

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 1, 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 9:43 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Cindy Chavez; Vice Chairperson Karen Mitchoff; and Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, Teresa Barrett, David Canepa, Rich Constantine, John Gioia, David Haubert, Lynda Hopkins, David Hudson, Davina Hurt, Tyrone Jue, Nate Miley, Rob Rennie, Katie Rice, Mark Ross, Shamann Walton, and Lori Wilson.

Absent: Secretary John Bauters; and Directors Pauline Russo Cutter, Carole Groom, Erin Hannigan, Myrna Melgar, and Brad Wagenknecht.

COMMENDATION/PROCLAMATION/AWARDS

2. The Board of Directors recognized outgoing Advisory Councilmembers Stan Hayes, Dr. Jane Long, and Dr. Timothy Lipman for their outstanding leadership on the Advisory Council. Board members gave their remarks of gratitude and acknowledgement, and the recipients that were present gave departing remarks.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS 3 – 13)

3. Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of August 4, 2021
4. Board Communications Received from August 4, 2021 through August 31, 2021
5. Air District Personnel on Out-of-State Business Travel
6. Notices of Violations Issued and Settlements in Excess of \$10,000 in the Month of July 2021
7. Quarterly Report of the Executive Office and Division Activities for the Months of April 2021-June 2021

- 8. Quarterly Report of California Air Resources Board Representative – Honorable Davina Hurt
- 9. Authorize the Executive Officer/APCO to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) Related to the Administration of Pass-Through Environmental Protection Agency 105 Grant Funds Designated for CAPCOA
- 10. Authorization to Amend Consultation Bench Contracts
- 11. Consider Approval of Hiring Recommendation at Step E of Salary Range for Environmental Justice Officer
- 12. Public Meeting to Consider Adoption of a Certification that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District’s Non-Attainment New Source Review Permitting Program Meets the Requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act as a Result of the Bay Area’s Designation as “Non-Attainment” of the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
- 13. Richmond Area Community Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee Meeting
- 13.1 **ACTION REQUESTED:** Receive Committee Chair Summary Report of August 16, 2021
- 13.2 Report of the Richmond Area Community Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee Meeting of August 16, 2021

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

None.

Board Action

Director Hudson made a motion, seconded by Director Abe-Koga, to **approve** Consent Calendar Items 3 through 13.2, inclusive; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

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

PRESENTATION

14. Update on Clean Air Filtration Program

Tracy Lee, Compliance and Enforcement Manager, gave the staff presentation *Update on Clean Air Filtration Program*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; largest California wildfires since 2007; climate change impacts on wildfires; wildfires burning as of August 29, 2021; Northern California wildfires from Aug 31, 2021; wildfire smoke health impacts; other impacts from wildfires; Wildfire Air Quality Response program and initiatives; and Clean Air Filtration program, expansion, and education and outreach.

Public Comments

Public comments were made by Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed the request that the final slide in the presentation (and videos created by Air District staff) be sent to the Board members for circulation to their constituents, in various languages); the feasibility of a portable filtration leasing program for congregate settings; the suggestion that the Air District seeks partnerships with Federally Qualified Health Centers, community clinics, and in-home supportive services department in each Bay Area county; the need to educate people on how Particulate Matter exposure in the home can impact the health of asthmatics, youth, and seniors; the need for increased funding for the Wildfire Air Quality Response and Clean Air Filtration programs; differing opinions on whether the Air District should supply the public with N-95 respirators during wildfire season, the request that the Board's Administration and Legislative Committee's discuss this issue in depth, and the request that the Air District obtains (in writing) each Bay Area county's position on the use of N95 masks during wildfire season; the suggestion of educating the public about "do it yourself" filtration upgrades for homes; the need to prioritize targeted populations, using the partnerships that the Air District has in each Bay Area county.

Board Action

None; receive and file.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

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

Public comments were given by Brian Hubinger, Chevron.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

16. Board Members' Comments

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

17. Report of the Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO)

Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer/APCO, reported the following:

- The Bay Area has experienced an increase in ozone exceedances thus far in 2021 (based on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards) since the August 8th Board meeting. Due to wildfire activity, it is anticipated that the Bay Area will continue to see smoky skies for the next few months.

- Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, discussed two bills (Assembly Bills 339 and 361) regarding the expanded use of teleconferencing into local government agency public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, beyond Executive Order N-29-20's expiration date of September 30, 2021.
- A Request for Qualifications, regarding the management audit of the Air District that was requested by the Board, was issued and resulted in six responses.
- The California Public Utilities Commission will be holding hearings about its planned allocation of (as much as) \$100,000,000 to expand broadband internet service throughout California. As the Air District's Flex Your Commute program encourages employers to incentivize their employees' remote work, equitable and reliable internet access is of interest to the Air District. The APCO will seek authorization from the Board on September 15, 2021 to act as a party to this CPUC action.

18. **Chairperson's Report**

Chair Chavez announced the following:

- Due to the interest generated by the study conducted for Santa Clara County entitled "Leaded Aviation Gasoline Exposure Risk at Reid-Hillview Airport in Santa Clara County, California", published in August 2021, it has been requested that Air District staff present on lead emissions standards, monitoring efforts, and the impact of leaded fuel on the community, at the October 6 Board meeting.
- The recruitment is still open for the Air District's first Community Advisory Council. The recruitment closes on September 7, 2021 at 5:00pm.
- A new funding cycle for the Air District's James Cary Smith Community Grant Program has opened. Community groups, neighborhood associations, and nonprofit organizations may apply.

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

The next Board meeting was originally scheduled for October 6, 2021. However, before the adjournment of the meeting, the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 9:00 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 11:04 a.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards