

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 7, 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 Board of Directors 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 Margaret Abe-Koga, Teresa Barrett, David Canepa, Pauline Russo Cutter, John Gioia, Erin Hannigan, David Haubert, David Hudson, Davina Hurt, Myrna Melgar, Nate Miley, Rob Rennie, Mark Ross, Brad Wagenknecht, Shamann Walton, and Lori Wilson.

Absent: Directors Rich Constantine, Carole Groom, Lynda Hopkins, Tyrone Jue, Katie Rice.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS 2 – 11)

2. Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of June 16, 2021, and Board of Directors Special Meeting of June 25, 2021
3. Board Communications Received from June 16, 2021, through July 6, 2021
4. Notices of Violations Issued and Settlements in Excess of \$10,000 in the Month of May 2021
5. Authorization to Execute Contract with the University of Washington to Estimate Sources of Fine Particulate Matter Health Burdens and Exposure Inequities in all Bay Area Communities
6. Projects and Contracts with Proposed Grant Awards Over \$100,000
7. Adoption of Proposed Amendments to the Air District's Administrative Code, Division I: Operating Policies and Procedures, Section 6: Board of Directors, Committees

- 8. Stationary Source and Climate Impacts Committee Meeting
 - 8.1 **ACTION REQUESTED:** Receive Committee Chair Summary Report of June 21, 2021
 - 8.2 Report of the Stationary Source and Climate Impacts Committee Meeting of June 21, 2021
- 9. Richmond Area Community Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee Meeting
 - 9.1 **ACTION REQUESTED:** Receive Committee Chair Summary Reports of April 19, 2021, May 17, 2021, and June 21, 2021
 - 9.2 Report of the Richmond Area Community Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee Meetings of April 19, 2021, May 17, 2021, and June 21, 2021
- 10. Mobile Source and Climate Impacts Committee Meeting
 - 10.1 **ACTION REQUESTED:** Receive Committee Chair Summary Report of June 24, 2021
 - 10.2 Report of the Mobile Source and Climate Impacts Committee Meeting of June 24, 2021

The Board of Directors approved the following:

- A) **ACTION REQUESTED: Projects and Contracts with Proposed Grant Awards Over \$100,000**
 - 1) *Approve recommended projects with proposed grant awards over \$100,000, including a policy waiver to allow the Transportation Fund for Clean Air Regional Fund to be used as match for two recommended school bus projects;*
 - 2) *Waive Policy #2, regarding Cost-Effectiveness, of the Transportation Fund for Clean Air Regional Fund to allow the replacement of diesel buses with electric zero-emission buses to be fully reimbursable with Air District grant funding; and*
 - 3) *Authorize the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO) to enter into all necessary agreements with applicants for the recommended projects.*
- B) **ACTION REQUESTED: Light-duty Electric Vehicle Charging Programs and Charge! Projects**
 - 1) *Approve the Charge! Program rank list and recommended projects with proposed grant awards; and*
 - 2) *Authorize the Executive Officer/APCO to enter into all necessary agreements with applicants for the recommended projects.*
- 11. Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting
 - 11.1 **ACTION REQUESTED:** Receive Committee Chair Summary Report of July 1, 2021

11.2 Report of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting of July 1, 2021

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

None.

Board Action

Director Wilson made a motion, seconded by Director Wagenknecht, to **approve** Consent Calendar Items 2 through 11, inclusive; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

PRESENTATIONS

12. Consider Recommendation of Advisory Council Interview Panel to Reappoint Three Incumbents and Approve Appointment of Four Candidates to the Advisory Council

Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer, APCO, introduced Terri Levels, Director of People and Engagement, who gave the staff presentation *Advisory Council Selection*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; review of California Health and Safety Code; background on recruitment; review of qualified candidates; Board of Directors selection of candidates; and next steps.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Hannigan was noted 9:50 a.m.

Public Comments

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

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed the interview panel's effort to reflect diversity in the proposed slate; whether there were incumbents who were not reappointed; the composition of the interview panel; and the request for an evaluation of the Advisory Council interview process (should there have been more people on the interview panel and could have outreach been improved.)

Board Action

Director Hurt made a motion, seconded by Director Cutter, to **reappoint** three incumbents (Gina Solomon, Michael Kleinman, and Linda Rudolph) and **approve** appointment of four candidates (Garima Raheja,

Adrienne Hollis, Danny Cullenward, and Pallavi Phartiyal) to the Air District’s Advisory Council; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

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

13. **Update of Wildfire Programs and Messaging**

A. Update on Wildfire Program, Request to Accept State Funding and to Move Funding from Current Reserves into the Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2022 Budget

Damian Breen, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Operations, introduced Tracy Lee, Manager of Compliance & Enforcement, who gave the staff presentation *Update on Wildfire Program*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; 2021 fire season outlook; 2021 fire season likely to start earlier; Assembly Bill (AB) 836 – clean air centers; funding and California Air Resources Board engagement; Wildfire Preparedness Program; partnerships with counties and Red Cross; and requested action.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Gioia was noted present at 10:15 a.m.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed the reason that the monies allocated for air filtration improvements in the Bay Area (under AB 836: Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Center Incentive Program for Vulnerable Populations) might not arrive in time to make a difference for the 2021 wildfire season; the number of wildfire programs at the Air District; whether the Air District plans to address ways to regulate fires started by utility companies; concerns about redesignating the \$1 million (M) reserve for “Woodsmoke” in the Air District’s FYE 2022 Budget, and from which program or fund the \$1M might be replaced later; the need for cities (not only counties) to become recipients of the Air District’s Wildfire Preparedness Program, especially cities that act as emergency centers during wildfire activity; the concern that wildfire prevention is an important element missing from the report; the request that the Air District forms partnerships and engages with the Bay Area counties’ Emergency Operations Centers prior to working with the red cross; the request for status updates on the Air District’s Wood Smoke Reduction Incentive Program at upcoming Administration Committee and Stationary Source & Climate Impacts Committee meetings; and the request that the Administration Committee considers adding an additional \$1 million to the Wood Smoke Reduction Incentive Program from current reserves.

Board Action

Director Barrett made a motion, seconded by Director Cutter, to:

authorize the Executive Officer/APCO to enter into a contract with the California Air Resources Board to **accept** Cleaner Air Centers – Assembly Bill 836 Funding in an amount not to exceed \$5 million;

authorize that \$1 million reserve for “Woodsmoke” in the Fiscal Year Ending 2022 Budget be redesignated to fund a Wildfire Preparedness Program;

authorize the Executive Officer/APCO to enter into or expand contracts or agreements with Bay Area Counties and the Red Cross to expend aforementioned funding;

form partnerships and **engage** with the Bay Area counties’ Emergency Operations Centers prior to working with the red cross;

request status updates on the Air District’s Wood Smoke Reduction Incentive Program at upcoming Administration Committee and Stationary Source & Climate Impacts Committee meetings; and

request that the Administration Committee considers adding an additional \$1 million to the Wood Smoke Reduction Incentive Program from current reserves.

The motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

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

B. Update on Wildfire Smoke Mask Messaging

Mr. Breen introduced Dr. Judith Cutino, Health Officer, who gave the staff presentation *Update on Wildfire Smoke Mask Messaging*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; mask messaging; and feedback requested.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

None.

Board Action

None; receive and file.

14. James Cary Smith Community Grant Program

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy and Equity, gave the staff presentation *James Cary Smith Community Grant Program*, including: outcomes; outline; requested action; background; current community engagement grant programs; 2021 grant program evaluation; presentation to Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee; proposed path forward; eligible activities; proposed timeline; and action requested.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed which applicants and projects are eligible to apply for Assembly Bill (AB) 617 grants; the benefits of proposed multi-year grants; the request to build metrics that allow for flexibility (if an approach to a project isn't working) into the James Cary Smith Community Grant Program; and the suggestion that the grant selection panel be more cross sectoral.

Board Action

Director Bauters made a motion, seconded by Director Hudson, to **authorize** the release of Grant Guidelines and Call for Applications for the FY 2021/2022 James Cary Smith Community Grant Program; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

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

No requests received.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

16. Board Members' Comments

Director Hudson thanked Air District staff for participating in a panel at the Air & Waste Management Association's 114th Annual Conference. The panel was held on June 16, 2021, and was entitled "A Path Forward for Particulate Matter Regulation in the Bay Area: Results, Findings, and Recommendations." Director Hudson suggested that the Air District speaks about wildfires at the Air & Waste Management Association's 115th Annual Conference, which will take place in San Francisco.

Director Gioia introduced Brian Sheridan of the Coalition for Clean Air, who gave a brief presentation on California Clean Air Day, which is a project of the Coalition.

OTHER BUSINESS

17. Report of the Executive Officer/APCO

Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer/APCO, reported that this time of year is the beginning of "smog season." The Bay Area experienced two exceedances of National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone this year, which is anticipated to increase with warmer temperatures. Air District staff also presented a video

called “Choose Transit”, which will be on aired on social media and television, in partnership with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Bay Area transit operators.

18. **Chairperson’s Report**

Chair Chavez asked Director Hurt, Co-Chair of the Community, Health, and Justice Committee, to report on the development and seating of the Air District’s Community Advisory Committee. Director Hurt reported that on July 1, 2021, the Community, Health, and Justice Committee heard feedback from members of the public on what they wanted to see regarding recruitment for the Community Advisory Committee. The Committee discussed potential composition of the Community Advisory Committee, used CalEnviroScreen to determine most impacted areas by poor air quality, and established a total of 15 seats for the Community Advisory Committee. Recruitment will be opened in mid to late July. Methods by which to review applications, including the participation from Board members, members of the community, and Air District staff, are being determined. Board members who are interested in participating should let Director Hurt know as soon as possible. In September, the Community, Health, and Justice Committee will discuss the applications and in October, plan to recommend a slate of candidates to the Board.

Chair Chavez then made the following announcements:

- The Contra Costa County Board of Directors reappointed Director Gioia to another 4-year term on the Air District’s Board of Directors, expiring on June 17, 2025.
- The Board will resume its consideration of amendments to Regulation 6-5 (Particulate Emissions from Refinery Fluidized Catalytic Cracking Units) on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Those wishing to provide public comments must not have given public comments on this item at the June 2, 2021, Board meeting, and will have 30 seconds each.

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

Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

20. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka

Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards