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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 6, 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 Chair 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 APRIL 1, 2021

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Wilson made a motion, seconded by Director Wagenknecht, to **approve** the Minutes of April 1, 2021; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

3. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE

The Committee received a presentation from Terea Macomber, Electric Vehicle Director, at GRID Alternatives, and Cynthia Ibarra of GRID Bay Area, who discussed initiatives to make electric vehicles, electric vehicle charging and other clean mobility options more accessible to advance economic and environmental justice through renewable energy.

NOTED PRESENT: Vice Chair Miley and Director Bauters were noted present at 9:56 a.m.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Y'Anad Burrell.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the challenges facing those who live in multi-family dwellings that lack electric vehicle charging infrastructure; areas in California that GRID Alternatives has not been able to penetrate; which elements of the participants' costs Access Clean California pays for; concerns about the issuance of Form 1099-G, as funding from this program is required to be reported as taxable income; and how to begin the program, and the rate of participants' interest in exploring other resiliency programs.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

4. UPDATE ON THE ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 617 RICHMOND/SAN PABLO COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING PLAN

Greg Nudd, Deputy Air Pollution Control Officer of Policy, introduced Dan Alrick, Principal Air and Meteorological Monitoring Specialist, and Dr. Julie Walsh of the Monitoring Outreach Team, who gave the presentation *Update on the AB 617 Richmond/San Pablo Community Air Monitoring Plan*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; overview of the Air Monitoring Plan; air monitoring projects and datasets; initial findings and confirmations; heatmap of hourly Particulate Matter (PM)_{2.5} concentrations from December 24-31, 2020; Aclima PM_{2.5} Report; Monitoring Outreach Team; quarterly updates; and what's next for the Monitoring Plan.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed what conclusions that data from the monitoring projects suggests and how that data can help Richmond and San Pablo; the anticipated timeline of the

Steering Committee’s work, and when the Air District plans to link the data to specific pollution sources; and ambient monitoring versus individual monitoring within individual homes.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

5. CONSIDERATION OF AB 617 RICHMOND - NORTH RICHMOND – SAN PABLO COMMUNITY EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE PROPOSED STIPEND FOR CO-CHAIRS

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy & Equity, gave the staff presentation *Consideration of AB 617 Richmond-North Richmond-San Pablo Community Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee Proposed Stipend for Co-Chairs*, including: outcome; background; and requested action.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Board and staff discussed whether the proposed amount of \$300 per meeting for the Steering Committee Co-Chairs is enough compensation; the need to develop a stipend policy; whether there needs to be consistency in how the Co-Chairs are compensated; that stipend amount that the Co-Chairs of the West Oakland AB 617 Steering Committee receive; whether to offer the Co-Chairs a monthly stipend versus compensation per meeting; concerns that regular Steering Committee members may complain if the Co-Chairs do not attend all the Steering Committee meetings and still receive a monthly stipend, should a monthly stipend be implemented; whether the Co-Chairs will be expected to serve a particular number of hours per month; the anticipated life of the Steering Committee; and the calculation Air District staff used to determine the proposed stipend amount.

Committee Action

Director Wilson made a motion, seconded by Director Wagenknecht, to **approve** that the stipend amounts for Co-Chairs be set to \$100 per Community Emissions Reduction Plan Steering Committee meeting attended **AND** an additional \$300 per month; and, assuming the Board approves the above recommendation, **direct** the Community Equity, Health & Justice Committee to **revisit** this compensation at its July meeting to discuss if the amount needs to be adjusted, based on the amount of work of the Steering Committee Co-Chairs; and the motion carried by the following vote of the Committee:

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

6. UPDATE ON TRANSPARENT AND EQUITABLE FUNDING EXPENDITURES AND AB 617 COMMUNITY MONITORING

Mr. Nudd gave the staff presentation *Update on Transparent and Equitable Funding Expenditures and AB 617 Community Monitoring*, including: outcome; requested action; outline; Transparent & Equitable funding, scope, roadmap, and timeline; community monitoring request; funding sources and limitations; expenditures by county; county demographics; improving location specific data; and feedback requested.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed how the Transparent & Equitable Funding Expenditures relates to the Air District's new Community Benefits Fund; the funding sources of the Transparent & Equitable Funding Expenditures, and the request for additional funding sources; and the Committee's consensus to support staff's following efforts: demonstrate funding distribution to all communities via the *Transparent & Equitable Funding Project*; collect additional data to demonstrate Air District expenditures by location, where possible; improve location specific data; and review other programs to determine if location data can be better tracked.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

7. AB 617 FYE 2022 PROGRAM PLAN

Mr. Nudd gave the staff presentation *AB 617 FYE 2020 Program Plan*, including: outcome; requested action; outline; AB 617 overview; AB 617 FYE 2022 work areas; regional work; designated communities; new community; communities pending designation; future AB 617 program; next steps; and feedback requested.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the fact that not all eligible communities will become AB 617 communities, due to a lack of funding and resources, and the subsequent need to allocate funds to those communities that are not selected to become AB 617 communities.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Dr. Raymond Tompkins, African-American Community Health Equity Council.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee Co-Chair Jue reported that the Committee Co-Chairs and Air District staff had a community convening session meeting on April 21, 2021, with environmental justice community advocates and stakeholders. The Committee's workplan was shared and discussed.

Vice Chair Miley asked Air District staff to announce the following: The Air District and Communities for a Better Environment will conduct a joint virtual public workshop to present, discuss, and receive comments on the draft Health Risk Assessment (HRA) for AB&I Foundry located in East Oakland at 7825 San Leandro Street. Communities for a Better Environment will share community members' perspectives. Air District staff will provide presentations and respond to questions on the draft HRA. The Air District conducts health risk assessments as part of its ongoing effort to reduce emissions from stationary sources of toxic air pollution. HRAs are conducted for facilities whose emissions pose potentially high health risks to identify opportunities to reduce pollution and protect public health. The virtual workshop will be held using Zoom on Friday, May 7, 2021, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

10. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 3, 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 12:34 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards