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**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 2, 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 JULY 1, 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 July 1, 2021.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA (ITEMS 3-6)

3. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

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The Committee will receive a presentation from Mr. Charles Reed, who will discuss his work with the Emerald New Deal supported by In-A(d)vance.

4. DISCUSSION ON THE SELECTION OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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The Committee will provide guidance to Air District staff on the selection panel and review process for the Community Advisory Council.

5. **ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 617 PROGRAM UPDATE: COMMUNITY WORKSHOP**

G. Nudd/4786

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Air District staff will present an update on the overall AB 617 Program and staff's initial recommendation to nominate the East Oakland area as the next community to develop an emission reduction plan. Staff will also share highlights from the recent community workshop held on these topics.

6. **DISCUSSION ON AIR DISTRICT-WIDE TRAINING EFFORTS**

V. Eady/4646

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The Committee will receive an update on Air District-wide training efforts for the Board of Directors, executive management and staff.

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

7. **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.

8. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

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9. **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures authorized by Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL (415) 749-4941

EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF AIR DISTRICT MEETINGS

AUGUST 2021

<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Board of Directors Mobile Source and Climate Impacts Committee - CANCELLED	Thursday	26	9:30 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20

SEPTEMBER 2021

<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Board of Directors Special Meeting as the Sole Member of the Bay Area Clean Air Foundation	Wednesday	1	9:00 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
Board of Directors Meeting	Wednesday	1	9:30 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
Board of Directors Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee	Thursday	2	9:30 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
Advisory Council Meeting	Monday	13	8:30 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
Board of Directors Administration Committee	Wednesday	15	9:30 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
Board of Directors Legislative Committee	Wednesday	15	1:00 p.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
Board of Directors Technology Implementation Office (TIO) Steering Committee	Friday	17	1:00 p.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
Board of Directors Stationary Source and Climate Impacts Committee - CANCELLED & RESCHEDULED TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.	Thursday	20	9:00 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
Board of Directors Mobile Source and Climate Impacts Committee	Thursday	23	9:30 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20
Board of Directors Stationary Source and Climate Impacts Committee	Monday	27	9:00 a.m.	Webcast only pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20

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: August 25, 2021

Re: Approval of the Minutes of July 1, 2021

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the attached draft minutes of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee (Committee) meeting of July 1, 2021.

DISCUSSION

Attached for your review and approval are the draft minutes of the Committee meeting of July 1, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent
Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Marcy Hiratzka
Reviewed by: Vanessa Johnson

Attachment 2A: Draft Minutes of the Committee Meeting of July 1, 2021

AGENDA: 2A – ATTACHMENT

Draft Minutes – Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting of July 1, 2021

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DRAFT MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 1, 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; Vice Chairperson Nate Miley; and Directors John Bauters, Rich Constantine, John Gioia, Carole Groom, Brad Wagenknecht, and Lori Wilson.

Absent: Director Shamann Walton.

Also Present: None.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2021

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Bauters made a motion, seconded by Director Constantine, to **approve** the Minutes of June 3, 2021; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

AYES: Bauters, Constantine, Gioia, Groom, Hurt, Jue, Wagenknecht.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Miley, Walton, Wilson.

3. COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR HURT AND CO-CHAIR JUE WILL REPORT BACK ON COMMUNITY CONVENING SESSION HELD ON JUNE 23, 2021

The Committee then heard a report from the Committee Co-Chairperson, Davina Hurt, regarding the Community Convening Session that was held on June 23, 2021. Attendees included the Committee Co-Chairs, Air District staff, and community advocates from various Bay Area communities. The discussion on the proposed formation and seating of the Air District’s Community Advisory Council (CAC) continued, trying to find a balance between representing all subregions of the Bay Area while giving special attention to the communities that are highly impacted by air pollution. Criteria for prioritizing potential candidates were discussed. There will not be an August Community Convening session.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

4. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

Committee Co-Chair Hurt introduced Roxanne Carrillo Garza, who discussed her work as Senior Director for Healthy Richmond, whose initiative is to collectively advocate for policy changes to increase health equity and racial justice in the community, utilizing resident power.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dr. Ashley McClure, Climate Health Now; Y’Anad Burrell, Richmond resident; and Charles Reed, Emerald New Deal.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed how to partner with members of the community to collect data; how this data collection model can be replicated in other parts of the Bay Area; the importance of investment in strong community leadership and capacity; the level of customization of the capacity-building trainings; and assessments that were made to determine training types for different groups.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

5. PROPOSED CONCEPTS TO AMEND THE PERMITTING REGULATION

Greg Nudd, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Policy, introduced Jacob Finkle, Senior Air Quality Specialist, who gave the staff presentation *Proposed Concepts to Amend the Permitting Regulation*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; background: exposure and vulnerability; initial rule development concepts; May 12, 2021 Concepts Workshop feedback; tentative timeline; and feedback requested/prompt.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jed Holtzman, 350 Bay Area; and Professor Lucas Williams, Golden Gate University.

NOTED PRESENT: Director Wilson was noted present at 10:34 a.m.

Committee Comments

The Board and staff discussed the fact that there is a disconnect between the Clean Air Plan and current Air District permit regulation; the acknowledgement of Air District staff's efforts to consider the balance of concerns from both the environmental justice community and industry; how progress on this regulation development is being measured; and the request for a list of community advocates' recommendations.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

6. DISCUSSION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC)

Mr. Nudd gave the staff presentation *Discussion on the Development of the Community Advisory Council*, including: outcome; outline; community outreach and discussion; what we've heard so far; CalEnviroScreen 4.0 (Bay Area, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Solano Counties); CAC composition options; CalEnviroScreen 4.0: census tract demographics; proposed timeline for appointment; and input and next steps.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Charles Reed, Emerald New Deal; Rhoda Fry, Cupertino resident; and Roxanne Carrillo Garza, Healthy Richmond.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed whether applicants are required to live in the identified census tracts in which they are applying to represent; how the Air District has collected feedback on the recruitment process; trying to find a balance between representing all subregions of the Bay Area without having an unmanageably large number of members; concerns that the ‘ideal candidates’ criteria may be too similar to that of the Air District’s already-established Advisory Council, specifically regarding the requirement for ‘technical experience and information’; and whether the two at-large seats should be reserved for wildfire prone and agricultural areas.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

7. AIR DISTRICT-WIDE EQUITY PLAN UPDATE

Tim Williams, Assistant Manager of the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Office, gave the staff presentation *Air District-Wide Equity Plan Update*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; overview; Air District-wide Equity Plan; initial Global Community Advancement Center (GCAC) tasks; Equity Resource Team; and feedback requested/prompt.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the request to create a fellows program for those in impacted communities to work in tandem with Air District staff.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

8. SPARE THE AIR PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Jack P. Broadbent, Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer, introduced Kristine Roselius, Communications Director, and Kristin Law, Community Engagement Manager, who gave the staff presentation *Spare the Air Program Overview and Recommendations*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; Spare the Air program overview; alerts; Employer Program; resource teams and team projects; Youth Program; program recommendations; and feedback requested/prompt.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Charles Reed, Emerald New Deal.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the number of employers in the programs located in highly impacted communities; whether the Spare the Air Resource Team is currently supporting Assembly Bill 617 communities; whether demographic data on awareness of the Spare the Air Program exists, and if so, whether that data indicates the areas in which outreach may be improved; communities in which the Spare the Air program deals with transportation planning; the request to revisit the idea of partnering with transit agencies to make transit more accessible and affordable; the request for additional data-driven efforts; the suggestion of showcasing how data determines program outreach; the suggestion that Spare the Air Resources Teams identify ways to implement Clean Air Plan objectives; the desire for program outreach to inform the public about Spare the Air programs and the Clean Air Plan, and advertise transit; and what demographics/organizations that would help increase awareness of Spare the Air programs and Air District work.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Ann Harvey, Climate Health Now; Janet Johnson, Sunflower Alliance; and Charles Reed, Emerald New Deal.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

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 meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.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: August 25, 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 and local leaders a platform to present and share their expertise and/or lived experiences. Specific subjects/topics will vary based upon each community perspective member's unique experience.

In 2005, the Transnational Institute for Grassroots Research and Action (TIGRA) was launched as a movement center to leverage the economic power of the globally displaced. In 2017, in response to harsher environments for marginalized communities, the organization recommitted their efforts to the displaced and rebranded itself as In-A(d)vance. The organization is a movement center to advance racial and economic justice.

DISCUSSION

Charles Reed, an East Oakland native, will discuss his background and work with the Emerald New Deal (E.N.D.) supported by In-A(d)vance. E.N.D. is a community-based, City of Oakland Initiative that seeks to reallocate 100% of the Cannabis Tax revenue from the City of Oakland's general fund. These funds will be placed in a Community Equity Restitution Fund and re-distributed through specific social equity and re-entry programs to the communities that have historically dealt with a lack of infrastructure and resources.

The early work of E.N.D. started with community led truck counting in response to the congestion and air pollution in the Sobrante Park neighborhood of Oakland. By enacting the Emerald New Deal, the City of Oakland will create a policy change that will provide crucial funding in response to institutional and systemic inequities in housing, education, job training, and pollution in communities historically disproportionately negatively impacted.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent
Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Tim Williams
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: August 25, 2021

Re: Discussion on the Selection of the Community Advisory Council

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 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. At the July 1, 2021, Community Equity, Health and Justice 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. At the July 7, 2021, Board of Directors meeting, Director Hurt shared an update on the Community Advisory Council to the Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION

At the May and June 2021 Community Convenings, hosted by Directors Hurt and Jue, the Air District received input on the proposed application for the Community Advisory Council. The application opened on July 29, 2021. The application will close on September 7, 2021.

The Air District seeks input from the Board of Directors on the composition of the Community Advisory selection panel and process. The selection panel would complete a full review of applications mid-September and provide a slate of candidates for review in the October meeting of the Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee.

The Air District suggests a selection panel composed of five (5) to nine (9) panelists. Panelists should have an interest in environmental justice and equity. Panelists could be composed of Board members, local or state agency representatives, and environmental justice advocates.

Air District staff seek input from Board of Directors on the composition of the Community Advisory Council selection panel.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack P. Broadbent
Executive Officer/APCO

Prepared by: Kristen Law and 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: August 25, 2021

Re: Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Program Update: Community Workshop

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None; receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Assembly Bill (AB) 617 (C. Garcia, Chapter 136, Statutes of 2017) requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB), with input from community groups, air districts and others, to select locations around the state to prepare community-led plans to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants and criteria pollutants. Communities can also be selected to do community-led monitoring. The primary requirement for community selection is a demonstrated high cumulative exposure burden to air pollution and associated health disparities. In the Bay Area, and around the state, these communities are often low-income communities of color.

Throughout 2018, Bay Area residents worked with the Air District to select communities for future action under AB 617. Residents gave top priority to areas impacted by oil refineries and other large industries, odors and woodsmoke, as well as places near congested transportation corridors and those that have a history of air quality violations, contamination, and environmental injustice.

On September 27, 2018, the CARB approved the Air District's recommended communities for year one of the program: West Oakland for a Community Emission Reduction Plan and Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo for a Community Air Monitoring Plan. Eastern Contra Costa County (East County), East Oakland, Eastern San Francisco, San Leandro, San Jose, the Tri-Valley, and Vallejo were identified as high priorities for developing monitoring and/or emission reduction plans in future years.

In September 2019, the Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo Community Air Monitoring Plan Steering Committee voted to recommend that the CARB formally select the Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo area as a Community Emission Reduction Plan community. This nomination was approved by the CARB in February 2021.

On August 12, 2021, the Air District held a community workshop to invite community discussion on the next community recommendation, and on the overall program plan for AB 617 implementation.

DISCUSSION

In this memorandum, staff presents a summary of the AB 617 program and budget and offers highlights from the community workshop, i.e., input received on the overall program and the next community nomination.

AB 617 Program Overview

The Air District's AB 617 program builds on a near twenty year "focus-shift" from regional air quality attainment to improving local air quality. The Air District has had much success in improving regionwide air pollution. However, in some areas, local air quality has been slower to improve. There are communities in the Bay Area that continue to experience relatively higher levels of air pollution than the regional average. This is especially true in communities near freeways, busy roadways, distribution centers, and large industrial facilities. These same communities are also often low-income, communities of color.

The Air District began its focal shift from regional to local air pollution in 2004. In 2004, the Air District developed the Community Air Risk Evaluation, or CARE program, to better understand local air pollution and health disparities in the Bay Area. Through the CARE program, staff confirmed that communities near significant air pollution sources consistently have relatively higher levels of air pollution and corresponding health impacts than the regional average. The CARE program was a critical first step for the Air District in reducing community health disparities associated with local air pollution.

Since the passage of AB 617, the Air District has elevated its focus on improving local air quality. AB 617 has been an opportunity for the Air District to build a comprehensive community-centered program to reduce air pollution from sources that most impact the Bay Area's most vulnerable communities.

The Air District's AB 617 program is designed to benefit communities most impacted by air pollution. The program is built on a foundation of capacity building, community knowledge and understanding, community-decision making, planning, action, and monitoring success. Specifically, the Air District's AB 617 program includes seven core elements:

- **Build Shared Capacity:** Build community knowledge about air quality and improve Air District's staff ability to work effectively in community.
- **Understand Community:** Gather existing data about the community and assess information gaps, including demographic, health, socio-economic, and air pollution data. Improve our understanding of community health data and local air pollution.
- **Share Community Story:** Work with community to tell and share their story.
- **Support Community Decision Making:** Foster and support community leadership and decision making.

- **Plan Solutions:** Plan community emission and exposure reduction strategies and enforcement measures, as well as other strategies identified by the Air District or non-designated community.
- **Take Action:** Direct work to reduce air pollution and exposure in communities. Work includes implementing emission reduction strategies and enforcement measures identified in community emission reduction plans, as well as other strategies identified by the Air District or community members to address concerns in non-designated communities.
- **Evaluate Progress:** Track and report progress on the implementation of emission reduction plans and progress on the entire AB 617 program. This element includes community emission reduction and community air monitoring plan quarterly and/or annual progress reports.

Preliminary Program Budget

Below are current projected labor and contract costs for the AB 617 program for the Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) in 2022. The budget includes total labor and contract costs for each work element. Funding comes from the California Air Resources Community Air Protection Program (CAPP) implementation grant, the Air District’s AB 617 fee and permit fees directed as specific sources of air pollution. Total program costs for the coming fiscal year are projected to be \$17.5 million. The CAPP grant will cover \$10 million of these costs; the remainder will be covered by fees on permitted sources, including the AB 617 permit fee (which generates approximately \$1 million per year).

Table 1. Preliminary Budget AB 617 Program Budget, FYE 22

Work Area	Labor	Contracts	Total
Overall Program Management	\$ 429,000	-	\$ 429,000
Build Shared Capacity	\$ 1,078,000	\$ 1,245,000	\$ 2,323,000
Understand Community	\$ 6,952,000	\$ 1,207,000	\$ 8,027,000
Share Community Story	\$ 127,800	\$ 20,000	\$ 147,000
Community Decision Making	\$ 613,800	\$ 445,000	\$ 1,058,800
Plan Solutions	\$ 3,168,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 3,293,000
Take Action	\$ 1,551,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,651,000
Evaluate Progress	\$ 178,200	\$ 25,000	\$ 203,200
Total	\$ 14,192,200	\$ 3,432,000	\$ 17,492,200

East Oakland Recommendation for Nomination

Air District staff plan to recommend to the Air District Board of Directors that the East Oakland area be nominated as the next community to develop a community emission reduction plan. Although CARB's 2018 Blueprint is in the process of being revised, the recommendation process will follow current Blueprint guidelines, since there is no further interim guidance from CARB. The process also requires CARB staff to recommend communities based on CARB Governing Board direction to consider prior Air District recommendations on pending or high priority communities. In the Bay Area, those communities include East County (Contra Costa), East Oakland, Eastern San Francisco, San Leandro, San Jose, Tri-Valley, and Vallejo.

Community Readiness

The East Oakland community is ready to partner with the Air District to develop a community emission reduction plan. Community leaders have been advocating for East Oakland to be a nominated community since the launch of the AB 617 program. They have been working tirelessly to build community capacity and leadership and working with community and government agencies to build relationships, which positions East Oakland well to begin a community emission reduction plan.

Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) and other East Oakland organizations have been working together for over six years in their own collaborative community planning processes to build community capacity, including the Healthy Development Guidelines, the East Oakland Neighborhood Initiative (EONI), climate justice education programming, and community workshops. CBE is also a recipient of a Community Health Protection grant, which they are using to build community leaders around environmental justice issues in deep East Oakland. In May 2021, Air District staff co-hosted with CBE, a community workshop on the draft AB&I Health Risk Assessment, which included over 145 attendees.

Other community organizations have also been active in the community to build capacity and relationships with the Air District and other government agencies. Mycelium Youth Network, TransForm, Higher Ground and CBE have been funded through the James Cary Smith Grant Program to build capacity and community leadership. New Voices are Rising is a CARB grantee and has also been funded by the Air District to support emerging youth climate leaders from the flatlands of Oakland. Past efforts include Air District partnering with East Oakland Neighborhood Initiative to develop the EONI Community Plan on a Transformative Climate Communities grant, where community members prioritized projects and policies in East Oakland. The Air District also partnered with Planting Justice, Higher Ground, Sobrante Park Resident Advisory Council, and Merritt College for the San Leandro Creek.

Preliminary Boundary

The preliminary boundary for the East Oakland area includes census tracts that are in the top 30 percent of pollution burden statewide, as identified in CalEnviroScreen. The boundary reflects

East Oakland Neighborhood Initiative area and aligns with the City of Oakland's East Oakland Neighborhood Initiative planning areas and Alameda County's Public Health regions.

East Oakland Air Pollution & Sources

The East Oakland area experiences high levels of PM_{2.5} toxic air contaminate emissions and exposure. Sources of emissions largely stem from the community's location and current land uses within the community. East Oakland area is a major corridor for transportation of goods via ship, rail, and congested freeways and truck routes adjacent to residential communities. This includes I-880 to the east, the Oakland Airport, industrial businesses, and logistics businesses associated with the Port of Oakland. Large portions of the community are industrially zoned, which have businesses that produce and attract high numbers of daily truck trips. Other sources include stationery and area sources, such as the AB&I Foundry, concrete manufacturing, and food processing, residential fuel combustion, and commercial cooking.

The State of California recognizes that across a wide array of environmental and health indicators that include air, water, and soil pollution, East Oakland is one of the most impacted areas in the state. Most of East Oakland is in the top 50 percent of pollution-burdened census tracts in CalEnviroScreen.

East Oakland Health Outcomes

East Oakland has high rates of cancer and heart disease mortality. Also, the area has lower life expectancy compared to other areas in the region. Life expectancy is highest in the wealthier census tracts that are farther from industrial lands and lowest in low-income census tracts located in downtown, West Oakland, and East Oakland. Life expectancy is especially low in deep East Oakland and the disparities are even larger for African Americans. East Oakland residents also experience higher mortality rates from lung cancer, heart disease, stroke, and chronic lower respiratory disease than Oakland overall and Alameda County.

Community Workshop

Inclusive community engagement is critical to the success of the AB 617 program. On August 12, 2021, the Air District held a community workshop where community members learned about the AB 617 program, ways to engage in the coming year and to provide input on Air District staff's recommendation to nominate the East Oakland area as the next community to develop an emission reduction plan. The Air District's AB 617 program is designed to benefit all communities, however, to receive our full share of future AB 617 implementation funding from the state, the Air District must still nominate a community for designation by the California Air Resources Board. Approximately 50 community members attended the workshop, representing nearly all the AB 617 designated and pending communities. The workshop included a welcome by Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer; Air District Board Chair Cindy Chavez; and Air District Board Member Nate Miley. A short video montage then showcased community members co-leading AB 617 implementation in the West Oakland and Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo communities. Then there were two staff presentations, one on the overall AB 617 program design and the other describing the Air District's recommendation to nominate East Oakland to the

California Air Resources Board as the next Bay Area community to develop a community emission reduction plan. Staff next facilitated a community panel, where community leaders shared their perspectives on the East Oakland nomination. Panelists represented East Oakland, West Oakland, Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo, and the Bay View Hunters Point area:

- Susan Goolsby, Communities for a Better Environment
- Mykela Patton, Communities for a Better Environment
- Esther Goolsby, Communities for a Better Environment
- Merika Reagan, Communities for a Better Environment
- Angela Pineda, New Voices are Rising
- Ms. Margaret Gordon, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project
- Tony Kelly, Bayview Hunters Point Community Advocates
- Alfredo Angulo, Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo CERP Steering Committee Co-Chair

After the community panel, staff hosted a 30-minute discussion session. Finally, three world café style breakout sessions were held; one on the overall program, and two on specific elements, Build Shared Capacity and Understanding Community.

Overall AB 617 Program Feedback

During the workshop, participants expressed hopefulness about the overall program approach moving towards centering community in planning and decision-making. Many stated that they wanted to ensure that AB 617 implementation prioritized community voices and offered safe spaces for learning, where all levels of knowledge are valued. Participants shared that they wanted the Air District to speed up the timeline for AB 617 selection and implementation. They also stated that they were impressed by the work done in West Oakland and Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo but hoped to see more engagement in other communities. Attendees offered many recommendations on resources and capacity needed by communities to co-lead this work. To many, capacity building includes education, preparing community to lead, increased staff, skill development, and funding. Participants also shared that incentive programs and educational tools and resources through the Air District's Bay Air Center would be useful to them and their communities. Participants also shared that the Air District could improve outreach and engagement. Specific examples included: partnering with schools and other organizations who have established relationships with the community and developing information hubs or resource centers to serve impacted communities during poor air quality events, like wildfires, power outages or blackouts, to ensure resources are accessible.

East Oakland Nomination Feedback

At the workshop, community members weighed in on the recommendation for an East Oakland nomination as the next designated community. Overall, participants were in favor of the nomination. A panel of leaders from various AB 617 communities shared their support and hopes for East Oakland going forward as the next community. The panel also reflected on their respective experiences in AB 617. Community leaders representing East Oakland (from Communities for a

Better Environment and New Voices are Rising), Bayview Hunters Point, West Oakland and Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo spoke in favor of the East Oakland nomination. Leaders from West Oakland and the Richmond area also shared their experience in the community emission reduction and monitoring plan processes - their perspectives on what the work entails for capacity-building, launching a steering committee and implementation.

Leaders on the community panel also spoke more generally about the community emission reduction planning process. They shared that the process needs to be co-developed and highlight voices of local community members and youth. They also shared that it is important to address pollution that impacts the health of local community members, and that the Air District should provide commitments and adequate financial resources for pre-nomination work and implementation to support the capacity-building and empowerment of community members. Other points included: the need to leverage Senate Bill (SB) 1000 (state required environmental justice elements within local general plans), to consider broader community issues facing the communities, like gentrification and displacement pressures and to make the role and authority of the Air District and various stakeholders clearer.

Next Steps

Over the next year, Air District staff will work with community to continue implementing AB 617. Staff will work with co-leads in West Oakland to implement the West Oakland Community Action Plan, *Owning Our Air*, and with the Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo Steering Committee to develop the community action plan, *Path to Clean Air*. Staff will prepare the nomination packet for East Oakland and bring it to this committee in October. If approved, the nomination will then go to the Air District Board in November for approval. Staff will also provide James Cary Smith community grant funding, continue building capacity in pending communities, and work to get started in improving our understanding communities pending designation.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION/FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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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: August 25, 2021

Re: Discussion on Air District-Wide Training Efforts

RECOMMENDED ACTION

None; receive and file.

BACKGROUND

To strengthen leadership capacity to improve relationship and trust with the communities we serve, all seven members of the Air District executive team attended a series of trainings on Strategies for Opposition and Outrage in Public Participation with seasoned trainer Stephanie Roy McCallum of the Courageous Leadership Project. During the twelve hours of training, the executive team developed skills, knowledge and ways to engage in healthy communication when faced with community rage, resistance, and opposition to diffuse challenging situations. The training included opportunities for Air District executives to practice skills and tools for difficult moments.

In addition, Air District staff has participated in Diversity 101 trainings, Implicit Bias and Mitigation Training (required for Managers and above) and will be offered Microaggression Training in October 2021.

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) at the Air District will begin training initiatives for all Board of Directors and staff in the fall of 2021 to increase cultural competence and humility, better understand structural racism and social inequities, and help Board members and staff further build community relationships.

These training sessions will help provide the learning and training to further formulate and implement Air District policies that are inclusive and address disparities in air pollution across the Bay Area region.

DISCUSSION

Board of Directors and staff training will begin in the fall of 2021. These trainings will help create a learning community across the agency and integrate racial equity training into Air District work.

Trainings will follow the format below:

SESSION	LENGTH	LOCATION	DATE
Module 1: Structural Racism	1.0 hours	Zoom/In person	TBD
Module 2: Partnership and Power Sharing	1.0 hours	Zoom/In person	TBD
In-depth discussion about Modules 1 & 2	3.0 hours	In person	TBD
Module 3: Collaborative Problem Solving	1.0 hours	Zoom/In person	TBD
Module 4: Participatory Budgeting	1.0 hours	Zoom/In person	TBD
In-depth discussion about Modules 3 & 4	3.0 hours	In person	TBD

Air District staff will continue to update the Board of Directors as the modules are confirmed. In addition, Air District staff will gather Board of Directors and staff feedback after training is complete to consider extending or broadening the sequence.

Respectfully submitted,

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