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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Community Equity, Health and Justice Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 4, 2021

This meeting was conducted under procedures authorized by Assembly Bill 361. 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, John Gioia, Brad Wagenknecht, and Lori Wilson.

Absent: Vice Chairperson Nate Miley; and Directors Carole Groom and Shamann Walton.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2021

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

None.

Committee Action

Director Constantine made a motion, seconded by Director Gioia, to **approve** the Minutes of October 7, 2021; 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.

3. COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

The Committee then received a presentation from Johana Gurdian and Leticia Chavez, members of the North Richmond Resident Leadership Team, which was created to organize and voice the aspirations and concerns of the North Richmond community for the development of the Quality-of-Life-Plan. Ms. Gurdian's and Ms. Chavez' comments described the challenges of living within a fenceline community that is impacted by pollution from petroleum refinery operations.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed concerns over an increased volume of flaring at the Chevron refinery over the years and the need to strengthen the Air District's current flaring rule.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

4. RULE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS: SOURCE PRIORITIZATION

Elizabeth Yura, Director of Rules & Strategic Policy, gave the staff presentation *Rule Development Process Improvements: Source Prioritization*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; how should it work; how is it currently working; what is the result; proposed solutions; what is the prioritization framework; proposed prioritization factors; what prioritization factors are key; what needs prioritization; example prioritization exercise; proposed annual prioritization process; next steps; and feedback requested/prompt.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Ms. Margaret Gordon, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project; Jed Holtzman, San Francisco resident; and LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the request that the Air District's Community Advisory Council develops this item before it is presented to the Committee again.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

5. SLATE OF RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES FOR THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC)

Veronica Eady, Senior Deputy Executive Officer of Policy & Equity, gave the staff presentation *Slate of Recommended Candidates for the Community Advisory Council*, including: outcome; outline; background; CAC composition; timeline for appointment; applicants by county; selection panel process; selection panel recommendation; demographics of recommended slate; next steps; and action requested.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Bob Brown, Western States Petroleum Association; Jed Holtzman, San Francisco resident; Lonnie Mason, First Generation; Arieann Harrison, Bayview Hunters Point resident; Charles Reed; and LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed desire for a change in legislation that would designate seats on the Air District’s Board for members of the environmental justice community; whether applicants live within designated Assembly Bill (AB) 617 communities; the desire for two youth members in addition to the recommended slate of CAC members; the challenges of balancing housing access, social services, and environmental justice; appreciation for the Air District staff that have worked on this recruitment; and the need for a process to procure alternate members for the CAC.

Committee Action

Director Gioia made a motion, seconded by Director Wilson, to recommend that the Board **approve** the proposed slate of fifteen candidates, and two additional youth candidates (Kevin Ruano Hernandez and Cecilia Mejia), for a total of 17 Community Advisory Council members; 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. ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON OWNING OUR AIR: THE WEST OAKLAND COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN (WOCAP)

Alison Kirk, Principal Environmental Planner, gave the staff presentation *Annual Progress Report on Owning our Air; The West Oakland Community Action Plan*, including: outcome; outline; requested action; Owning Our Air overview; implementation progress; emission reductions; acknowledgements; next steps; and community perspectives.

Ms. Margaret Gordon and Brian Beveridge of the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project, and Alicia Parker of the City of Oakland’s Planning & Building Department, shared their experiences and impressions of implementing AB 617 in West Oakland.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible; Charles Reed; Jed Holtzman, San Francisco resident; and Lonnie Mason, First Generation.

Committee Comments

The Committee and staff discussed the City of Oakland's approved land use entitlements to allow California Waste Solutions to establish its recycling facility, its transfer from West Oakland to the Gateway Industrial District, and whether the unhoused community and/or service providers were informed about the moving of the facility; and the need to engage with the local land use authorities involved in AB 617 communities regarding new and existing sources of air pollution.

Committee Action

None; receive and file.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible; Charles Reed; and Lonnie Mason, First Generation.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Co-Chair Jue announced that the Air District sent Board members and staff to the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties in Glasgow from October 31 to November 12. Themes of this year's conference include equity and environmental justice. Director Hurt and Bauters will be conducting a series of livestreams that the public can access via Twitter or Facebook.

9. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., via webcast, pursuant to procedures in accordance with Assembly Bill 361.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m. in memory of late Alameda County Supervisor, Wilma Chan.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards