

#### COMMUNITY EQUITY, HEALTH AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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THURSDAY JULY 1, 2021 9:30 A.M.

## **AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### PUBLIC MEETING PROCEDURE

The Committee Co-Chairs shall call the meeting to order, and the Clerk of the Boards shall take roll of the Committee members.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items** The public may comment on each item on the agenda as the item is taken up. Members of the public who wish to speak on matters on the agenda for the meeting, will have three minutes each to address the Committee. No speaker who has already spoken on that item will be entitled to speak to that item again.

Staff/Phone (415) 749-

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM 2)**

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2021

Clerk of the Boards/5073

The Committee will consider approving the attached draft minutes of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee meeting of June 3, 2021.

#### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **REGULAR AGENDA (ITEMS 3-8)**

3. COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRPERSON HURT AND CO-CHAIRPERSON JUE WILL REPORT ON COMMUNITY CONVENING SESSION HELD ON JUNE 23, 2021 V. Eady/4646

veady@baaqmd.gov

Committee Co-Chairpersons Hurt and Jue will provide an update to the Committee on the Community Convening Session held on June 23, 2021.

4. **COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES** 

V. Eady/4646 veady@baaqmd.gov

The Committee will receive a presentation from Ms. Roxanne Carrillo Garza, who will discuss her work with Healthy Richmond.

#### 5. PROPOSED CONCEPTS TO AMEND THE PERMITTING REGULATION

G. Nudd/4786

gnudd@baaqmd.gov

The Committee will receive an update on staff's proposed concepts to amend the Air District's Permitting Regulation.

# 6. DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL G. Nudd/4786

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The Committee will receive an update on community engagement and outreach efforts and Air District staff seek input on the next steps in the formation of the Community Advisory Council.

#### 7. AIR DISTRICT-WIDE EQUITY PLAN UPDATE

T. Williams/4623

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The Committee will receive an update on the Air District-wide Equity Plan and regarding the selection of the Global Community Advancement Center (GCAC) to assist with the creation and detailed elements of the Equity Plan.

#### 8. SPARE THE AIR PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

K. Roselius/4647

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K. Law/4653 klaw@baagmd.gov

The Committee will receive a summary of the Spare the Air programs and will provide feedback on program recommendations.

#### **END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

#### 9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Members of the public who wish to speak on matters not on the agenda for the meeting, will have three minutes each to address the Committee.

#### 10. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Any member of the Committee, or its staff, on his or her own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, may: ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement or report on his or her own activities, provide a reference to staff regarding factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (Gov't Code § 54954.2)

### 11. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

### 12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee meeting shall be adjourned by the Committee Co-Chairs.

#### **CONTACT:**

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# BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 375 BEALE STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105 FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL (415) 749-4941

# EXECUTIVE OFFICE: MONTHLY CALENDAR OF AIR DISTRICT MEETINGS

# **JULY 2021**

TYPE OF MEETING	<b>DAY</b>	DATE	<u>TIME</u>	ROOM
Board of Directors Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee	Thursday	1	9:30 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
Board of Directors Special Meeting as the Sole Member of the Bay Area Clean Air Foundation – CANCELLED	Wednesday	7	9:00 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	Wednesday	7	9:30 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
<b>Board of Directors Stationary Source and Climate Impacts Committee</b>	Monday	19	9:00 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
Board of Directors Special Meeting as the Sole Member of the Bay Area Clean Air Foundation – CANCELLED & RESCHEDULED TO WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.	Wednesday	21	9:00 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
<b>Board of Directors Special Meeting</b>	Wednesday	21	8:30 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
Board of Directors Administration Committee – CANCELLED	Wednesday	21	9:30 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
<b>Board of Directors Legislative Committee</b> - CANCELLED	Wednesday	21	1:00 p.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
<b>Board of Directors Mobile Source and Climate Impacts Committee</b>	Thursday	22	9:30 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20

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### BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairpersons Davina Hurt and Tyrone Jue and Members

of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 28, 2021

Re: Approval of the Minutes of June 3, 2021

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the attached draft minutes of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee (Committee) meeting of June 3, 2021.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Attached for your review and approval are the draft minutes of the Committee meeting of June 3, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: <u>Marcy Hiratzka</u> Reviewed by: <u>Vanessa Johnson</u>

Attachment 2A: Draft Minutes of the Committee Meeting of June 3, 2021

Draft Minutes - Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting of June 3, 2021

Bay Area Air Quality Management District 375 Beale Street, Suite 600 San Francisco, California 94105 (415) 749-5073

#### **DRAFT MINUTES**

Summary of Board of Directors Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting Thursday, June 3, 2021

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

Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee (Committee) Co-Chairperson, Davina Hurt, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Co-Chairpersons Davina Hurt and Tyrone Jue; and Directors John Bauters,

Rich Constantine, Carole Groom, Brad Wagenknecht, and Lori Wilson.

Absent: Vice Chairperson Nate Miley; Directors John Gioia, and Shamann Walton.

Also Present: None.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2021

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No requests received.

**Committee Comments** 

None.

#### Committee Action

Director Wagenknecht made a motion, seconded by Director Groom, to **approve** the Minutes of May 6, 2021; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Bauters, Constantine, Groom, Hurt, Jue, Wagenknecht.

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Gioia, Miley, Walton, Wilson.

# 3. COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR HURT AND CO-CHAIR JUE WILL REPORT BACK ON COMMUNITY CONVENING SESSION HELD ON MAY 26, 2021

The Committee then heard a report from the Committee Co-Chairperson, Tyrone Jue, regarding the Community Convening Session that was held on May 26, 2021. Attendees included the Committee Co-Chairs, Air District staff, and community advocates from various Bay Area communities. The proposed formation and seating of the Air District's Community Advisory Council (CAC) was primarily discussed, and the next Community Convening session will take place on June 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Public Comments**

No requests received.

#### **Committee Comments**

None.

#### Committee Action

None: receive and file.

#### 4. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy & Equity, introduced Menlo Park City Council Member, Cecilia T. Taylor, who gave a presentation on traffic and associated air monitoring initiatives in the neighborhood of Belle Haven.

#### **Public Comments**

Public comments were given by Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; and LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Wilson was noted present at 10:04 a.m.

#### **Committee Comments**

The Committee and staff discussed impacts to residential and commercial development built within transportation corridors; the boundaries of District 1 of the City of Menlo Park; whether Menlo Park residents have been engaged in air monitoring initiatives; and resources that the Air District can provide to the City of Menlo Park.

#### Committee Action

None; receive and file.

#### 5. UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Ms. Eady gave the staff presentation *Update on Community Engagement Grant Program*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; background; current community engagement grant programs; 2021 grant program evaluation; proposed path forward; eligible activities; proposed timeline; and feedback requested.

#### **Public Comments**

Public comments were given by Quyen Vuong, International Children Assistance Network; Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council; Y'Anad Burrell, Richmond resident; LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible; Lil Milagro Henriquez, Mycelium Youth Network; Vanessa Talania, Breathe California; Domonique Brooks, Rodeo resident; Pam Jones, Menlo Park resident; and Lonnie Mason, Bayview Hunters Point resident.

#### **Committee Comments**

The Board and staff discussed whether the Air District has a formal evaluation process for the program, and whether that process includes feedback from the community; the structure of the proposed multi-year grants; the concern that some applicants do not know about this program; concerns regarding why certain applicants are chosen over others; the need for improved assistance by Air District staff for program applicants; the request that the Board members be sent program applications to circulate within their jurisdictions; public webinars on how to apply for the program; and the suggestion of creating a list of interested potential applicants to whom reminders may be sent when program funding cycles are about to close.

#### **Committee Action**

None; receive and file.

# 6. DISCUSSION ON ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 617 PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY NOMINATION PROCESS

Greg Nudd, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Policy, gave the staff presentation *Discussion on AB 617 Program and Community Nomination Process*, including: outcome; requested action; outline; renaming of AB 617 program; program overview; a community-centered program; overall program; Bay Area Communities (West Oakland, Richmond/North Richmond/San Pablo, East Oakland examples); preliminary program costs; community engagement and nomination; and next steps.

#### **Public Comments**

Public comments were given by Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council; and LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible.

#### **Committee Comments**

The Committee and staff discussed ways in which the Air District will work to develop communities that are not selected to be future recipients of AB 617 funding; the Air District's recommendation that East Oakland becomes the next recipient of AB 617 funding; and how much money the Air District spends to understand the needs of disadvantaged communities.

#### **Committee Action**

None; receive and file.

# 7. DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Ms. Eady and Co-Chairs Hurt and Jue gave the presentation *Discussion on the Development of the CAC*, including: outcome; outline; community outreach and engagement; Board of Directors' input and next steps; Board of Directors' Proposed CAC; and timeline for appointment.

#### **Public Comments**

Public comments were given by Andres Soto, Communities for a Better Environment (CBE); Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible.

#### **Committee Comments**

The Committee and staff discussed how many of the proposed 13 CAC seats should be allocated to North Bay communities; whether "East Contra Costa County" includes the Tri Valley; concerns for lack of equitable distribution of seats, and whether impacts on a community should outweigh its geographic location; the need for youth on the CAC; and the status of Air District-sponsored legislation to change the composition of the Board and to designate seats for public (non-elected official) members.

#### **Committee Action**

None; receive and file.

#### 8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Andres Soto, CBE; LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible; Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; Lonnie Mason, Bayview Hunters Point resident; Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council; and Tyler Earl, CBE.

#### 9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

#### 10. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Marcy Hiratzka Clerk of the Boards

#### BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairpersons Davina Hurt and Tyrone Jue and Members

of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 28, 2021

Re: Committee Co-Chairperson Hurt and Co-Chairperson Jue Will Report on Community

Convening Session Held June 23, 2021

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

None; receive and file.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Committee Co-Chairperson Hurt and Co-Chairperson Jue will provide an update to the Committee on the Community Convening held on June 23, 2021.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Sonam Shah-Paul
Reviewed by: Veronica Eady

#### BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairpersons Davina Hurt and Tyrone Jue and Members

of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 28, 2021

Re: Community Perspectives

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

None; receive and file.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee provides local and regional community environmental justice advocates a platform to present and share their expertise and/or lived experiences. Specific subjects and topics will vary based upon each community member's unique experience.

Healthy Richmond is one of 14 communities statewide taking part in Building Healthy Communities, a 10-year initiative funded by The California Endowment<sup>1</sup> that convenes and coordinates community-based organizations and resident leaders to collectively work towards increased health equity and racial justice in the community. Healthy Richmond has developed an in-depth program that addresses the historical disenfranchisement of North Richmond residents using a health and equity lens.

Healthy Richmond is a program that uplifts the voices of North Richmond resident leaders to create a Quality of Life Plan in response to concerns of displacement and gentrification after learning that the Contra Costa County had plans to redevelop the historical affordable housing project, Las Deltas, which is centrally located in the community. This plan seeks to guide and inform future community development. By participating in Healthy Richmond's leadership team, North Richmond resident leaders gained a deeper understanding of their leadership and change-making potential, used their voices to hold stakeholders accountable, and exercised real power.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.calendow.org/building-healthy-communities/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://healthyrichmond.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/QoL-digital-english.pdf

#### **DISCUSSION**

Roxanne Carrillo Garza is Senior Director at Healthy Richmond. She currently works with resident leaders, community-based organizations, base builders, and systems leaders to develop collective policy advocacy strategies to improve health, safety, school and neighborhood environments, and economic development opportunities. Ms. Carrillo Garza will discuss her history working as a civil servant as a Public Health Program Manager for Contra Costa County Health Services where she worked on environmental justice, alcohol policy, neighborhood improvements, and violence prevention efforts across Contra Costa County and her transformative trajectory to leading a non-profit that promotes advocacy work in her hometown. Ms. Carrillo Garza now works for RCF Connects (formerly Richmond Community Foundation) to equip residents with an understanding of how policy and systems work and work with residents to leverage their resources and build collective capacity to advocate for themselves.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: <u>Azibuike Akaba</u> Reviewed by: <u>Veronica Eady</u>

#### BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairpersons Davina Hurt and Tyrone Jue and Members

of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 28, 2021

Re: Proposed Concepts to Amend the Permitting Regulation

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

None; receive and file.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2018, the Air District committed to evaluating changes to its permitting process in response to concerns from community advocates about permits issued in areas overburdened by air pollution and other environmental and public health stressors. Since that time, staff has met internally and with community stakeholders who expressed concern over the agency's permitting process to develop potential concepts to amend the Air District's permitting regulation, Regulation 2: Permits.

Air District staff utilized air monitoring and modeling data developed for Assembly Bill 617 and Community Air Risk Evaluation (CARE) program evaluation to observe localized differences in air pollution and health risk in the Bay Area. Staff also reviewed data mapping tools developed by other public health agencies that demonstrate variability in environmental stressors and community health vulnerability at the local level. Staff then developed concepts to present to the public on potential ways to increase the health protectiveness of Regulation 2, paying particular attention to areas in which air quality and other factors contribute to increased exposure or vulnerability to air pollution. Staff presented the concepts to the public at a virtual workshop during the evening of May 12, 2021. The purpose of the workshop was to enable community members and industrial stakeholders to provide feedback on the potential concepts before staff proceeds to developing draft rule amendment language, which will occur prior to staff proposing amendments for the Board of Directors.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Staff presented the following concepts during the May 12, 2021, Virtual Public Workshop on Concepts to Amend Regulation 2: Permits:

- 1. <u>Maximum Project Cancer Risk Limit:</u> Make the allowable maximum project cancer risk limit more stringent in Regulation 2, Rule 5: New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants (Rule 2-5) in communities that are overburdened by high levels of pollution or community health vulnerability.
  - a. To identify priority communities, develop a new methodology or utilize an existing methodology or combination of methodologies that considers local disparities in air pollution, other environmental pollution, and community health.
- 2. <u>Health Risk Assessment Guidelines</u>: Update the health risk assessment guidelines that are used to screen applications for new or modified gasoline dispensing facilities subject to Rule 2-5. Revisions to the health risk assessment procedure will more accurately reflect the risk that projects at gasoline dispensing facilities post to nearby residents and workers.
- 3. <u>Noticing and Analysis Requirements</u>: Enhance noticing and analysis requirements for proposed projects in communities overburdened by high levels of pollution or health vulnerability to provide additional transparency in the permit review process. These amendments could be instituted through changes to Regulation 2, Rule 1: General Requirements, or individually through the New Source Review rules.
  - a. Enhanced noticing requirements would mean that permit applicants who would like to install or modify equipment in a community that is overburdened by high levels of pollution or health vulnerability would need to notify nearby residents within a defined radius from the proposed project site of the proposal and where to obtain documents for review.
  - b. Enhanced analysis would require applicants to describe potential environmental and public health impacts of the project for which they are submitting a permit application.
- 4. <u>Evaluate Exposure-Based Limits on Fine Particulate Matter Emissions</u>: Staff would further evaluate changes to Regulation 2, Rule 2 (Rule 2-2): New Source Review, to potentially recommend a health-based limit on allowable fine particulate matter emissions based on exposure to nearby receptors or based on background air pollution or community health vulnerability.

During the presentation to the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee, staff will review feedback received during the workshop and in response to the Concept Paper.

<u>Proposed rulemaking timeline</u>: Staff is currently evaluating comments received in response to the proposed concepts and will be preparing for a second public workshop this summer. The summer workshop will feature draft amended rule language for concepts staff identifies as shorter-term rule development efforts, and additional details on concepts staff identifies as longer-term. Staff anticipates presenting on this topic again to the Stationary Source and Climate Impacts Committee in September 2021 in advance of bringing proposed regulatory amendments before the Board of Directors by the end of 2021. Concepts staff identifies as longer-term based on public feedback and will be proposed for Board consideration at a later date.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Jacob Finkle

Reviewed by: Victor Douglas and Elizabeth Yura

#### BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairpersons Davina Hurt and Tyrone Jue and Members

of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 28, 2021

Re: <u>Discussion on the Development of the Community Advisory Council</u>

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

None; receive and file.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Air District has proposed the creation of a Community Advisory Council, composed of community advocates, to provide input on key Air District projects. In November 2020, staff shared a presentation on projects that the Community Advisory Council could provide guidance on, including the Community Benefit Fund, an Air District-wide Racial Equity Plan, and Assembly Bill (AB) 617 implementation. In June 2021, staff presented an overview of community feedback on the formation and the Community Advisory Council and sought input from the Board of Directors.

#### **DISCUSSION**

At the June 3, 2021, Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee (Committee) meeting, the Committee provided input on the composition and formation of the Community Advisory Council. The Committee stated that the composition of the Community Advisory Council should prioritize impacted communities. At the June 23, 2021, Community Convening meeting, using CalEnviroScreen 4.0 data, Air District staff shared maps of impacted communities throughout the region. Committee Co-Chairs Hurt and Jue, together with Air District staff, shared a potential composition of the Community Advisory Council informed by this data.

Community members asked questions about the data and maps and provided input on the proposed application for the Community Advisory Council. Committee Co-Chairs Hurt and Jue also shared a timeline of potential next steps. Air District staff will provide an update on these discussions and seek input from the Board of Directors on next steps in the development of the Community Advisory Council.

## BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent Executive Officer/APCO

Kristen Law and Sonam Shah-Paul

Prepared by: Reviewed by: Veronica Eady

#### BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairpersons Davina Hurt and Tyrone Jue and Members

of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 28, 2021

Re: <u>Air District-Wide Equity Plan Update</u>

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

None; receive and file.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In January 2021, the Board of Directors' Community and Public Health Committee and Ad Hoc Committee on Equity, Access and Inclusion were consolidated and formed the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee (Committee). Air District staff collaborated with Committee Co-Chairs, and the environmental justice community to develop a workplan for the consolidated Committee.

The two-year workplan reflects the Committee's charter to prioritize traditionally marginalized and disinvested communities for investment opportunities and ensure communities highly impacted by air pollution receive program and policy prioritization.

To facilitate this work, the Committee and staff will consider the following agenda items over the next two-year period:

- **Assembly Bill (AB) 617:** Ongoing and upcoming AB 617 policy development, program development, and program budget using health-based metrics.
- Community Advisory Council: Formation of a Community Advisory Council that can provide guidance to the Board of Directors on policy issues impacting environmental justice communities.
- Transparent and Equitable Funding Project: A project to identify the current distribution of Air District resources in communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution and focus on continued equitable opportunities into the future.
- Air District-wide Equity Plan: Development of an Air District-wide Equity Plan to improve outcomes for employees, communities, and stakeholders by addressing inequities at a systemic level; to improve the understanding and mutual respect of our employees and encourage greater community involvement.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Air District staff will provide an update regarding the selection of the Global Community Advancement Center (GCAC) to assist with the creation and detailed elements of the Air District-wide Equity Plan. GCAC, a United Nations affiliated, non-government organization, works to encourage the use of sustainable technologies and cooperative structures for successful social development and humanitarian projects in affected communities in the United States and around the world.

Air District staff will provide further information on the role and tasks assigned to GCAC as it relates to the Air District-wide Equity Plan. In addition, Air District staff will discuss the formation of its internal employee Equity Resource Team and their role in assisting and supporting the development of the Air District-wide Equity Plan.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: <u>Tim Williams</u> Reviewed by: <u>Veronica Eady</u>

#### BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Memorandum

To: Chairpersons Davina Hurt and Tyrone Jue and Members

of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee

From: Jack P. Broadbent

Executive Officer/APCO

Date: June 28, 2021

Re: Spare the Air Program Overview and Recommendations

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

None; receive and file.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Air District created the Spare the Air program to provide the public with advance notice when air quality is forecast to be unhealthy, to educate residents about air pollution and to encourage individual actions to improve air quality in the Bay Area. Since 1991, the Spare the Air Program has encouraged the public to adopt long-term behaviors to reduce air pollution and protect air quality.

The Spare the Air program has evolved to encompass multiple (sub)programs which target specific audiences and demographics. These programs include the Spare the Air Employer Program, the Spare the Air Resource Teams, and the Spare the Air Youth program. Details about each of these programs include:

- Spare the Air Employer Program The Spare the Air Employer Program works with Bay Area employers to promote commute alternatives to driving alone and notifying them when a Spare the Air Alert is in effect. The Employer Program provides free resources and guidance to employers to help implement commute programs at their worksites.
- Spare the Air Resource Teams Spare the Air Resource Teams bring together civic groups, agencies, businesses and environmental organizations that work collaboratively to implement local emission reducation projects and promote clean air practices. There are currently nine Spare the Air Resource Teams around the region that develop and implement projects to help address the unique air quality concerns of their neighborhoods and communities.
- Spare the Air Youth Program The Spare the Air Youth Program is a regional program that helps to educate, inspire and empower youth and families in the San Francisco Bay Area to walk, bicycle, carpool and take transit. In partnership with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Spare the Air Youth seeks to find effective ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to transportation while also providing a regional resource for students, parents, teachers and program providers.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Based on the Board's direction relative to equity and inclusion and Assembly Bill (AB) 617, staff is reevaluating its efforts to increase equity awareness within the current programs and to explore new program opportunities.

Staff will provide an overview of the Spare the Air program, including the Spare the Air Employer Program, Spare the Air Resource Teams, and Spare the Air Youth Program; provide program recommendations; and seek input from Committee members on expanding the programs' focus, efforts and reach.

#### BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

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