proposed Budget; Fiscal Year Ending 2021 adopted budget summary; actions taken during downturns; and cost recovery background.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed the current amount in the Air District's General Fund reserves; the Air District's OPEB funding policy; and the preliminary outlook on Air District permit fees during the COVID pandemic.

C. Air Quality Overview

Dr. Ranyee Chiang, Director of Meteorology and Measurement, and Henry Hilken, Director of Planning and Climate Protection, gave the staff presentation *Air District and Air Quality Overview*, including: requested Board action; presentation outline; mission; air pollutants and their impacts; Bay Area greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; air pollution terms; measurements throughout the Bay Area, navigating air quality information; emissions inventory: estimates of sources of air pollution; air quality modeling: understanding pollutant behavior, exposure, and health impacts; community engagement: collaborative relationships to support Air District mission; 2017 Clean Air Plan; Assembly Bill (AB) 617 – plans to go local; rule development; permits; Compliance and Enforcement; collaborating statewide and regionally; collaborating with cities and counties; Bay Area GHG emissions – examples; consumption-based GHG emissions; Climate Protection program; incentives: grants for clean air and climate solutions; incentives: innovative financing for innovative technologies; communications: promoting behavior change; and contact the Air District.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dr. Stephen Rosenblum, 350 Silicon Valley.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed how California’s Cap and Trade program interacts with Air District permitting; and whether vehicular emissions are being reduced, due to the COVID pandemic.

D. Air District Legal Authorities 101

Brian Bunger, District Counsel, introduced himself to the Board, as new Board members were present, and explained the Air District’s authority and the roles of the Board and staff. Mr. Bunger will give a full presentation on the Air District’s legal authorities at a future Board meeting.

Public Comments

No requests.

Board Comments

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

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

Public comments were given by Tony Fisher, Coalition for Clean Air; and Ken Szutu, Vallejo Citizen Air Monitoring Network.

BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

7. Board Members’ Comments

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer, had nothing to report.

9. Chairperson’s Report

Chair Chavez thanked Rob Rennie for observing the meeting, as he will be a Board member, beginning February 2021. She also announced the following:

- The Cities Association of Santa Clara County appointed Mayor of Morgan Hill, Rich Constantine to the Air District’s Board on November 12, 2020. His two-year term expires January 1, 2023.
- The Solano County Board of Supervisors appointed Supervisor Erin Hannigan to the Air District’s Board on January 5, 2021. Her term is from January 5, 2021 to January 5, 2025.

- The Alameda County Board of Supervisors appointed Supervisor David Haubert to the Air District's Board on January 12, 2021. Director Haubert is filling the remainder of former Board member, Scott Haggerty's current Air District Board term, which ends on April 11, 2021.
- The Alameda County Board of Supervisors reappointed Director Miley to the Air District's Board on November 17, 2020. His new term is from January 14, 2021 to January 15, 2025.

10. Time and Place of Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards